A History of Canadian Catholics

SAH2447, SMH

Experimental science, colonial exploration, and religious missions grew in intensity in the seventeenth century and were extended to the Americas, Africa, and Asia. The evangelization of Canada began in the 17C, and the Recollets and the Jesuits expanded this work. The Catholic Church was officially established with the appointment of the first bishop of Quebec, and lay and religious volunteers spread Christianity to the Pacific coast. By the twentieth century, French, Irish, and Scottish Catholics had interfaced with the Aboriginals, Europeans, and Asians. Class requirements: attendance and participation; research essay; open book exam.

Textbooks
Weekly readings are found in *Historical Studies, 1933-2004:* See web site of the “Canadian Catholic Historical Association.”

Source Materials: Books and Articles
*Dictionary of Canadian Biography,* 14 vols, online.
*Canadian Periodical Index.*
*Bibliography of Canadian Religious History,* online.

Course Outline by Lectures
1. The Baroque Spirituality of New France (TF, “Missionary Origins,” Chapt. 1)
2. The Church after the British Conquest (TF, “Conquest,” Chapt. 2)
3. Maritime and Central Canadian Scots and Irish (TF, “Maritime Catholicism,” Chapt. 3)

4. Rise of Ultramontane Spirituality (TF, “Ultramontane Catholicism,” Chapt. 4)

5. Seeds of a More Open Church (TF, “Ultramontanes and Catholic Schools,” Chapt. 5)

6. Two Messianic Language Groups (TF, “Messianic Language Groups,” Chapt. 8)

7. Catholic Response to the Depression (TF. “Catholic Responses to the Depression,” Chapt. 10)

8. Secularism, Fascism, Nazism, Communism (TF, “Communism & Fascism,” Chapt. 11)

9. Quebecization of the Postwar Canadian Church (TF, “Communism & Fascism,” Chapt. 11)
10. Canadianization of Catholicism (TF, “Canadianization of Catholicism,” Chapt. 13)


Important Information

Seminar Report: The student will prepare a Seminar Report from the assigned readings for each session and hand it in to the instructor at the end of the class period.

Research Essay: Write a 12-page double-spaced (12 point font) research essay on an event in Canadian church history since the seventeenth century. In the introductory paragraph, establish a theme and list your three points. Through the essay sprinkle dates, places, persons and events. Sum up your theme and points in a conclusion. Include pagination, indent paragraphs, footnotes (I don’t read endnotes), and bibliography. Please indent paragraphs.

Open Exam: Write a three-page, double-spaced, typewritten essay. The essay should be a comprehensive review of course material and include a theme in the introduction, three points, and a conclusion. At the exam, present a summary of your essay orally at the classroom examination. This is a comprehensive display of what students learned during the term and includes a main theme, three points, and a conclusion.

Possible Topics for a 12-page Research Essay

1. 17C Jesuit missions
2. The founding of the church in Quebec
3. Amerindian Christians
4. Church after the Conquest
5. Catholic schools in the Maritimes, Quebec, or Ontario
6. Canadian ultramontane spirituality
7. 19C Oblate missions
8. Diplomatic recognition of the Holy See and Italian Government, 1929
9. Catholic responses to the Economic Depression of the 1930s
10. Catholics and Conscription
11. Catholic roots of the Quiet Revolution
12. Funding Ontario Catholic schools
13. Maritime roots of the western church
14. Canadian participation at the Second Vatican Council

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