

The Catholic Intellectual Tradition:

Moving Toward *Communio*? Ecumenical Challenges in the Church and at SNC

In the fall of 2007, we explored the Catholic intellectual tradition in general terms. From this foundation, we continue to examine specific topics through the lens of the Catholic intellectual tradition. These conversations are meant to help educate faculty and staff about the tradition, demonstrate how a specific topic relates to the tradition, and model how to raise these topics for discussion in the classroom.

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What do Catholics think about other Christians? What do they think about members of other world religions? Certainly from the time of the Reformation up to the eve of the Second Vatican Council, the Church had a very clear answer to these questions. But inspired by the example of Pope John XXIII and reading “the signs of the times,” the Council called Catholics to a genuine change of heart on these matters and the result was the beginning of the ecumenical movement in the Catholic Church. What happened at the Council to bring about these changes? What were Catholics told to think and do differently? And where are we today? What do our students feel about these matters? Moreover, if the Second Vatican Council challenged Catholics to reach out to others, how well do we do this at St. Norbert College? Are we moving toward *communio*? Do we, as the Council urged Catholics, look for “bonds of connection” with each of the members of our College community? In our presentations we will examine these questions by exploring the clear change in Catholic teaching that occurred at the Second Vatican Council, by asking where the Church is today on these matters, and by reflecting on the status of ecumenism at St. Norbert College as it is lived out in our relationships with one another.

The Division of Mission & Heritage and the Office of Faculty Development
cordially invite faculty and staff to join us for one of two discussions
(the same presentation will be offered twice)

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

11:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

Union Lounge

lunch provided

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by March 16

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

3:00 p.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

Union Shield Room

refreshments provided

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