## The North Chicago Theological Institute 2018 Spring Course Prayer and Life in the Spirit: The Good, the True and the Beautiful

The goal of the seminar is to explore a focused area in spirituality and to relate it both to their ministerial training and their personal spiritual formation. This year the topic will be the Good, the True and the Beautiful. Thomas Dubay wrote: ". . . beauty—whether the beauty of the earth, of human artifacts, of saints (as 'paragons of virtue') or of God himself—can move us to grateful recognition that God reveals himself in beauty." This course will explore theology in literature, the arts and architecture.

The seminar is led by Fr. Thomas A. Baima (Mundelein Seminary) and Professor David Bjorlin (North Park Theological Seminary). They will be joined by professors and subject matter experts from the other seminaries of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools and other universities.

The class will meet on two evenings and two residential weekends which will include student-led prayer and meals together as an ecumenical learning community. The experience is enhanced both by the opportunity for informal fellowship with seminarians from different traditions and by the beauty of on USML's 880 acre lakeside campus.

The course uses an adult learning model and is graded pass / fail. Attendance at *all* components is required for a passing grade. Please note that no one may join the course after the first meeting. Students may register through any of the member schools of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. (ACTS)

**Orientation Meeting:** Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 to 9:00 PM

North Park Theological Seminary, 3225 W Foster Ave, Chicago, IL 60625-4895

1st Residential Session: March 16th - 17th Friday, 4:00 P.M. through Saturday, 5:30 PM

University of Saint Mary of the Lake, 1000 East Maple Avenue (Rt. 176), Mundelein, IL 60060

**Tuesday Meeting:** April 10th 6:30 to 9:00 PM

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield

**2<sup>nd</sup> Residential Session:** April 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Friday, 4:00 P.M. through Saturday, 5:30 PM

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NCTI is an association of four seminaries in the Northside Chicago area: Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, North Park Theological Seminary, and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Please register for this course at your own institution through your Registrar. Overnight accommodations and meals are provided at the USML Conference Center for a total fee of \$50, payable at check-in. Contact the Conference Center at 847-837-4505 to make reservations; indicate that you are with the NCTI group.

For more information, call your Registrar or 847-970-4804