

MFP Preview Sheet

“Christology”

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Required Text: Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd Edition, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997.

General Class Information: This class deals with an introduction into the topic of Christology. This topic itself is about what we as Catholics believe about who Christ is and the implications of this belief for our lived experience of Christianity. It seeks to not only discuss what we believe about Jesus, but why we believe what we do. Throughout history Christianity has been shaped by how we answer basic questions about Jesus’ identity and mission. This course introduces us into these central beliefs.

Scope and Themes of Class: We will begin looking at who Jesus is by examining portions of the Scriptural portraits of his life and ministry. From here we will look at some of the historical controversies which arose regarding his identity and the Church’s response to these controversies. We will be paying special attention to the early ecumenical councils and great theologians whose thought helped solidify the Church’s teaching through the last 2000 years.

Pre-Class Reading/Work: Read CCC paragraphs 422-483 (required) - CCC paragraphs 484-682 (recommended)