

FC 5318 : Theology of Family

This course is an introduction to the theology of the family and will include the Judeo-Christian tradition of the family. It will also explore the history and development of the Church's understanding of the family as a domestic church and will include a study of the family's inclusion in documents of Vatican II, particularly *Gaudium et Spes* and *Lumen Gentium*, as well as *Gravissimus Educationis* and Pope Paul's *Evangelii Nuntiandi*. A primary focus will be on Pope John Paul's *Familiaris Consortio*, and his Letter to Families, both of which followed the 1980 Synod on the Family. Special attention will be given to those resources published by the U.S. Catholic Bishops (*A Family Perspective in Church & Society*, *Putting Children & Families First*, and *Follow the Way of Love*) that were designed to explain in detail how to bring this perspective to parish and diocese. Pope Francis' 2016 *Amoris Laetitia* will be covered in detail. In addition, the family as one of the basic principles of Catholic social teaching will be explored.

Credits 3

Course ID

009142

Semester Offered

Offered as needed