TH/WM 626 EVANGELICAL PERSPECTIVES ON
ROMAN CATHOLICISM AND EASTERN ORTHODOXY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
Following a brief survey of Christian history with a special focus on events and theological
developments related to the Great Schism (1054), this course analyzes the essential theological
distinctives, ecclesiastical structures, developments, practices and principal expressions of spirituality
of Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodox churches. Issues of church-state relations, ecumenical
concerns, biblical and liturgical renewal and missions and evangelism/proselytism will be given
special attention.

COURSE FORMAT
The class will meet for three extensive weekend sessions: Sept 21-22, Oct 5-6, Nov 9-10
Location: to be determined
Fridays 6:00 - 9:30 p.m
Saturdays 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; lunch 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

The course will consist of lectures, class presentations of approved papers and/or projects,
discussions and evaluation of assigned reading. Guided tours of Catholic and Orthodox churches
and ecumenical dialogue with their clergy are anticipated.

REQUIRED READING

Due September 21 - Geisler, Norman L. and MacKenzie, Ralph E. Roman Catholics and Evangelicals:

Due October 5 - Stamoolis, James, ed. Three Views on Eastern Orthodoxy and Evangelicalism. Grand

Due November 9 - Noll, Mark A. and Carolyn Nystrom. Is The Reformation Over? Grand Rapids:

ON CAMS (https://cams-web1.gordonconwell.edu/estudent/): “Evangelicals and Catholics
A House United?: Evangelicals and Catholics Together. Colorado Springs: NavPressPublishing Group,
1994.

Collection of articles and book excerpts to be provided in class or on CAMS.

Reading of several other works, documents and selected articles will be recommended and/or
required in accordance with the student’s specialization and special interest upon prior consultation
and approval by the professor.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Short written reports on assigned readings will be required (see the attached description for a written report). A project/paper by individual students and/or interested groups as a team project (discussed in class and approved by the professor) will be presented and defended in class on assigned dates.

**FINAL GRADES**

There will be no final written examination. Oral examinations (European style) remain an option. The student’s final grade will be based on: class participation (30%), reading reports (30%), and paper/project, including its presentation and defense in the class (40%).

**RECOMMENDED READING**


Ware, Timothy. *The Orthodox Church.* Baltimore: Penguin Books, 1983 (and the following eds.).