

# The Catholic Intellectual Tradition:

## Pacifism and the Just War

Last fall, we explored the Catholic intellectual tradition in general terms. In the future, we will 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. We begin with the topic of pacifism and the Just War.

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Pacifism and the Just War doctrine are both core elements of the Catholic intellectual tradition. But many fail to recognize not only how closely they are connected within that tradition, but also how thinking about Pacifism and the Just War has evolved and developed over time. In our presentation, we will provide an overview of the origins and understanding of Pacifism and the Just War doctrine in ways that illustrate their mutual interdependence within the Catholic intellectual tradition. We will also focus on more recent Church statements that raise questions about the Just War teaching and that envision Pacifism not only as a particular moral position in response to war, but also as a distinctive way of life.

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)  
to take place in the Union Shield Room:

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

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

refreshments provided

RSVP to Julie Friedman,  
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by March 20

Monday, March 31, 2008

12:15 p.m. ~ 1:15 p.m.

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RSVP to Julie Friedman,  
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