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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the principal historical, theological, and philosophical sources of Christian moral theology. Having identified key facets of our late-modern world as context, we examine the challenges of Christian moral formation and decision-making in the witness of the church. We then explore the church’s ethical witness in relation to questions such as wealth and poverty, consumerism, church and politics, and moral and religious diversity.

COURSE GOALS:
At the conclusion of the course, the student will:
- Understand some key intellectual, social, political, economic, and religious challenges for Christian moral formation and witness emerging in our late-modern context.
- Grasp the basic features, concepts, and goals of Christian moral decision-making as an ecclesial practice.
- Analyze selected moral challenges to authentic and credible Christian witness today, such as wealth and poverty and moral and religious diversity.
- Engage the practices of moral self-formation as a Christian theologian and church leader.

REQUIRED TEXTS:


