

ST 4158 Theological Method
Spring, 2005
T. H. Sanks, sj
Mon. 12:40 - 3:00 pm

Goal: The seminar will discuss the questions:
What are we doing when we do theology? and How do we go about it?

We will consider the basic ingredients of theology -- revelation, Scripture, tradition, experience, and human rationality -- and the dynamic interrelations of these as well as the hermeneutical processes involved. Particular attention will be given to the context of cultural pluralism and historical consciousness. In short, it is a seminar on contemporary problems of theological method.

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

Grade: In addition to the brief weekly papers, a final paper (15 - 20 pages) will be required on a topic mutually agreed upon. Final grade will be based both on the written work and the quality (not quantity) of oral participation.

Required Readings:

Avery Dulles, *Models of Revelation*
Roger Haight, *Dynamics of Theology*
Paul Knitter, *Jesus and the Other Names*
George Lindbeck, *The Nature of Doctrine*
Sandra Schneiders, *The Revelatory Text*
Robert Schreier, *Constructing Local Theologies*
Robert Schreier, *The New Catholicity*
Paul Tillich, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. 1
David Tracy, *The Analogical Imagination*

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Weekly Reading Assignments:

Jan. 31 Introductory Session

Feb. 7 Tillich, P., *Systematic Theology*, Vol I pp. 3 - 159.

Feb. 14 Dulles, A., *Models of Revelation*

Feb. 21 Holiday

Feb. 28 Schneiders, S., *The Revelatory Text*

Mar. 7 Tracy, D., *The Analogical Imagination*; and T. H. Sanks, A David Tracy's Theological Project: An Overview and Some Implications, *Theological Studies*, 54 1993, pp 698 - 727.

Mar. 14 Tracy, D., *The Analogical Imagination*, pp. 154 - 304.

Mar. 21 Spring Break

Mar. 28 Tracy, D., *The Analogical Imagination*, pp. 305 - 456.

Apr. 4 Lindbeck, G., *The Nature of Doctrine*

Apr. 11 Schreiter, R., *Constructing Local Theologies*

Apr. 18 Schreiter, R., *The New Catholicity*

Apr. 25 Knitter, P., *Jesus and the Other Names*

May 2 Haight, R., *Dynamics of Theology*

May 9 Concluding Session

May 16 Final Papers Due.