

# **‘CATHOLICISM 101’ WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?**

***Sponsored by: St. Thomas Aquinas – Catholic Center at UCONN  
6:30-7:30—Student Union Room 410***

Sept. 20 – **“What’s So Great About Being Catholic?”**  
*Introduction to the Core Characteristics of Catholicism*

Oct. 10 – **“Who Is This Jesus?”**  
*Discussion on the identity of Jesus Christ*

Oct. 18 – **“Where Shall We Go To Hear God Speak?”**  
*Exploring approaches to God’s Revelation*

Nov. 7 – **“Sharing The Big Catholic Secret”**  
*Catholic Social Thought – An Introduction*

Nov. 14 – **“What Does God Ask Of Us?”**  
*Responses through the Ages / Responding to the Present*

Jan. 30 – **“Called to Question”**  
*Feminist/Liberation Theology and Spirituality*

Feb. 13 – **“Catholics: Who Are We?”**  
*How Does Church Understand Itself Today?*

Feb. 21 – **“Catholics: How Do We Look At The World?”**  
*Prayer, Sacraments, Sacramentality*

March 19 – **“What’s Sex Got To Do With It?”**  
*A Contemporary Look At Sexual Ethics*

April 17 – **“Table Fellowship: A Very Catholic Thing”**  
*Fellowship, Closing Session and Final Evaluation*

Some overall approaches we talked about:

- Perhaps begin each session with a prayer form which is repeated throughout the series. We could pick maybe two prayer forms and repeat them with adaptation to the topic of each session. For example, we could use the Examen to begin a number of sessions, especially the one on Divine Revelation).
- We like Tom Groome's 'Shared Christian Praxis Approach'. We will try to use this approach throughout the series.
- At the first session, students will be invited to put questions in a box – anonymous. We will look at these and distribute them to the presenters as the questions relate to given topics. We will also have an opportunity to entertain and discuss these questions at our final fellowship session. This session can follow up on questions not dealt with earlier. It also will be a time for a final evaluation. Also, it would be good to have an evaluation at the end of the first semester.
- Anything Else – Annemarie would like us to keep it open in terms of the initial prayer component in each session. We can adapt as we get to know what they are ready for, interested in, and open to – with regard to prayer forms.