

Dominican Institute, Samonda, Ibadan
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DI/TH 440: Theology of the Church (Ecclesiology) I
First Semester
2020/2021 Academic Session

Course Instructor: Fr. Emeka Nwosuh, OP

Course Hour: Thursday 8:15-10:00am

Office Hours: Fridays: 11: 30am – 1:30pm

Course Description

This is the first of a two-part study of the course on the Theology of the Church also known as Ecclesiology. The first part of this study will explore the nature, purpose, and mission of the Church in the context of the mystery and history of Salvation. Drawing insights from Scripture, Patristic Traditions, medieval, modern, and contemporary Christian sources, and traditions, particularly from Vatican II and Post-Vatican II documents, we shall examine key theological themes, issues, and questions. The course will incorporate a historical perspective that will help elucidate the evolving self-understanding and self-expression of this complex reality. The contemporary challenges, which African Indigenous Churches (AICs), and Pentecostalism pose to the understanding of the nature and mission of church will be given due consideration. In the light of the most recent global event, the question of *virtual church* will be an important topic that will also be explored.

Course Objective

1. Understand the importance of the Church in salvation history
2. Articulate and understand the major issues and questions connected with this reality called Church
3. Understand and appreciate the place, role and mission of the Church in human society, particularly in our own African society.

Course Requirements

- I. Each Student is required to read the assigned texts particularly the obligatory texts.
- II. A Book Summary of John D. Zizioulas, *Eucharist, Bishop, Church: The Unity of the Church in the Divine Eucharist and the Bishop during the First Three Centuries*
 - a. The Summary should not exceed 3 pages, single line spacing; 12 pts; Times New Roman Font; 1" margin sides and top-bottom.
 - b. We advise students to consult academic journals to learn about the format and style of book summaries.
- III. A critical summary of any one of the following:
 - a. John Paul II, *Ecclesia in Africa*
 - b. Benedict XIV, *Africae Munus*The critical summary should not exceed 3 pages single line spacing.
- IV. A research paper that develops a major theme or issue in ecclesiology with particular attention to the Nigerian or African church in general.
 - a. **Essay proposals (at least two) must be approved before research and writing commence.** Essays without prior approval will not be accepted.
 - b. *The essay should not exceed ten (10) pages, double line spacing; 12 pts. New Roman Times Font; 1" margin sides and top-bottom.* All essays must observe the academic standard both in content, methodology and style as stipulated in the Institute's Manual of Reference

- c. **We call the attention of students to the importance and in fact, necessity of acknowledging all sources that may be used in the essay. A willful neglect of this provision constitutes a very academic offence with grave disciplinary implications.**

Deadlines

Deadlines must be strictly adhered to. We advise students not to wait until a few days to the deadline to commence their essays.

- Book Summary (Zizioulas) – **October 30, 2019**
- Submission of Research Topic for Approval – **October 30**
- Second critical summary – **November 13, 2019**
- Submission of Research Paper – **December 4, 2020**

Grading

Summaries – 20%

Research paper – 25%

Surprise Quizzes 5%

class participation – 5%

Semester Exam (Oral) – 45%

Marking scheme for Research Papers

- a. Comprehension of Question or Subject Matter = 15%
- b. Coherence and Logic = 20%
- c. Adequacy and Comprehensiveness = 20%
- d. Grammar (syntax, punctuation, tenses, and spellings) = 25%
- e. Creativity, Personal Insight and Contribution = 10%
- f. Bibliography and References. = 10%

Bibliography

Obligatory Reading

- Documents of the Second Vatican Council: *Lumen Gentium*, *Ad Gentes*, and *Gaudium et Spes*.
- Cyprian: *De unitate ecclesiam catholicae*;
- Jean-Marie-Roger Tillard, *Church of Churches: The Ecclesiology of Communion* (Collegeville, MN: Michael Glazier/Liturgical Press, 1992)
- John Paul II, *Ecclesia in Africa*
- Benedict XVI, *Africae Munus*

Recommended Readings

- Augustine, *On Baptism* V, 27.38-28.39
- Cyprian, *Letter* 69, 1-5.
- Bernard P. Prusak, *The Church Unfinished: Ecclesiology Through the Centuries* (New York/Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2004)
- Bonaventure Kloppenburg, *The Ecclesiology of Vatican II* (Chicago: Franciscan Herald, 1970)
- Charles Nyamiti, *Studies in African Christian Theology: Some Contemporary Models of African Ecclesiology: A Critical Assessment in the Light of Biblical and Church Teaching*, (Nairobi: CUEA, 2007)
- Christopher Butler, *The Theology of Vatican II* Revised ed. (Westminster, MD: Christian Classics, 1981)
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Some Aspects of the Church Understood as Communion: Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church* (Boston: St Paul Books and Media, 1992)

- Daniel Harrington, *The Church According to the New Testament: What the Wisdom and Witness of Early Christianity Teach Us Today*, (Chicago/Wisconsin: Sheed & Ward/ Franklin, 2001)
- Ignatius of Antioch, *The Seven Epistles*
- John D. Zizioulas, *Eucharist, Bishop Church: The Unity of the Church in the Divine Eucharist and the Bishop During the First Three Centuries*, trl.. Elizabeth Theokritoff, (Massachusetts: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 2001). **Electronic Copy Available**
- Markus Bockmuehl & Michael Thompson, *A Vision of the Church: Studies in Early Christian Ecclesiology in Honour of J. P. M. Sweet* (Edinburg, T & T Clark, 1997) **Electronic Copy Available**
- Norman Tanner (ed.), *The Church in Council: Conciliar Movements, Religious Practice and the Papacy from Nicaea to Vatican II* (New York/London: I. B. Taurus, 2011) **Electronic Copy Available**
- Peter C. Phan (Ed.) *The Gift of the Church, A Textbook on Ecclesiology in Honor of Patrick Granfield* (Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2000)
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- Raymond Brown et al. Eds, *Mary in the New Testament: A Collaborative Assessment by Protestant and Roman Catholic Scholars* (London: Geoffrey Chapman, 1978)
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- Richard r. Gaillardetz,, *Ecclesiology for a Global Church: A People Called and Sent*, (Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2008).
- Rudolf Schnackenburg, *The Church in the New Testament* (New York: Seabury Press, 1965)
- Ruth Marshall, *Political Spiritualities: The Pentecostal Revolution in Nigeria* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2009) **Electronic Copy Available**
- Luke Ijezie, et al. (eds.), *The Church in Africa: Witness to Justice, Peace and Reconciliation- A Post-Synodal Reflection and Reception*, Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Association of Nigeria (CATHAN, 2013)
- Nathaniel Yaovi & Ignac Ndongala (eds.), *The Church in Africa, 50 Years After States' Independence*, Proceedings of the 1st Conference of the Association of African Theologians (Editions ATA 2013).

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- _____ “The Mariology of Vatican II and the Challenge of Ecumenical Dialogue” Paper read at the 1st International Conference on Divine Mercy, Seminary of Ss Peter and Paul, Bodija-Ibadan, July 1-4, 1999.
- _____ “‘Church’: Towards the Retrieval of a Notion” Paper read at the 15th Annual Conference and Meeting of the Catholic Theological Association of Nigeria, Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu, Easter Octave, 2001.
- _____ “*Dominus Iesus*: A Timely Reaffirmation and Clarification of Vatican II” in *The Nigerian Journal of Theology* 15 (2001) 72-88
- Avery Dulles, *The Resilient Church: The Necessity and Limits of Adaptation* (New York: Doubleday, 1977)
- _____ *The Catholicity of the Church* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1985)
- _____ *Models of the Church* (New York: Image, 1987)
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- Daniel Harrington, *Light of All Nations: Essays on the Church in New Testament Research* (Wilmington, DE: Michael Glazier, 1982)
- Edward Schillebeeckx, *The Real Achievement of Vatican II* (New York: Herder and Herder, 1967)
- _____ *Church: The Human Story of God* (New York: Crossroad, 1993)
- Elochukwu E. Uzukwu, *A Listening Church: Autonomy and Communion in African Churches* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1996)
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- _____ *The Church We Believe In: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic* (New York/Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1988)
- _____ *Salvation Outside the Church? Tracing the History of the Catholic Response* (New York/Mahwah: Paulist Press, 1992)
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- Obi Oguejiefor & Innocent Enweh; *Ecclesia in Africa-The Nigerian Response*. Proceedings of the 11th CATHAN Conference, Nekede, Owerri, 9-12 April, 2006.
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- John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*. Encyclical Letter On the Mother of the Redeemer
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- Karl Rahner, *The Church After the Council* (New York: Herder and Herder, 1966)
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- Oliver A. Onwubiko, *The Church as the Family of God (Ujamaa)- In the light of Ecclesia in Africa*, (Nsukka: Fulladu Pub. Coy, 1999).
- Paul VI, *Ecclesiam suam*

- Pauline Aweto, *The Changing Landscape of Christianity in Africa*, (Nairobi: Pauline Publications Africa, 2012)
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- Richard R. Gaillardetz, *Teaching with Authority: A Theology of the Magisterium in the Church* (Collegeville, MN: Michael Glazier/Liturgical Press, 1997)
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Students can find some of the above materials on www.b-ok.org and www.pdfdrive.com

Schedule of Readings:

Week 1 October 08 Church: Origin, Nature, and Purpose

- The Jewish Roots
- The Mystery of the Christ Event
 - Ecclesial Docetism
 - Ecclesial Nestorianism
 - Ecclesial Monophytism

Rudolf Schnackenburg, *The Church in the New Testament*; Markus Bockmuehl & Michael Thompson, *A Vision of the Church: Studies in Early Christian Ecclesiology*

Week 2 October 15 Symbols, Images, and Marks of the Church

- Images from Scripture
- Images from the Fathers
- The 4 marks of the Church

Week 3 October 22 Church: Sacrament of Salvation

- Cyprian and Augustine vision of Church
- The Salvation of Non-Christians
 - *Ecclesia sine peccata* of the Donatists
 - The *Ecclesia Mixta* of Augustine

The Seven Letters of Ignatius; Cyprian: *De unitate ecclesiam catholicae*; Cyprian, *Letter 69*, 1-5; Augustine, *On Baptism* V, 27.38-28.39

Week 4 October 29 The Church: One and Diverse

- Unity or Uniformity
- Diverse or Difference
- One or multiplicity
- Local, Particular, Universal Church

Jean-Marie-Roger Tillard, *Church of Churches*

Week 5 November 05 Authority and Leadership in Church

- The Nature of Leadership in the Church
- The source and measure of authority
 - The Papacy, The Council, Scripture
- The crisis of leadership
- Women and leadership in the Church

Week 6 November 12 Church and Worship

- The Eucharist and Christian Worship – Word and Sacrament
- Beyond a Hierocentric Notion of Worship

Week 7 November 19 The Church and its Mission of Evangelization

- Mission in the context of religious pluralism
 - The church and evangelization in Islamic territories
- Evangelization and Modern Technology

Week 8 November 26 The Church in Africa: Its Nature and Mission

- Christian Faith and African Culture in Tension
- The Notion of Church as Family – Insights from Synod of African Bishops
- The Church and splintering of the African Society
- Inculturation

Ecclesia in Africa; Africae Munus

Charles Nyamiti, *Studies in African Christian Theology: Some Contemporary Models of African Ecclesiology*

Week 9 December 03 Church and Sociopolitical & Economic Development

- The church agent of socio-political development

Vatican II Documents, *Gaudium et Spes; Ad Gentes*

Richard R. Gaillardetz, *Ecclesiology for a Global Church*, chap. 2.

Week 10 December 10 Church and Ministries

- Intra-ecclesia sectarianism – The prospect and challenge of Private ministries

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Week 11 January 07 Ecclesiology and the Challenge of Pentecostalism

- The Proximate & Distant Roots of Pentecostalism
- Philosophical and Cultural Contexts

Pauline Aweto, *The Changing Landscape of Christianity in Africa*

Ruth Marshall, *Political Spiritualities: The Pentecostal Revolution in Nigeria*

Week12 January 14 Virtual Church: A New Way of Being Church

- Virtual vs. Physical Participation

Week 13 January 21 Mary: Symbol, Model and Mother of the Church

- Mary in Christian Tradition
- Contemporary Mariology

Raymond Brown et al. eds, *Mary in the New Testament*, chs. 4 and 8

John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*. Encyclical Letter on the Mother of the Redeemer

End of Semester Lectures