

**UD Studies in Catholic Faith and Culture – Course II: The Person: Tradition and History –  
St. Rita Catholic Parish**

Jan. 21 Class 1. Tradition and History: Classical and Christian

- a. Andrew Moran: *The Aeneid* and the classical tradition
- b. Ron Rombs: History and Tradition

Feb. 4 Class 2. Time and Wisdom: Judaic and Christian Traditions

- a. Josh Parens: Maimonides and Abraham: What Is the Beginning of Wisdom?
- b. Father Stephen Gregg: Dana Gioia's Poem "Prayer"
- c. Fr. Thomas Esposito: Passover, Eucharist, and Time

Feb. 18 Class 3. The Fathers to the Middle Ages: Tradition and A Scriptural Grammar

- a. Ron Rombs: The Fathers, Time, Squirrels, and Grace
- b. Matt Walz: Anselm and the Grammar of Scripture
- c. Father John Bayer: Praying the Psalms, Learning a New Grammar

Mar. 3 Class 4. Macrocosm and Microcosm: The Human in Accord with the Universe

- a. Ivan Eidt: Hildegard of Bingen and Tuning the Soul to God
- b. Matt Walz: Thomas Aquinas, Human Dignity, the Order of Creation, and Woman

Mar. 17 Class 5. Traditions of Beauty in Poetry and Visual Art

- a. Anthony Nussmeier: Dante's Journey to God
- b. Mike Terranova: Giotto's Vision of Time and the Eternal

Mar. 31 Class 6. Renaissance Synthesis and Early Modern Challenges

- a. Ger Wegemer: Thomas More, Laughter, and Fatherhood
- b. Fr. Stephen Gregg: Herbert's poem "The Holdfast"
- c. Jonathan Culp: The Problems of Positivism and Historicism

Apr. 14 Class 7. Two Responses to Positivism and Historicism: Restoring History and Tradition

- a. Bernadette Waterman-Ward: John Henry Newman, "To Be Historical Is to Be Catholic"
- b. Susan Hanssen: "Henry Adams and the Marian Cure for Suicidal Thoughts"

Apr. 28 Class 8. Modern Thought and Two Catholic Historians Answering It

- a. Jonathan Culp: The Modern and Postmodern Heritage of Positivism and Historicism
- b. William Atto: Christopher Dawson, the Moral Order, and Religion's Place in Culture
- c. Andrew Moran: Lukacs and the Importance of History

May 12 Class 9. Postmodernism, Reason, Faith, and Love

- a. Irene Alexander: The Postmodern Bind and John Paul II's Response of Love
- b. Father John Bayer: Faith and Reason, Bricks and Clouds: The Monastic Search for God

May 26 Class 10. History, Tradition, and Hope

- a. Jonathan Sanford: Hope and History
- b. Class III Preview: Greg Roper: *Moirai, Persona, and Ethos*