Summer Prep *Moral Theo*logy and *Catholic Social Teaching* – Dcn Tim Kettenring, DMin

Dear Juniors,

Welcome to Catholic Moral Theology and Social Teaching a course designed to help you discover God's love in the Sacred Heart of Jesus through an examination of the principles of Catholic moral theology and social teaching. Students will be introduced to the pillars that govern personal and social morality from a Catholic and Sacred Heart perspective with the intent of living lives that are *upright and pleasing to God,* in service to others, and for the common good. The principles of moral theology and social teaching will be applied to an in-depth study of the horrors of the Holocaust and the problem of evil.

To prepare for the course it is imperative that you possess a basic catechetical understanding of the teachings of the Church on these subjects. Please read the sections on Moral Theology and Social Teaching below. While the Catechism may be a bit challenging, you will find the *Compendium's* Q and A format relatively easy to understand. Once you have reviewed the Church's teaching, please write a one-to-two-page summary of Catholic Moral teaching and a one-to-two-page summary of Social Teaching. Please use MLA format – Times New Roman 12-point font and be sure to write these summaries in your own words. Do not use ChatGPT, Gemini, Co-pilot, Clause, or other AI forms of writing. Summaries are due on the first day of class will count as a "Quiz" grade. Ten points will be deducted every day a paper is late. Please email me with any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Dr. Kettenring

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html

1. Moral Theology

Read *CCC* §§ 1700-1706, 1716-1724, 1730-1734, 1749-1756

Read *Compendium* Q/A 358-388, 415-433

2. Catholic Social Teaching

Read *CCC* §§ 1905-1917, 1928-1942

Read *Compendium* Q/A 401-414

3. Please read Meditations in a Toolshed by C. S. Lewis and be prepared to discuss the essay during the first week of class.

http://ktf.cuni.cz/~linhb7ak/Meditation-in-a-Toolshed.pdf

4. Please review the following articles and become familiar with their content.

https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/god-and-the-question-of-intelligent-extraterrestrials/

https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/what-can-catholic-theology-say-about-extraterrestrials/

https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/the-holocaust-responding-to-modern-suffering/

https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/raphael-lemkin-father-of-the-genocide-convention/

https://godandgoodlife.nd.edu/digital-essays/finding-meaning-in-suffering-post-holocaust-theology/

https://www.ncc.brent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1449&type=pdf#:~:text=Catholics%20believe%20that%20free%20will,for%20the%20suffering%2C%20not%20God.

https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/the-problem-of-evil