2. Reading and Preparation

A careful reading of the texts assigned for each class is expected. Quizzes (both announced and unannounced) pertaining to the assigned readings will periodically be given throughout the semester. You are expected to bring the pertinent text for the day to class.

3. Exams

There will be three exams scheduled during the semester. The first will be on Thursday, February 17, the second on Thursday, March 31, and the final exam on Thursday, May 12, 9:15-11:15. The class immediately preceding the first two exams will be used as a day for study and review.

4. Papers

Two papers are required. The papers should be 5-6 pages, typed and double-spaced, carefully organized and presented. Special attention should be given to spelling, grammar, and punctuation; carelessness in any of these areas will result in a lower grade.

The first paper is due Tuesday, March 8, although it can be submitted prior to that date. The topic of the first paper should be taken from either Christopher McMahon’s Called Together or Shane Claiborne’s The Irresistible Revolution. The essays are not research papers but critical reflection essays. Secondary literature is not required, but the essays must incorporate material from the text on which you are basing your paper.

The second paper is due no later than Monday, May 9, but could be submitted prior to that date. You are free to write on any topic covered in the course that is substantially different from the topic you chose for your first essay.

Both essays should indicate:

a. Your ability to formulate and describe a moral and/or religious position, and show that you understand the position.

b. Your ability to incorporate elements of the Catholic Christian heritage.

c. Your ability to incorporate alternative viewpoints.

d. Your ability to evaluate and analyze moral and/or religious convictions (construct a thoughtful, coherent, and convincing argument for your moral and/or religious position).

e. Show the relevance of the topic for your own life.