

Faculty of Theology



RELI2091 Marriage and Family Ethics

[45h] 4 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2007-2008, 2009-2010,...

This course is taught in the 2nd semester

Teacher(s): Henri Wattiaux
Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

This course provides an introduction to the doctrinal bases of Catholic theology on sexuality, marriage and family.

Main themes

From a dogmatic point of view, the course studies the problem of marriage as an institution by examining its sociological and theological components as well as its historical development and recent significance. Emphasis is placed on the sacramental reality of marriage; in so doing, we point to the specificity of Christian marriage in a pluralistic world and the relation between marriage as an institution willed by God the creator and marriage as a sacrament of Redemption. Particular attention is paid to the effect of this identity on present-day questions: juvenile co-habitation and civilly remarried divorcees.

From the ethical point of view, the course is based on the teachings of Holy Scripture, pontifical and episcopal Magisteria, and personalist philosophy in proposing criteria for a moral evaluation of behaviours in the area of sexuality and fertility.

Content and teaching methods

Introduction: Object, method and limits of the course
 I. Human sexuality: scriptural and personalist perspectives
 II. Marriage as an institution and sacrament
 A. Marriage in civil society
 B. Theology of Christian marriage
 III. Birth control
 IV. Abortion
 V. Homosexuality
 Conclusion

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

without object

Other credits in programs

ISP22 Deuxième licence en philosophie (4 credits)