

GLOBAL CATHOLICISM

June 25, 2018—July 12, 2018, Monday—Thursday 5:45 PM—9:00 PM

(No class July 4)

This seminar traces the evolution of global Catholicism in the light of demographic shifts within the Roman Catholic Church from 1918-2018. Drawing upon insights and perspectives from church history, ecclesiology, theology, world mission studies, and post-colonial theory, the seminar examines the interactive dynamics of faith and culture and explores the transformation of Roman Catholic ecclesial consciousness in the twenty-first century. Additional resources for research and analysis include the working documents, proceedings, and outcomes of recent Special Synods, Episcopal Conferences, Conferences of Religious, Assemblies of Lay Movements, and World Youth Days.

PRE-COURSE WORK

Assignment: AFTER completing the required readings, please select ONE ecclesial movement or new community founded AFTER 1918. It may be particular to one diocese/region or country or international in scope. Do some independent research on the selected movement/community and write a 1800-2000 essay. In your own words, briefly provide information on the following elements:

- 1) Origins and Ends - Describe how the movement/community came about and how it understands its mission in the life of the Church and world.
- 2) Founder/Founding Community - Provide a brief biography of the individual and/or initial members who were instrumental in the foundation of the movement/community.
- 3) Ecclesial Identity and/or Ecclesiastical Recognition - Discuss the kind of relationship that the movement/community has had/currently has with the institutional church; identify any priests, superiors of religious orders, bishops, cardinals, popes, who have provided the movement/community with support and recognition; identify any church leaders or faith communities with whom there may have been antagonistic relationships in the past or present.
- 4) Growth and Vitality of the Movement/Community- Explain in greater detail the development of the movement/community in terms of membership, finances, properties or other material resources.

Please include your own assessment, thoughts and reflections about the selected movement/community; highlight any important questions or concerns that you may have; identify what you see as the perceived strengths and limitations of the movement/ community. If you have any direct firsthand experience with the movement/ community, please make a note of that in your essay.

Submit your essay by email to Sr. Margaret Guider, OSF (guider@bc.edu) by Wednesday, June 20, 2018 by 12:00 pm.

REQUIRED READING

Required reading is located on Page 2.

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Massimo Faggioli, *Sorting Out Catholicism: A Brief History of the New Ecclesial Movements* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2014).

Vatican II, Apostolicam Actuositatem - Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity (November 18, 1965) http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_decree_19651118_apostolicam-actuositatem_en.html

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Letter “Iuvenescit Ecclesia” to the Bishops of the Catholic Church Regarding the Relationship Between Hierarchical and Charismatic Gifts in the Life and the Mission of the Church (May 16, 2016) http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20160516_iuvenescit-ecclesia_en.html

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