

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute
Summer 2022**

Class Day & Time: Monday and Thursday, 6–9 p.m. May 26, June 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30 (both in-person and Zoom options)

Course Name & Number BS/SP755 Spirituality in the New Testament

Instructor: Dr. Michael J. Gorman

Course Description

An exploration of the varieties of spirituality—the lived experience of Christian faith—found in the New Testament and their relevance for contemporary Christian life and mission.

Prerequisites: BS600 and BS622 (or equivalents) recommended, but not required

Course Requirements

Students will be required to read no more than 850 pages and write no more than 18 pages.

1. Careful study of the texts and of Scripture.
2. Consistent and intelligent class contributions based on study of the texts and Scripture. (20%)
3. One one-page discussion starter based on the assigned reading for a particular class session. Copies for all members of the class should be brought to class and placed on Canvas. (10%)
4. One reflection paper of approximately 1,500 words on either Bonhoeffer, Hogan, or King. (25%).
5. A final research and reflection paper of approximately 3,500 to 4,000 words on one of the following (35%):
 - a. Aspects of the spirituality of one book of the New Testament and its contemporary significance.
 - b. A specific theme in spirituality (e.g., prayer) in one New Testament book and its contemporary significance.
 - c. A specific theme (e.g., prayer) across several different New Testament books and its contemporary significance.
 - d. A book review of a significant book in New Testament spirituality and its contemporary significance.

Notes:

- Students for whom this is their very first E.I. course will only need to write 2,500 to 3,000 words for the final paper.
 - Topics must be approved by the instructor in advance. Papers will be due approximately two weeks after the end of the course.
6. A short class presentation on the final paper. (10%)

Required Texts

1. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Discipleship* (Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, Vol. 4). Fortress, 2003. 978-0800683245.
2. Patrick J. Hartin, *Exploring the Spirituality of the Gospels*. Liturgical, 2011. 978-0814633175.
3. Dean Flemming, *Why Mission?* Abingdon, 2015. 978-1426759369.
4. Laura Reece Hogan, *I Live, No Longer I: Paul's Spirituality of Suffering, Transformation, and Joy*. Wipf and Stock, 2017. 978-1532601071.
5. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Strength to Love*. Fortress, 2010. 978-0800697402.
6. An approved academic study Bible: *The HarperCollins Study Bible* [2nd ed.] OR *The Catholic Study Bible* [3rd ed.], OR *The New Interpreter's Study Bible* OR *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (4th or 5th ed.) Students who already own a different academic study Bible should consult the instructor before making a purchase.
7. A handful of articles/essays by the instructor and others.

**Primary Degree Learning Outcome (MA in Theology, MA in Christian Ministries, or both)
Addressed by Course:**

MAT graduates will be able—wisely, faithfully, and responsibly—to

- interpret biblical texts and articulate Scripture's major theological themes.

MACM graduates will be able to

- integrate Scripture in ministerial identity and practice