

RGT3706/6706HF Ignatian Contribution to Contemporary Ecclesiology

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Course Description

Ignatius of Loyola is often cited as a passionate defender of the Church. Jesuit theologians through the centuries have made a significant impact on the understanding of the nature of the Church and the relationship between the Church and the world. The aim of this course is to identify and evaluate the Ignatian contribution to contemporary ecclesiology. Utilising key texts we shall endeavour to situate Ignatius' sense of 'Church' within his own time and ask the question if there is an Ignatian approach to the Church traceable in later generations of Jesuit theologians.

Course Objectives:

1. To enable an integral understanding of theology and spirituality in ecclesiology.
2. To encounter the mystery of the Holy Spirit at work within the Church
3. To introduce key interpreters: Ignatius, Rahner, Dulles, Lonergan, and the ecclesial community of interpretation.
4. To develop a personal ecclesial consciousness for ministry.
5. To foster an awareness of the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm as a framework to incorporate the crucial element of reflection into learning.

Course Assessment

1. Class participation: involving proper preparation of readings for the weeks and a leadership of service in class discussion. Plus one short paper before Add/drop deadline. [20%]
2. Presentations: involving an individual interpretation of readings with questions that encourage the interpretation of others. Identifying key dynamics of different interpreters and contributing to the community of interpretation. [30%]
3. Research Paper: enables each student to integrate their learning at all levels of the integration of Christological and Trinitarian understanding in a paper focused in their own area of passion and specialisation. [50%].