

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE
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Tuesday

6:00 - 8:30 pm

MT600 Fundamentals of Theological Ethics

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Course Description: A survey of the history of Christian theological ethics, including examination of major contemporary approaches and applied issues in political, economic, sexual, and medical ethics. Students will gain an understanding of the historical, philosophical, and theological foundations of Christian ethics, and an ability to express in an organized and coherent way their own positions on a range of contemporary moral issues.

Course Requirements:

- **Reading requirements:** Students should expect to read *at most* 950 pages of required reading.
- **Writing requirements:** Students should expect to write *at most* 25 double-spaced pages. These will be comprised of the following:
 1. Weekly **one-page papers**, with the semester cap of 10 total pages (50%)
 2. A mid-term and final take-home exam (40% or 20% each)
- **Other requirements:** Meaningful class engagement (10%)

Required Texts:

- Samuel Wells, Ben Quash, Rebekah Eklund, *Introducing Christian Ethics*. **Second Edition** Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell, 2017. ISBN 978-1-119-15572-0.
- Servais Pinckaers, *Morality: The Catholic View*. South Bend, Indiana: St Augustine's Press, 2001. ISBN 978-1-58731-515-2.
- Samuel Wells, ed., *Christian Ethics: An Introductory Reader*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010. ISBN 978-1-405-16887-8.