2. Reading and Preparation

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

3. Examinations

Three exams are scheduled throughout the semester. The first will be on February 18, the second on March 25, and the third on Thursday, May 12 (2:15-4:15). The final exam will not be comprehensive, but will only cover the material studied after the second exam. The class immediately prior to the first two scheduled exams is designated a study & review day.

4. Papers

Two papers are required. The papers should be 5-6 pages, typed and double-spaced. Papers written for other courses will not be accepted. The first paper is due Monday, March 7, but can be submitted before that date. The second paper is due no later than Monday, May 9, although it can be submitted before that date.

You should pick a topic that is related to the readings and the material covered in the course. The essays are not research papers or term papers, but critical reflection essays. In these essays you should demonstrate an understanding of the material, analyze and interpret your topic, and reflect on its meaning by relating it to your own life and experience. Material from the readings you work with must be incorporated into the papers and properly cited (MLA method). Secondary sources can be used but are not required. The essays should demonstrate:

a. Your ability to formulate and describe a moral and/or religious position, and show that you understand that 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. This means you should be able to 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.