

## DO701DE Ecclesiology

Within the framework of systematic theology, ecclesiology examines the nature of the church and its emerging challenges. This course considers both classic insights and new directions in ecclesiology, including reflections on the nature and exercise of ministry in the church. Central to the course is a critical examination of two documents of the Second Vatican Council: The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen gentium) and The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et spes). In many respects, the entire course is an extended dialogue with these two foundational documents.

This course is presented in four segments or parts:

Part 1. Images and History of the Church

Part 2. Models of the Church

Part 3. Ecclesia ad intra

Part 4. Ecclesia ad extra

In each of these parts, there are specific readings, assignments and discussions.

### Course Textbooks

1. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council (generally, the Abbott, Flannery or Tanner translations are preferred). Students may also view these documents online at various sites, including [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va). While we will focus primarily on Lumen gentium and Gaudium et spes, all of the 16 conciliar documents relate in one way or another to ecclesiology and form the foundation and framework for contemporary Catholic ecclesiology.
2. Dulles, Avery R. Models of the Church, expanded edition (New York: Doubleday, 1974, 1986, 1987, 2000, 2002).
3. Komonchak, Joseph A., Who Are the Church? [The 2008 Père Marquette Lecture in Theology] (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2008).
4. Phan, Peter C., The Gift of the Church (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2000).