

Goal statement:

Students who complete the Catholic Theology requirement of the Core Curriculum program at Rosemont College will formally engage the Catholic “roots” of Rosemont College, as articulated in the College mission statement. Students will explore key elements of Scripture and Tradition that have formed and continue to form the Catholic Church as an institution, which continue to impact the greater world. Students will engage the Catholic social justice tradition and explore contemporary issues of social justice. This will prepare students to be engaged citizens of the world.

Objectives:

- Students will develop a critical understanding of the Roman Catholic intellectual tradition and the theological reflection that shapes the Church.
- Students will articulate the influence of Scripture and Tradition to the practice of Roman Catholicism.
- Students will apply the foundational texts of Catholic social teaching to important issues in the world.
- Students will synthesize and defend a position regarding the impact of theological reflection in the world.

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Students will develop a critical understanding of the Roman Catholic intellectual tradition and the theological reflection that shapes the Church.	Demonstrates mastery of terminology common to the Roman Catholic intellectual tradition as it has formed the institutional Church.	Demonstrates adequate knowledge of the Roman Catholic intellectual tradition as it has formed the institutional Church.	Exhibits minimal knowledge of the Roman Catholic intellectual tradition as it has formed the institutional Church.	Insufficient knowledge of the Roman Catholic intellectual tradition as it has formed the institutional Church. .
Students will articulate the influence of Scripture and Tradition to the practice of Roman Catholicism.	Can identify and explain key elements of Scripture and writings of the Catholic intellectual tradition as they relate to the practice of Roman Catholicism.	Recognizes examples key elements of Scripture and writings of the Catholic intellectual tradition as they relate to the practice of Roman Catholicism.	Is confused about key key elements of Scripture and writings of the Catholic intellectual tradition as they relate to the practice of Roman Catholicism.	Shows little understanding of key key elements of Scripture and writings of the Catholic intellectual tradition as they relate to the practice of Roman Catholicism.
Students will apply the foundational texts of Catholic social teaching to important issues in the world.	Can give detailed explanations and elaborate on the influence of formative documents of Catholic social teaching and their impact on the world.	Can describe the influence of formative documents of Catholic social teaching and their impact on the world.	Minimally understands the influence of formative documents of Catholic social teaching and their impact on the world.	Gives faulty statements about the influence of formative documents of Catholic social teaching and their impact on the world.
Students will synthesize and defend a position regarding the impact of theological reflection in the world.	Student demonstrates a mastery of the parallels between theological reflection and historical impact upon the world.	Student can demonstrate the parallels between theological reflection and historical impact upon the world but does not show all possible applications of any lessons learned.	Student is unsure about the parallels between theological reflection and historical impact upon the world.	Student takes away little from the parallels between theological reflection and historical impact upon the world.