



# ST. BERNARD'S

## SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Syllabus for St. Bernard's *Communio* Open Reading Group  
January 21<sup>st</sup> – September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### 1. January 21st The Mission & History of "Communio"

- Hans Urs von Balthasar, "Communio: A Program"
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- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, "Communio: A Program"
- Nicholas J. Healy, "Communio: A Theological Journey"
- Pope St. John Paul II, "Address to the Group Representing the Journal Communio"

### 2. February 18th Philosophy and the Distinctively Christian

- Hans Urs von Balthasar, "On the Tasks of Catholic Philosophy in Our Time"
- Henri de Lubac, "On Christian Philosophy"
- Chiara Lubich, "For a Philosophy that Stems from Christ"
- Stefan Oster, "Thinking Love at the Heart of Things: The Metaphysics of Being as Love in the Work of Ferdinand Ulrich"
- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, "Faith, Philosophy, and Theology"

### 3. March 18th Approaching Culture

- Tracey Rowland, "Joseph Ratzinger's Trinitarian Theology of Culture"
- John P. Hittinger, "John Paul II's Core Teaching on Culture"
- Matthew Lamb, "Inculturation and Western Culture: The Dialogical Experience Between Gospel and Culture"
- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, "Difficulties Confronting the Faith in Europe Today"
- David L. Schindler, "'The Religious Sense' and American Culture"
- Marc Ouellet, "Hans Urs von Balthasar: Witness to the Integration of Faith and Culture"

### 4. April 22nd Sacred Scripture

- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, "The New Covenant: A Theology of Covenant in the New Testament"
- Hans Urs von Balthasar, "Unity and Diversity in New Testament Theology"
- Ricardo Aldana, "The Triune God as the Unity of Scripture"



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- Marcellino D'Ambrosio, “*Ressourcement* Theology, *Aggiornamento*, and the Hermeneutics of Tradition”
- Ignace de la Potterie, “The Spiritual Sense of Scripture”
- Hans Urs von Balthasar, “God is His Own Exegete”
- Leo Scheffczyk, “Sacred Scripture: God’s Word and the Church’s Word”
- Rino Fisichella, “*Dei Verbum Audiens et Proclamans*: On Scripture and Tradition as Source of the Word of God”
- Jean-Yves Lacoste, “The Unfailing Witness: Notes on the Canon of Scripture”
- Peter Casarella and Robin Darling Young, “Spirit and History: The Intelligence of Scripture”
- Paolo Prospero, “*Novum in vetere latet, vetus in novo patet*: Toward a Renewal of Typological Exegesis”

### 5. May 20th Theological Anthropology

- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, “Man Between Reproduction and Creation: Theological Questions on the Origin of Human Life”
- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, “Truth and Freedom”
- John Paul II, “Meditation on Givenness”
- Henri de Lubac, “The Total Meaning of Man and the World”
- Walter Kasper, “The Theological Anthropology of *Gaudium et Spes*”
- Karl Lehmann, “The Place of Women as a Problem in Theology Anthropology”
- Livio Melina, “Homosexual Inclination as an ‘Objective Disorder’: Reflections of Theological Anthropology”
- David L. Schindler, “The Embodied Person as Gift and the Cultural Task in America: *Status quaestionis*”

### 6. June 17th Catholicity & Unity

- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, “The Ecclesiology of the Second Vatican Council”
- Hans Urs von Balthasar, “The Absoluteness of Christianity and the Catholicity of the Church”
- Remi Brague, “On the Christian Model of Unity: The Trinity”
- Emile Mersch, “The Whole Christ: On the Unity of the Church”
- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, “Unity of the Church – Unity of Mankind. A Congress Report”



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## **7. July 22nd Reductive Paradigms: Left/Right, Conservative/Progressive**

- Mark Lowery, “The Schindler/Weigel Debate: An Appraisal”
- David L. Schindler, “Once Again: George Weigel, Catholicism, and American Culture”
- Matthew Lamb, “Modernism and Americanism Revisited Dialectically: A Challenge for Evangelization”
- David L. Schindler, “Being Catholic in America”
- Jean-Pierre Batut, “Totalitarian Tendencies and the Perversion of Language”

## **8. August 19th Renewing the Tradition: Who & Why**

- Georges Bernanos, “Sermon of an Agnostic on the Feast of St. Therese”
- Maurice Blondel, “The Third ‘Testis’ Article”
- Adrienne von Speyr, “Holiness in the Everyday”
- Charles Peguy, “On the Mystery of Hope”
- Paul Claudel, “Religion and the Artist: Introduction to a Poem on Dante”

## **9. September 16th Charting New Paths Forward**

- Tracey Rowland, “Natural Law: From Neo-Thomism to Nuptial Mysticism”
- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, “Christian Universalism: On Two Collections of Papers by Hans Urs von Balthasar”
- Hans Urs von Balthasar, “On the Concept of Person”
- Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, “On the Notion of Person in Theology”
- D.C. Schindler, “Perfect Difference: Gender and the Analogy of Being”
- William Portier, “Thomist Resurgence”