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STMM 502 Ecclesiology: Discerning God's Spirit and Action in the Church

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The goal for this course in Ecclesiology is to examine the trajectory of the People of God seeking to discern the Spirit working in and through the Church and through the signs of the times to lead towards the realization of the Kingdom of God.
The literature in ecclesiology over the last 20 years is vast. I seek to share with you some of the core insights and readings so that you can plumb the depths of the mystery of the Church and expand your explorations outward from there. The most important resources, therefore, we will be Scripture, the received Tradition, your own prayer, and the living, praying Church experienced in liturgy. Our readings, at their best, will be a contemplative unfolding of this wealth of resources.

Required Texts:

Brown, Raymond. *The Church the Apostles Left Behind.* New York: Paulist Press, 1984. [*Omit 124-150, if you need to.*]

Dulles, Avery. *Models of the Church* (expanded edition). New York: Paulist Press, 1996. [*Read 1-94 & 181-240*].

Lakeland, Paul. *Church: Living Communion.* Engaging Theology: Catholic Perspective series. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2009.

McBrien, Richard. *The Church: The Evolution of Catholicism.* New York: HarperOne, 2008.

Vallée, Gerard. *The Shaping of Christianity: the History and Literature of its Formative Centuries, (100-800).* New York: Paulist Press, 1999. (extensive bibliography). [*Forego pps 42-59 and 195-213, if you are pressed for time*]

Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, Faith and Order Paper no. 111 (Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1982).

Dogmatic Constitution of the Church: Lumen Gentium; Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World: Gaudium et Spes; *Nostra Aetate. Documents of Vatican II: Vatican Council II: The Basic Sixteen Documents.* Austin Flannery, O.P. Costello Publishing Co, 1996.

John Paul II. *Ut Unum Sint,* available on the Vatican website.
http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25051995_ut-unum-sint_en.html

Required Readings that you'll find as PDF's on Angel site.

Congar O.P., Yves, "The Mystical Body of Christ," in *The Mystery of the* Church. (Baltimore: Helicon Press, 1960), 118-146.

de Lubac S.J., Henri, "The Church as Mystery," in *The Splendor of the Church* (1953) (San Francisco; Ignatius Press, 1999--reprint), 15-50.

Diaz-Stevens, Ana Maria, "The Divine Danger of Diversity: a Hispanic Catholic Perspective," in *The Church Women Want: Catholic Women in Dialogue,* Elizabeth Johnson, ed. (New York: Crossroad Publishing, 2002), 96-106.

Hayes, Diana, "Speaking the Future into Life: The Challenge of Black Women in the Church," in *The Church Women Want: Catholic Women in Dialogue,* Elizabeth Johnson, ed. (New York: Crossroad Publishing, 2002), 83-95.

Howell, SJ, Patrick. "From Despair to Communion: Discernment in the Writings of Luke," *The Way* 42/2 (April 2003).

Johnson, Elizabeth, "Movements for Reform," 106-122; and "Communion of Saints: Friends of God and Prophets," 219-243 in *Friends of God and Prophets: a Feminist Theological Reading of the Communion of Saints* (New York: Continuum, 1998).

Quinn, John R. "The Claims of the Primacy and the Costly Call to Unity," Lecture on the Occasion of the Centennial of Campion Hall, Oxford (June 29, 1996). A bold response by the retired Archbishop of San Francisco to *Ut Unum Sint, the* entire text published in *Commonweal* (July 12, 1996). And online at **http://www.ewtn.com/library/BISHOPS/OXFORD.HTM#d**

Sanks, T. Howland, SJ, "Liberating Ecclesiology" in *Salt, Leaven, and Light: The Community Called Church,* (New York: Crossroad, 1992), 167-204.

Schüssler-Fiorenza, Elisabeth. "The Early Christian Missionary Movement: Equality in the Power of the Spirit," 160-198; "Christian Mission and the Patriarchal Order of the Household," 251- 279; "The Patriarchal Household of God and the Ekklesia of Women," 285 -323, in *In Memory of Her: A Feminist Theological Reconstruction of Christian Origins.* New York: Crossroad, 1983. **Unfortunately, I am able to post only the first 38 pages on a PDF in Angel. The royalties for the remaining material came to $138.00, which I decided against. Hence I have changed the second two of the Schüssler-Fiorenza articles to "recommended."**

Schüssler-Fiorenza, Elisabeth. "Feminist Ministry in the Discipleship of Equals," in *Discipleship of Equals: A Critical Feminist Ekkelesia-logy of Liberation.* (New York: Crossroad, 1993), 290-306.

Content and Scope:
Ecclesiology is the systematic, theological, and historical study of the Church, 'one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.' The Church, founded on the original revelation, is not simply a storehouse of faith, but she is a living, dynamic, Spirit-filled body of believers, Christ's own Body, the People of God. To that extent, as Karl Rahner has said, "The Church presents revelation as something that takes place 'now' as it is uttered by the living voice and offers itself to be appropriated this day in the hearing of believers" (*TI 4, I*). The People of God, an ecclesial communion, called to holiness, discern the Spirit working through themselves, the community, and throughout the world. The ecclesial communion has visible structures, an expressive, sacramental life, an understanding of authority and collegiality, and a way of being in the world that incarnates that revelation and proclamation (*LG 14).*

The readings and class discussion attempt to open up this complex reality we call "the Church," and we will be asking ourselves how ecclesiology shapes the way we understand ourselves, the way we pray and act and move into the future. Since we have only ten weeks, my goal is to give you a central core of ecclesiology in both its historical and theological development, to give special attention to the Vatican II documents on the Church, unfolding especially in the metaphors of communion, sacrament, mystery, and mystical Body of Christ, and to identify some of the creative, dynamic trends emerging since the Council. The expectation is that you will wrestle with this material, seek to find an expression for your own ecclesial identity, and deepen your love for this communal identity out of which we all live our faith and serve as minister.

Requirements and Evaluation: This course is primarily Roman Catholic in focus, but its origins and certainly recent developments explore how the gift of ecumenical dialogue and exchange is mutually shaping our lives as followers of Jesus Christ. As in any shared learning context, students are expected **to read the materials assigned and participate actively** in the shared discussion each week. You need to demonstrate that you are familiar with the reading and that you can engage all of us in discussion. **It follows that attendance affects the final grade. If you expect that you will be missing more than one class due to outside commitments, this is probably not the quarter to take this class.** Kindly contact me if you are missing class, with your plan on how you will acquire the material and discussion for the session in question.

Assignments:

- A two or three page (max) synthesis every two weeks (four in all) ***Group One*** Jan 12, Jan 26; Feb 9 and 23. ***Group Two*** Jan 18**,** Feb 2, Feb 15, March 1.
- A final paper of 10 to 12 pages **due no later than March 12**. Ideally, you could turn it in on the last class day, which is March 8. Select one of these two topics:

  First Choice. Imagine that, as a pastoral minister, you are speaking to a gathering of people interested in the Church, struggling with their faith, wanting something in which to believe and hope, a Church to love. Take what you have read and learned, and shape it into an essay that speaks to a contemporary community today. Feel free to use metaphors, the marks of the Church, and "the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the people of our time" to which the Church can provide a home for

their longing. Demonstrate your knowledge of the material by footnoting your references. **OR**

Second Choice. Write a 10-12 page paper on the ecclesiological significance of one of these authors:

- Leonardo Boff's *Church Charism and Power;*
- Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza's *In Memory of Her;*
- Selected essays from Elizabeth Johnson's *The Church Women Want;*
- Paul Lakeland, *Church: Living Communion;*
- John O'Malley, *What Happened at Vatican II.*
- T. Howland Sanks, *Salt, Leaven and Light: the Community Called Church;*
- Dennis Doyle, *Communion Ecclesiology: Visions and Versions;*

Cast the book in dialogue with at least one other perspective that we have taken in class or which you select. With approval, you may select some other author writing on ecclesiology.

Expression and readability will affect the grade. Consult STM *Writing Guidelines*.

These papers are due **no later than Monday March 12. Please submit all papers through ANGEL and verify that they have actually been sent.**

You will need a hardcopy of your biweekly synthesis papers for yourself for class discussions. Each week one of you will be asked to give a brief synthesis of the readings (since we have 11 students, two of you can share the responsibility each time for two of the weeks.

Ecclesiology Syllabus Outline

I. January 5

A. **Organizing the Course:** Course expectations, syllabus, assignments, papers, seminar presentations, etc. The usual stuff. ATLA theology search engine.

B. ***Discerning God's Spirit and Action in the Church*:** *Responding to the Call to Holiness*

The Gospel Call; the Call to Holiness
Discernment of Spirits in the Acts of the Apostles
Video (Paulist) –opening session of Vatican II
Methodology: Theological, Social, Historical

Read: *Lumen Gentium,* Chapter Five "The Call to Holiness"
Howell, "From Despair to Communion: Discernment in the Writings of Luke," *The Way*
McBrien, *The Church, 1-20*
Luke, *Acts 1-2*
Paul's *Epistle to the Ephesians*

Recommended: Sanks, *Salt, Leaven, and Light,* pp. 1-86
Avery Dulles, *A Church to Believe In,* Chap. 1, 1-18.

II. January 12

Church – A Discerning Community
A Model of Discernment, Role of the Spirit, Structures of Authority

Early Church unity and diversity—discerning the Spirit and authentic tradition.

Read: Brown, *The Churches the Apostles Left Behind, 1-150.* [if pressed, skip 124-150]

Schüssler Fiorenza, "The Early Christian Missionary Movement: Equality in the Power of the Spirit," 160-198;

Vallée, R., *The Shaping of Christianity,* 1-39.
Titus I & II Timothy

Recommended: "The Patriarchal Household of God and the Ekklesia of Women," 285 -323, in *In Memory of Her*
Schüssler-Fiorenza "Christian Mission and the Patriarchal Order of the Household," 251- 279;

Wayne Meeks, *First Urban Christians*

Baron von Hügel: *Elements of Religion* Mystical, Intellectual, Institutional

III. January 19

Second and Third century controversies: Discerning the Spirit in the midst of turmoil, persecution, and unexpected success.

Mary Sepulveda: ***Orientation to Lemieux/McGoldrick theological resources for Ecclesiology 11:00 to 11:50***

Read: Vallée, R., *The Shaping of Christianity,* 60-192

Recommended: Sanks, *Salt, Leaven, and Light* , 37-64

IV. January 26

Reformation Era, Council of Trent, French Revolution,

Read: Dulles, Avery. *Models of the Church,* pps.1-94 & 181-240.
Bokenkotter, Thomas, *Concise History of the Catholic Church,* 184-256.

Recommended: Sanks, *Salt, Leaven, and Light* , 88-

February 1

A BONUS: The Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Lecture
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiornza: "Transforming Vision: Exploring Feminist The*logy"
Wednesday Febuary 1 | 7:00pm—10:00pm | Seattle University | Campion Ballroom
Schüssler Fiorenza is a co-founder and co-editor of the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*. She was elected the first woman president of the Society of Biblical Literature and has served on the editorial boards of major biblical journals and societies. In 2001, she was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. A prolific scholar, her published work includes *In Memory of Her* (translated into 14 languages); *Bread Not Stone;Discipleship of Equals* and many others.
For more information click here or email Lauren St. Pierre, damhsoir@seattleu.edu

V. February 2

Vatican I—An era of regression—with some bright lights. Mystici Corporis; Nouvelle Theologi; Ressourcement.

Read: McBrien, *The Church,* "Ecclesiology from Vatican I," 91-149
Congar O.P., Yves, "The Mystical Body of Christ," in *The Mystery of the* Church, 118-146.
de Lubac S.J., Henri, "The Church as Mystery," in *The Splendor of the Church*, 15-50.

VI. February 9

Vatican II – a revolutionary pastoral council—both continuous and discontinuous with the received tradition.

Read: McBrien, *The Church,* 151-214
Lumen Gentium
Nostra Aetate

Recommended: Sanks, *Salt, Leaven, and Light* , 117-143.
O'Malley, John, *What Happened at Vatican II*

VII. February 16

Vatican II: Gaudium et Spes & Towards a World Church
World Council of Churches (Uppsala, 1968)

Read: Vatican II documents: *Gaudium et Spes; Unitatis Redintegratio*
John Paul II: *Redemptoris*
McBrien, *The Church,* 215-276

Recommended: **Sanks,** 188-204, 220-242
Medellin and Puebla, 1968, 1979
Synod of Bishops: *Justice in the World 1971*
Jesuit General Congregation 34 (1995) *Servants of Christ's Mission*
Asian Synod, 1999
African Synod, 1994
American Bishops, *Economic Pastoral, 1986*

VIII. February 23

Creative New Voices—towards Communion

Read

Ana Maria Diaz-Stevens, "The Divine Danger of Diversity: a Hispanic Catholic Perspective," in *The Church Women Want: Catholic Women in Dialogue,* Elizabeth Johnson, 96-106.

Diana Hayes**,** "Speaking the Future into Life: The Challenge of Black Women in the Church," in *The Church Women Want: Catholic Women in Dialogue,* 83-95.

Elizabeth Johnson, "Movements for Reform," 106-122; in *Friends of God and Prophets: a Feminist Theological Reading of the Communion of Saints* (New York: Continuum, 1998).

Paul Lakeland, *Church: Living Communion.* **all**

IX. March 1

Ecumenism: The Church Today. The Call to Unity amidst diversity.

Read:

John Paul II: *Ut Unum Sint*
Quinn, John R. "The Claims of the Primacy and the Costly Call to Unity," Oxford (June 29, 1996). [a Catholic response to *Ut Unum Sint*]

Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry, Faith and Order Paper no. 111 (Geneva: World Council of Churches, 1982).

McBrien, *The Church,* 277-352

Sanks, "Liberating Ecclesiology" in *Salt, Leaven, and Light*, 167-204.

Recommended: John R. Quinn, *The Reform of the Papacy: The Costly Call to Christian Unity* (an expansion of his Oxford address)
Back Issues of *The Ecumenist.*

X. March 8

The Church We Leave Behind

Read: McBrien, *The Church,* 353-371
Elizabeth Johnson, "Communion of Saints: Friends of God and Prophets," 219-243 in *Friends of God and Prophets: a Feminist Theological Reading of the Communion of Saints* (New York: Continuum, 1998).

March 12 Last day to submit final paper.

Supplementary Bibliography

Recommended Articles:

Dulles, Avery. "A Half Century of Ecclesiology," 50(3) *Theological Studies* (1989): 419-442.

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Haight, S.J., Roger. "Fifty Years of Theology," *Catholic Theological Society of America Proceedings* 50 (June 8-11, 1995): 1-14.

Hellwig, Monika. "American Culture: Reciprocity with Catholic Vision, Values and Community," in Cassian Yuhaus, C.P., ed. *The Catholic Church and American Culture: Reciprocity and Challenge.* New York: Paulist Press, 1990. Pp. 64ff.

Himes, Michael J. and Kenneth R. Himes, O.F.M. "The Public Church and Public Theology," in *Fullness of Faith: the Public Significance of Theology.* New York: Paulist Press, 1993. Pps. 1-27

Recommended Texts:

Boff, Leonardo. *Church, Charism, and Power: Liberation Theology and the Institutional Church.* New York: Crossroad, 1985.

Bokenkotter, Thomas. *A Concise History of the Catholic Church (expanded).* New York: Doubleday, 1977, 2004.

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Quinn, John R. *The Reform of the Papacy: the Costly Call to Christian Unity.* New York: Crossroad, 2000. *An expansion of his original talk at Oxford in 1996.*

Sanks, T. Howland. *Salt, Leaven and Light: the Community Called Church.* New York, Crossroad, 1992.

Schüssler Fiorenza, Elisbeth. *In Memory of Her: a Feminist, Theological Reconstruction of Christian Origins.* New York, Crossroad, 1983.

_____. *A Discipleship of Equals: a critical, feminist ekklesiology of liberation.* New York: Crossroad, 1993.