

Young Adult Theology Seminar

for Young Adults Ages 18 - 35

**No Registration is required.....
Just come and join us!**

The Young Adult Theology Seminar is a college level theology class taught by Fr. Mario Arroyo, Pastor of St. Cyril of Alexandria. Each week we consider, from an in-depth theological perspective, church teaching and social issues that would be pertinent to young adult men and women in college or the working world

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The City of God

Augustine of Hippo's magnum opus *The City of God* is one of the greatest works of the Western intellectual tradition—so powerful, in fact, that one could argue all of Christian theology has been a series of footnotes to Augustine.

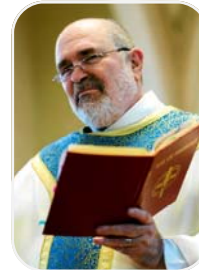
Written during the transition from antiquity to the rise of Christianity, it is one of the key texts in defining our ethical framework into the 21st century. Take the plunge with this profound survey of one of the world's truly great books.



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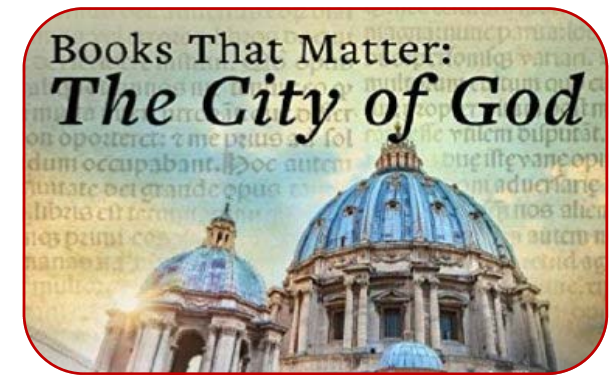
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Presents: **The City of God**

SESSIONS:

1. Your Passport to *The City of God*
2. Who Was Augustine of Hippo?
3. The Sack of Rome, 410 A.D.
4. Augustine's Pagan and Christian Audience
5. The Problem of Suffering (Book 1)
6. The Price of Empire (Books 2–3)
7. Augustine's Political Vision (Book 4)
8. Splendid Vices and Happiness in Hope (Book 5)
9. Public Religion in Imperial Rome (Books 6–7)
10. Who or What Is God? (Books 8–9)
11. Sacrifice and Ritual (Book 10)
12. Augustine's Critique of Rome (Books 1–10)
13. Metaphysics of Creation and Evil (Book 11)
14. Fall of the Rebel Angels (Book 12)
15. Augustine and Original Sin (Book 13)
16. The Two Cities and the Two Loves (Book 14)
17. Augustine's Scriptural History (Books 15–17)
18. Translating the *Imperium* (Book 18)
19. Happiness and Politics (Book 19)
20. Judgments, Last and Otherwise (Book 20)
21. Augustine's Vision of Hell (Book 21)
22. Heaven: The Self Redeemed (Book 22)
23. *The City of God* as a Single Book
24. *The City of God's* Journey through History

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The Scope of this seminar

Augustine started writing *The City of God* in 411 A.D. as a defense of Christianity after the sack of Rome—indeed, as a critique of the depravity of Rome itself. Yet by the time he completed the book more than 15 years later, he'd taken the offense, arguing in favor of a radical new relationship between humanity and the world. Modern readers, warily eyeing the book's imposing scale, may wonder:

What made this book so influential over the years?

What mysteries lie between its pages?

What relevance does the 1,600-year-old text have for our world today?

How should contemporary readers approach this monumental text?

Professor Mathewes guides you through the historical context of the earthly city, drawing a picture of Augustine's contemporary audience as well as a world in transition. Among other fascinating topics, you will learn about:

The sack of Rome by the Visigoths

Roman philosophies and religion

The politics and history of the empire

Roman spectacles and ideology

Antiquity through a scriptural survey

The Scope of this seminar - continued

A close reading of *The City of God* rewards you with deep insights into what it means to be human. With Professor Mathewes as your guide, this course is your chance to unpack the big questions about our life on Earth and what might come after. You'll see how, despite its scope, *The City of God* is not only accessible, but also just as relevant today as it was in the 5th century.

Meet the Presenter of the DVD Material

Dr. Charles Mathewes is Carolyn M. Barbour Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, where he teaches religious ethics, theology, and philosophy of religion. He earned his B.A. in Theology from Georgetown University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Religion from the University of Chicago.

From 2006 to 2010, Professor Mathewes served as editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, the flagship journal in the field of religious studies. He was Chair of the Committee on the Future of Christian Ethics for the Society of Christian Ethics, the inaugural Director of the Virginia Center for the Study of Religion, and he currently serves on the House of Bishops Theology Committee of the Episcopal Church.

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