



**PMIN 287 Issues of Moral Theology
Fall 2009**

Professor:

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1. **Time:** Thursdays, September 24, 2009 – December 3, 2009, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (no class on November 26th)
2. **Purpose:** This course aims at studying five major Catholic documents relating to moral theology, and three specific moral issues (see #9). The goal of the course is to foster an understanding of Catholic moral method and how this applies to contemporary issues of ethical importance. The course likewise intends to foster a sound pastoral attitude regarding these issues.
3. **Requirements:**
 - a. **Class attendance.** Missing two classes warrants an inability to participate in the class and withdrawal from the course will be encouraged. Fr. Coleman is to be informed of one's absence by email: colemanatcarmel@aol.com.
 - b. **Required Readings.**
 - i. All class notes.
 - ii. *Communion and Stewardship*, International Theological Commission, 2004.
 - iii. *Donum Vitae*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1987.
 - iv. *Veritatis Splendor*, John Paul II, 1993.
 - v. *Evangelium Vitae*, John Paul II, 1995.
 - vi. *Dignitatis Personae*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2008.
 - vii. *Introducing Moral Theology*, William C. Mattison III, Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2008.

Research paper:

- viii. Ten (10) pages **maximum**. Due: Friday March 20, 2009. **NOTE WELL: NO PAPER WILL BE ACCEPTED BEYOND THIS DATE.**
- ix. Must follow a standard research format including a title page, pagination, footnotes/endnotes, clear and correct English expression, bibliography.
- x. Choose **one** topic: [no alternate topics are permitted]
 1. Intrinsically Evil Acts
 2. The Nature of Human Conscience
 3. The Nature of *Obsequium* and Dissent

4. Persistent Vegetative State and Magisterial Teaching

5. Format:

- a. ix (note well)
- b. Purpose
- c. Catholic Teaching
- d. Pastoral Reflections
- e. Clear Conclusion

4. Grading:

- a. Class participation: 5%
- b. Research paper: 95%

5. Writing tutor: Hilary Titus is available to assist in written work if she receives papers a few days in advance of required time-line: htitus@scu.edu

6. Plagiarism: The standards of the University preclude any form of cheating, plagiarism, forgery of signatures, and falsification of data. A student who commits any offense against academic honesty and integrity may receive a failing grade without a possibility of withdrawal. An offense may also dictate suspension or dismissal from the University.

7. Disability Accommodations Procedure: to request academic accommodations for a disability, students must contact Disability Resources located in Benson Center 216. Students must register and provide documentation of a disability prior to receiving academic accommodations: 408-554-4111 or TTY 408-554-5445.

8. Office Availability: Fr. Coleman is available in his office either before or after scheduled classes by appointment: colemanatcarmel@aol.com.

9. Course Topics:

- a. A careful analysis of *Communion and Stewardship, Donum Vitae, Veritatis Splendor, Evangelium Vitae, and Dignitatis Personae*.
- b. The Development of Conscience.
- c. The Magisterium and Dissent.
- d. End-of-Life Issues.