

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE
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Thursday, 6:00-8:00 pm, plus 30 minutes/week asynchronous activities

TH601 Introduction to Theological Study

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Course Description:

An introduction to the study of theology, including what theology is and how theology is done. Students will develop the ability to read, think, and write critically and faithfully, through a focus on what Christians believe in common.

Assignments:

Reading: Students can expect approximately 500 pages of required reading

Writing: Students can expect approximately 20 pages of written assignments, including five brief essays as well as short weekly exercises

Watching: There will be videos to watch each week through Canvas outside of class time

Participation: Students will be expected to come to class ready to discuss readings and videos

Required Texts

Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt, *The Love that God Is: An Invitation to Christian Faith* (Eerdmans, 2020) ISBN-13: 978-0802877956

Murray Rae, *Christian Theology: The Basics* (Routledge, 2015) ISBN-13: 978-0415814942.

Elaine A. Robinson, *Exploring Theology* (Fortress Press, 2014) ISBN-13: 978-1451488913.

Various supplemental required readings will be provided through the online learning course shell called Canvas.