

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE  
Spring 2019

**Mon-Thurs, January 7-10: 6:00-9:00 pm**

**Sat, January 12: 9:00 am-12:00 noon**

**Fri, January 18: 4:00-9:00 pm**

**Sat, January 19: 10:00 am-7:30 pm**

**Tues, January 22: 4:00-9:00 pm**

**(Sat, January 26: snow date; approx. 10 am-5:00 pm—depending on class time missed)**

**ES/SP632 Taizé: Community, Spirituality, Theology**

**Michael J. Gorman, Mark Gorman, and Brother John of Taizé**

**Course Description:**

This intensive January course will consider and experience the history, spirituality, music, writings, ministry of reconciliation, and impact of the ecumenical Christian community of Taizé in central France, with special attention to its founder, Brother Roger Schutz. In addition to normal academic work, students will use the Bible reflections, prayers, and music of Taizé as part of the course and will participate in three corporate Taizé prayers (Jan. 18, 19, 22). Brother John of Taizé will be present for the course beginning January 18. This course meets as an intensive with Saturday sessions on January 12 and 19; the session on January 19 includes an afternoon workshop open to the public. This course may be taken as either an ecumenical studies course (ES) or a spirituality (SP) course.

**Prerequisites:** none.

**Course Requirements:**

- **Reading:** Students should expect to do at most 600 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class.
- **Writing:** Required writing assignments (14-18 pages):
  - A reflection paper on a book (4-5 pages): 20% (due Jan. 18)
  - A reflection paper on the workshop and corporate prayers (4-5 pages): 20% (due Feb. 1)
  - A paper on an instructor-approved topic related to Taizé (6-8 pages): 30% (due Mar. 15)
- **Class participation:** 30%

**Required Texts:**

1. Jason Brian Santos, *A Community Called Taizé: A Story of Prayer, Worship and Reconciliation*. InterVarsity Press, 2008. ISBN 978-0830835256. (**Read before first class.**)
2. Brother Roger [Schutz] of Taizé, *The Sources of Taizé: No Greater Love*. GIA G-5363. ISBN: 978-1579990862.
3. Marcello Fidanzio, ed., *Brother Roger of Taizé: Essential Writings*. Orbis, 2006. ISBN 978-1570756399.
4. Brother John of Taizé, *Friends in Christ: Paths to a New Understanding of Church*. Orbis, 2012. 978-1626980006.
5. Taizé. *Seeds of Trust: Reflecting on the Bible in Silence and Song*. GIA, 2005. GIA G-6719. ISBN 978-1579995386.