

MOR D500

AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY
Foundations of Catholic Morality
Wednesday 3:45-6:16pm

3 credits

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Course Description: This course explores the developmental history of the Catholic moral tradition and basic issues such as the human person as moral agent, human freedom, the role and rights of conscience, the place of virtue in the moral life, natural law and the use of Scripture in ethics. Special attention will be given to the methodological characteristics of Catholic moral theology.

Course Goals: Students will ...

- Gain ability to identify and critique the sources of and influences on the development of the Catholic moral tradition;
- Understand and be able to articulate core concepts and themes of the Catholic moral tradition;
- Grapple with contemporary moral issues from the perspective of the Catholic moral tradition.

Required Texts:

Keenan, James. *Moral Wisdom: Lessons from the Catholic Tradition*. Second Edition. Blue Ridge Summit, PA: Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, 2010.

John Paul II, *Veritatis Splendor* (encyclical letter, 1993). Available at http://www.vatican.va/edocs/ENG0222/_INDEX.HTM

Odozor, Paulinus Ikechukwu, C.S.Sp. *Moral Theology in an Age of Renewal: A Study of the Catholic Tradition Since Vatican II*. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003.

Pinckaers, Servais. *Morality: The Catholic View*. South Bend, IN: St. Augustine's Press, 2001.

All other required readings (preceded by an asterisk * in the syllabus) are available either on-line via St. Louis University's Pius XII Memorial Library E-journal portal or on COURSE RESERVES.

Recommended Texts:

Cates, Diana Fritz. *Aquinas on the Emotions: A Religious Ethical Inquiry*. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2009.

Mahoney, John. *The Making of Moral Theology: A Study of the Roman Catholic Tradition*.
Oxford University Press, 1989.