

STHS 4148 Vatican II Revisited

Spring, 2006

Thursday 12:40 - 3:00 pm JSTB 1

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Objectives: To gain a thorough knowledge of the Second Vatican Council as an historical event, the theological developments it initiated, and its reception and implications for the life and practices of the Christian community.

Content: The seminar will study all the documents of Vatican II with some background and evaluation. We will focus on the theological content and the issues raised for contemporary theology.

Method: The seminar will require regular reading and participation in discussions. To prepare for the discussions, each student should write a one or two page paper (typed, double spaced) report including: 1) points of simple clarification, e. g., technical terms, words in foreign languages, etc.; 2) major issues raised in the readings; and 3) your own questions stimulated by the reading.

Final Paper: During the semester each student will be asked to follow the contribution of one major theologian to the work of the Council or become an expert on one of the major documents of the Council which will be the topic for the final research paper.

Grade: Final grade will be based both on the written work and the quality (not quantity) of oral participation.

Required Texts:

Documents of Vatican II, Walter M. Abbott, sj, edition preferred.

Vatican Council II, Xavier Rynne

Course Reader from Copy Central.

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Weekly Assignments:

Feb. 5 Introductory lecture: Historical background of 19th & early 20th centuries, Vatican I, the Modernist controversy.

History: Hastings, *Modern Catholicism*, chs. 1, 2, 4.

(For appropriate sections from Rynne, see separate sheet)

Reception: Karl Rahner, sj, *Towards a Fundamental Theological Interpretation of Vatican II*, *Theol. Stud.* (Dec., 1979); J. O'Malley, *Reform, Historical Consciousness, and Vatican II's Aggiornamento*.

Feb. 12 Announcement of the Council, ante-preparatory phase, organization.

History: Hastings, *Modern Catholicism*, chs. 5, 6, 7; *History of Vatican II*, I, Ch. I, pp. 1 - 54; L-J. Suenens, *A Plan for the Whole Council*; Pope John's Opening Speech to the Council.

Video: *The Faithful Revolution*, I.

Feb. 19 *Documents: Liturgy & Communications.*

History: Hastings, 8 A, 8 M; [Ref: Vorgrimler, I, pp. 1 -45; 89 - 104]; *History of Vatican II*, II, Ch III, pp. 107-166.

Reception: *Vatican II Revisited*, pp. 187 - 201; R. Duffy, *Post-conciliar Liturgy in the U. S.: Received or Implemented?*; R. Weakland, *Parish Worship Since the Council*.

Feb. 26 *Documents: Revelation*

History: Hastings, 8 B; [Ref: Vorgrimler, III, pp. 155 - 180]; *History of Vatican II*, II, ch. V, pp. 233-266.

Reception: John R. Donahue, *Between Jerusalem and Athens: The Changing Shape of Catholic Biblical Scholarship*.

Video: *The Faithful Revolution*, II.

Mar. 4 *Documents: Lumen Gentium*

History: Hastings, 8 C; [Ref: Vorgrimler, I, pp. 105 -137].

Reception: *Reception of Vatican II*, ch. 5, pp. 77 - 90, and Ch. 12, pp. 233 - 248; Yves Congar, *Moving towards a Pilgrim Church*, pp. 129-152; Hastings, 10A & 10 B.

Mar. 11 *Documents: Gaudium et Spes*

History: Hastings, 8 D; [Ref: Vorgrimler, V, pp. 1 - 76].

Reception: *Reception of Vatican II*, Ch. 10, pp. 194-214; J. Komonchak, *Clergy, Laity, and the Church's Mission in the World*; K. Himes, *Mixed Reactions: The Reception of Gaudium et Spes*; G. Baum, *Vatican II: Critical Openness to Modernity*.

Mar. 18 *Documents: Ecumenism, Eastern Churches, Non-Christians*

History: Hastings, 8 E, 8 H, 8 G; [Ref: Vorgrimler, II, pp. 1 - 62; III, pp. 1 - 32]; M. Fahey, *Eastern Churches, New Dictionary of Theology*.

Reception: *Reception of Vatican II*, ch. 8, pp. 137-167; Hastings, ch. 13; J Willebrands, *The Ecumenical Dialogue and its Reception..*

Video: *The Faithful Revolution*, III.

Mar. 25 Spring Recess

Apr. 1 *Documents: Laity, Missions*

History: Hastings, 8 J, 8 L; [Ref: Vorgrimler, III, pp. 273 - 302; IV, pp. 87 - 111].

Reception: P. Murnion, *The Laity and the Shape of Things to Come*; F. Cardman, *The Church Would Look Foolish Without Them: Women and Laity Since Vatican II*; M. Almaldoss, *Dialogue and Mission: Conflict or Convergence?*

Video, *The Faithful Revolution*, IV

Apr. 8 *Documents: Bishops, Religious Life*

History: Hastings, 8 I, 8 K; [Ref: Vorgrimler, II, pp. 165 - 197; 301 - 332].

Reception: J. A. Komonchak, *The Roman Working Paper on Episcopal Conferences*; A. Dulles, *Doctrinal Authority of Episcopal Conferences*; D. Bergant, *The Profound Changes in Religious Life Since Vatican II*.

Video, *The Faithful Revolution*, V.

Apr. 15 *Documents: Priestly Formation, Ministry of Priests*

History: Hastings, 8 I; [Ref: Vorgrimler, II, pp. 371 - 404; IV, pp. 183 - 209].

Reception: T. H. Sanks, *Education for Ministry since Vatican II*; J. Linnan, *Ministry*

Since Vatican II: A Time of Change and Growth.

Apr. 22 *Documents: Religious Freedom, Education*

History: Hastings, 8 F, 8 N; [Ref: Vorgrimler, IV. Pp. 49 - 62; 1 - 14].

Reception: F. Konig, The Right to Religious Freedom: The Significance of *Dignitatis Humanae*; J. T. Ellis, Religious Freedom: An American Reaction.

Apr. 29 Reception & Evaluation

Readings: A. Dulles, The Reception of Vatican II at the Extraordinary Synod of 1985, in *Reception of Vatican II*, Appendix, pp. 349 - 363; J. O'Malley, Developments, Reforms, and Two Great Reformations, (*Theol. Stud.*, 44, 3; Hastings, ch. 9; *Reception of Vatican II*, chs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 16.

May 13 Final Papers Due