



CATHOLIC STUDIES— A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES...



THE FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN CULTURE: ROME

HISTORY, LITERATURE AND PHILOSOPHY (CAST 3994; CORE 3748)

WITH SPRING BREAK TRIP TO ROME

MARCH 8–17, 2012



This 3-credit course/trip, sponsored by the Center for Catholic Studies, will study historical, cultural, literary and religious foundations of the Christian Church in Rome. After considering the Christian view of history, the course/trip will study the monuments of ancient Rome (the Roman Forum, the Coliseum and the Pantheon), as well as the early Jewish settlements and the signs and symbols of the first Christians in the city. The catacombs and the "scavi" under St. Peter's. The stories and monuments of Peter and Paul. The first "house-churches." The New Testament and the earliest Christian literature. Persecutions and martyrs. The first bishops of Rome and the new situation under Constantine. The basilicas, mosaics and emergence of Christian architecture in Rome. Other Roman sites will also be visited, including the Basilica of St. Peter's and the Vatican Museums.

This course/trip may be taken for CAST or CORE 3 credits (for those who have taken CORE 1 and 2). Prior to leaving for Rome, the group will meet for three two-hour sessions on the history and culture of classical and Christian Rome. During the trip, daily excursions and lectures will be given by scholars of Christianity in Rome. A daily academic journal will be kept during the trip and a major research paper will be expected from the course.

PRELIMINARY TRIP COSTS: \$2600 including airfare, room, board and program activities. Scholarship support will be made available from the Center for Catholic Studies for qualifying students. Tuition up to 18 credits included in Spring fees.

- Twenty students will be accepted for the trip.
- Application for the trip consists of a one-page statement describing why you wish to take the course/trip and what you hope to learn from it.
- The application should also include your academic year, your major and GPA.
- Applications should be sent to Danute.nourse@shu.edu before December 1, 2011.
- Those accepted will be notified before December 15, 2011.

OBJECTIVES:

To familiarize students with...

- ancient Rome as the context for the emergence of Christianity in the West.
- the iconography and art of the first Christians in Rome.
- the emergence of Christian architecture in Rome.
- the general history literature of early Christianity in Rome.

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