"The Council now beginning rises in the Church like the daybreak, a forerunner of most splendid light." Bl. Pope John XXIII (1962)

Theology of Vatican II – STMM 511 Winter, 2013; Tuesdays, 5:45-8:35pm Hunthausen 100 Syllabus subject to change as needed.

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Scope of the Course: The Second Vatican Council represented a new epoch in the development of the Church, 'the beginning of a beginning' (Karl Rahner S.J.), out of which Roman Catholicism and the whole of Christianity embarked upon a renewed pilgrimage of faith, in and through the world and its future. The course examines the theological and ecclesial environment from which the Council emerged, the foundational documents that express the vision it set forth, and the current struggle to appropriate this renewal in worship, theology and scripture, ecumenism and interfaith dialogue, and social engagement with diverse cultures and worldviews. This "event," its sixteen documents, and its ongoing impact continue to shape ministry and life in the contemporary Church.

Texts:

Flannery O.P., Austin, ed. Vatican Council II, Vol. 1: The Conciliar and Post-Conciliar Documents (Northport, N.Y.: Costello Publishing Co., 1996 or any later edition). The study questions at the end of each document are helpful ways to clarify the main points. See the Vatican website for all documents of Vatican II.

Albiergo, Giuseppe. A Brief History of Vatican II. Trans., Matthew Sherry (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 2nd ed., 2008

Faggioli, Massimo. Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning. New York: Paulist Press, 2012. Gaillardetz, Richard R. and Catherine Clifford. Keys to the Council: Unlocking the Teaching of Vatican II. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2012.

Massa, SJ., Mark The American Catholic Revolution. Oxford University Press, 2010. O'Malley, SJ., John What Happened at Vatican II? Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008.

Assorted articles, copyright cleared, and provided on Angel.

Optional

Sullivan, O.P., Maureen. 101 Questions and Answers on Vatican II. New York: Paulist Press, 2002.

Outline and Structure of the Course: "Vatican II was the first great official event in which the Church came to be realized as a World Church." – Karl Rahner, SJ. The Second Vatican Council began a systematic ecclesial reflection on the life and mission of a Church shaped by scripture, tradition, and structured communion, engaged in the modern world with all its complexities and shifts in horizon. It was the first Council in the long history of the Church which was not called in response to a crisis.

This course tracks how the Catholic Church retreated into itself following the upheaval of the French Revolution (1789) and the Risorgimento which resulted in the loss of the Papal States (1870) and finally how it regained its footing through assiduous scholarship, bold prayer, and liturgical renewal. It also examines the foundations, trends, and spirit-filled energies for the

ongoing reform of the Church. The Second Vatican Council is also the first council to give serious historical and dogmatic consideration to *ecclesiology*. It allowed the Church for the first time to thoroughly reflect on and articulate its mission of proclamation of Christ to the world and to further explore its dynamic interaction with other faiths and cultures.

The assigned readings will prepare you for "full, active, and conscious participation" (SC # 14) as a member of this academic/pastoral dialogue and exploration.

A helpful way to prepare for each class:

- Read the material carefully and highlight sections you feel are important or raise significant questions for clarification, agreement, or disagreement. Outline the main points, if that is helpful for you.
- As the course progresses, **see how the different areas intersect and inform one another** (e.g. how does the definition of "Church" in *Lumen Gentium* reflect or contradicts the reform of the worshiping Church in the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy?*). Be prepared for contradictions and tensions. These will surface as areas still to be received by the whole body or which certain sub-groups in the contemporary Church may wish to ignore.
- Always ask the question: how does what we are reading/discussing **take flesh in my experience and practice in the Church**, as a member of the People of God and as a minister and servant of the Gospel?

I will offer a presentation at the beginning of each class with an opening lecture or set of questions. Then, I expect us to engage in an active exercise of shared learning.

Evaluation:

| Active participation | 50% |
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| First paper | 10% |
| Second & Third paper (20% each) | 40% |

Please turn your papers in on ANGEL. I don't need a printed version. You have up until 11:59 p.m. on the day its due to turn it in. For first two papers: *Late papers—up to five days*—will be graded without comment or feedback. Thereafter, a penalty will occur for late papers.

Please no late papers for final paper. Confer with me if an exception is urgent.

Paper #1: due by January 29 (Class #4).

How does the material that we have considered leading up to and involving Vatican II deal with the tension between the desire to remain faithful to what we have inherited and what we need to be in the future? How does that tension still exist in the questions we are asking today?

 We will have covered some of the inherited legacy up to the opening of the Council and an introduction to the documents. Where do you situate yourself in the midst of this tension? Much of what you have to offer will also come from reflection on your own experience. Paper #2: due by February 19 (Class #7).

Select one or two of the documents of Vatican II. By reading the background and conciliar discussion, identify its/their purpose. Then track how they have been "received" in the Church—both at the level of official Magisterium (e.g. subsequent papal encyclical, American bishops' conference) and by the *sensus fidelium*, that is, by the people in the pews. By way of a conclusion, based on your exploration of the document(s), suggest two or three avenues for further development.

Paper #3 due March 18 (Monday after last class). Earlier papers are gratefully accepted.

Write an essay that will be the seed for a parish or school presentation on the legacy of Vatican II in the Church today. Here are some possibilities:

- Participation in the liturgy as expressive of the true nature of the Church
- Collegiality in Conferences of Bishops, Diocesan Commissions, Pastoral Councils: faithfulness to a new vision
- The sensus fidelium as a movement of the Spirit: how does a Universal Church discern?
- The Petrine Office as a symbol of unity and communion, etc.
- Why the reception of Vatican II is still taking place and why that is important in 2013.
- What have been the developments, fresh initiatives, and regressions in the American Catholic Church since 1965 and how might you chart a way forward?
- Manifestations and trends of how the Catholic Church is becoming a truly World
 Church (set the argument in Rahner's framework). Evaluate both positive and negative
 trends and consider at least three major areas of the world (e.g. Asian bishops, India,
 African, Brazil, USA, contemporary Western Europe, Middle East churches). See O.
 Ernesto Valiente, "The Reception of Vatican II in Latin America," 73 Theological Studies
 (December 2012): 795-823.
- Preparatory documents for Vatican III, that is, a cogent argument and outline of what and why the Church needs to achieve for ongoing reform *reformata semper reformanda*.

In every case, your paper should be based on and reflect your command of the material taken in class, which is relevant to the topic you have chosen.

This course fulfills the following learning outcomes:

- The ability to reflect theologically on the central themes of the Christian tradition
- Ability to articulate one's relationship with God, as it is informed by theological reflection in one's social context
- Ability to engage the community with the larger social context and to articulate and communicate the mission that guides the community.
- The capacity to discern ecumenical and interfaith trends and to engage these in creative dialogue with one's own faith tradition.

STMM 511 The Theology of Vatican II Course Outline

Class #1: January 8 – Opening of the Council.

- Introduction: syllabus, structure, and evaluations
- "Pope John's Opening Speech to the Council" and some insights of Edward Schillebeeckx O.P. and others.
- Shared discussion: what do you know about V atican II? How has your own faith story been shaped by the events and decrees of the Council? If you lived in the "pre-V atican II Church," what was it like for you? [If you are not Catholic, how has your own faith tradition evolved since 1965? What have been critical turning points and what, if any, impact did the Second V atican Council have for you?]
- John O'Malley, SJ, "Introduction," What Happened at Vatican II, 1-14.

Optional reading: You may wish to have read all of Sullivan's short book as an excellent "primer."

Class #2: January 15 – The Long-Nineteenth Century & Truth Faces Modernity

- O'Malley, What Happened at Vatican II, pps. 17-92.
- Giuseppe Alberigo, A Brief History of Vatican II, Intros. and Chs. 1-3 (pp. vii-61)
- Elizabeth Johnson, "Movements for Reform," Friends of God and Prophets, pp. 106-122.(ANGEL)
- John J. Markey O.P., "George Washington, Napoleon, John Paul II and the Future of the Vatican II Revolution," in *Seattle Theology and Ministry Review, Vol. 3, 2003*, 14-25 (from a talk given at STM). *Volume Three available as gift from STM, handed out first day of class*.
- Optional: John J. Markey O.P., *Creating Communion*, Ch. 1, "Roman Catholic Theology of the Church Prior to Vatican II," (pp. 27-52).

Class #3: January 22 (Week of Christian Unity) Liturgy as Focal Manifestation of the Mystery of Christ and the True Nature of the Church---

We may wish to adjourn early in order to attend the prayer service at 7 p.m. (sponsored by STM) for the Week of Christian Unity in the Chapel of St. Ignatius. What is your wish?

- O'Malley, "The Council Opens" and "The First Period," What Happened at Vatican II, pps. 93-160.
- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium), Sacram Liturgiam, and Inter Oecumenici (pp. 1-56 in Flannery)
- Yves Congar O.P., "Liturgy: Principal Instrument of the Church's Tradition," in *Tradition and Traditions* (N.Y.: McMillan, 1966), pp. 81-99 (ANGEL)
- Godfried Cardinal Daneels, "Liturgy Forty Years After the Second Vatican Council: High Point or Recession," in *Liturgy in a Postmodern World*, ed. Keith Pecklers S.J. (N.Y.: Continuum, 2003), pp. 7-26 (ANGEL)

• Neil Omerud, "Vatican II: Continuity or Discontinuity? Toward an Ontology of Meaning," *Theological Studies 71*, #3 (Sept. 2010) 609-636.

Special Opportunity: Mary Ann Hindsdale, professor of theology at Boston College, will give a presentation on "Vatican II at 50: Toward a Dynamic Understanding of Conciliar Reception," as part of the Catholic Heritage Series at 7 p.m. **January 24**th in Pigott Auditorium.

Class #4: January 29 Lumen Gentium -- The Church: A Structured Communion <u>Paper #1 due today</u>

- Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium), Chs. 1-3 (pp. 350-387)
- Albiergo, Ch. 4, 63-91, "The Church is a Communion."
- O'Malley, "The Second Period" and "The Third Period," What Happened at Vatican II, pps. 161-246.

In the Spirit: The Call to Holiness for All Pilgrims

- Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (cont.) (Lumen Gentium), Chs. 4-8; explanatory note (388-426
- O'Malley, "The Fourth Period" and "Conclusion," What Happened at Vatican II, pps. 247-313.
- Karim Schelkins, "Lumen Gentium's "Subsistit in" Revisited: The Catholic Church and Christian Unity after Vatican II," in *Theological Studies* 69, #4 (Dec., 2008), 875-893 (ANGEL)

Class #5: February 5 *Dei Verbum*--In Praise of God's Word: Proclaiming Divine Revelation

- Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum), 750-765
- Jared Wicks S.J., "Vatican II on Revelation From Behind the Scenes," TS 71, #3 (Sept., 2010), 637-650.
- Faggioli, Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning, pps. 1-118.

Class #6: February 12 Part One: Solidarity of the Church with the Whole Human Family. Part Two: The Battle for Meaning after the Council.

- Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et spes), Preface and Part One, 903-948. Gaudium et spes, Part Two, pp. 948-1001.
- Massimo Faggioli, Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning, pps. 118-144.
 Optional: Massimo Faggioli, "Vatican II: The History and the Narratives," 73
 Theological Studies (December 2012): 749-767.

Gerald O'Collins, SJ, "Does Vatican II Represent Continuity or Discontinuity?" 73 *Theological Studies* (December 2012: 768-794.

Class #7 February 19 – American Catholicism, 1790-1965 Paper #2 due today

Mark Massa SJ American Catholic Revolution, pp. 1-28. I will offer most of the content for this class in an overview presentation. One article--TBA

Class #8 February 26 American Catholicism 1965 to 2012

- Mark Massa SJ American Catholic Revolution, 29-164
- Thomas J. Shelley, "Vatican II and American Politics: Did the council make any difference?" *America* (Oct. 13, 2003)16-19.
- Ana-Maria Diaz-Stevens, "The Divine Danger of Diversity," *The Church Women Want, pps. 96-105* (ANGEL)

Class #9: March 5 "Ut Unum Sint," That All May Be One: Ecumenism, Interfaith Dialogue and Liberty

- Decree on Ecumenism (Unitatis redintegratio), 452-470
- Declaration on Religious Liberty (Dignitatis Humanae), 799-811
- Declaration on the Relations of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (Nostra Aetate), pp. 738-749
- Ut Unum Sint, John Paul II's 1995 encyclical on ecumenism (find on web)
- Cardinal Walter Kasper, "Nature and Purpose of Ecumenical Dialogue," (on web at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25051995_ut-unum-sint_en.html), 13pp.

Class #10: March 12 Living the Truth in Tension: Vatican II, Present and Future [This looks like a formidable list, but the articles are all short.]

- Albiergo, Chs. 5-6, "The Faith Lives within History" and "For the Renewal of Christianity," 93-130
- Joseph Komonchak, "Is Christ Divided? Dealing with Diversity and Disagreement," in Origins Vol. 33, #9 (July 19, 2003) 140-147 (ANGEL)
- Elizabeth Johnson, "Communion of Saints, Friends of God and Prophets," Friends of God and Prophets, pps. 219-243. (ANGEL)
- Joseph Komonchak, "Vatican II as Ecumenical Council: Yves Congar's vision realized" (pp. 12-14) and George A. Lindbeck, "How a Lutheran Saw It: a different kind of Reformation" (pp. 15-17) both in *Commonweal, Vol. CXXIX, Number 20* (Nov. 22, 2002)
- Thomas P. Rausch S.J., "A Truly Catholic Church," Ch. 9 in Toward a Truly Catholic Church: An Ecclesiology for the Third Millennium (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 2005), 167-181 (ANGEL)
- John L. Allen, Jr., Ten Mega-Trends Shaping the Catholic Church, National Catholic Reporter (Dec. 22, 2006). http://ncronline.org/blogs/all-things-catholic/ten-mega-trends-shaping-catholic-church

Thank you for your full and generous participation in this course. Pat Howell SJ