

ST 4730: Origins of Church Gelpi JSTB

The Scope of the Seminar:

This advanced seminar will reflect on the shape of the imperial Church in late antiquity as background for a study of major developments in the Latin Church during the middle ages. We will reflect on the way in which the Germanization of early medieval culture created the context for the rise of the papal monarchy. We will study how the papal monarchy took shape as well as the rise of conciliarism in response to the Great Schism. We will also examine how conciliarism extended well into the 19th century and the kinds of ecclesiological issues this interesting and important movement raised.

Course Requirements:

All members of the seminar must do the weekly readings and come to class with a set of issues and questions the reading raised for the student in question. At the beginning of the seminar I will ask students to post their questions and issues. We will discuss the questions and issues raised by the readings. I will end each class with a prelection of the materials to be read for the next class. Class attendance as well as completing the readings each week is required. I will also require a 15-page, double spaced research paper on some issue raised by the course.

Schedule of Readings:

Date due:

Feb 3: *As We Are One*, Part I

Feb 10: *As We Are One*, Part II

Feb 17: John Meyendorff, *Imperial Unity and Christian Divisions: The Church 450-680*, pp. 1-206

Feb 24: *Ibid.*, pp. 207-380

Mar 3: James C. Russell, *The Germanization of Early Medieval Christianity: A Sociohistorical Approach to Religious Transformation*

Mar 10: Colin Morris, *The Papal Monarchy*, Part I

Mar 17: *Ibid.*, Part II

Mar 24: *Ibid.*, Part III

SPRING BREAK

Apr 7: Robert Norman Swanson, *Universities, Academics, and the Great Schism*

Apr 14: Pseudo-Dionysus, *The Celestial Hierarchy, The Ecclesiastical Hierarchy*

Apr 21: Louis Pascoe, S.J., *Jean Gerson: Principles of Church Reform*

Apr 28: Philip H. Stump, *The Reforms of the Council of Constance*

May 5: Francis Oakley, *The Conciliarist Tradition: Constitutionalism in the Catholic Church*, Chs. 1-3

May 12: *Ibid.*, Chs. 4-6