THL1050-019
Suggested Subject Matter for Paper Topics

Here are some general areas you might consider when deciding upon a paper topic. This is not an all inclusive list of potential topics. The Paper should be 8-9 pages, utilizing Times New Roman 12 point font with one inch margins on right, left, top and bottom. Pages should be numbered and paper should be turned in stapled in the top left hand corner. All paper topics must be approved. Please turn in your paper topic at the beginning of class on November 18 and I will email each of you with my comments and suggestions later that day.

Feminist Christology and It’s implications for understanding of God, Jesus and the Church

Liberation Theology—Church related to the World.

Church in relation to War – Just/Unjust War Theory related to a specific conflict

Different Christian religions in relation with one another

Relationship between Roman Catholic Church and non-Christian religions

The Role and Mission of a ‘Catholic’ University

Sex Abuse within Religious Systems

Religious Law issues, such as male/female priests, birth control, sex, etc.

Relationship between Church and State in America

Church’s relationship to 18-22 year old believers/non-believers

Concept of God of Evolution for traditional religion

Study of Religious Practice/Belief/Worship/Expression

Remember, these are broad topic areas which will need further clarification/emphasis, not paper titles in se. The important thing is that the topic is something which interests you and will demonstrate your ability to apply the theological material presented in this class to the issue you choose. Ultimately, it will be important to gain something personally from having developed an informed (text/source supported) opinion about the topic you choose.

As mentioned in the syllabus, the paper will have the following components:

1. Title
2. Clear and concise introduction which coherently presents the theme of your paper and manner by which you plan to ‘present/prove’ your theme/hypothesis.
3. Development of theme/hypothesis with clear source/text support and careful citation of sources.
4. In addition to outside sources, a demonstrated engagement of course material (Wright/Johnson/Edwards/Foley/notes) with your theme/hypothesis
5. Organized conclusion which restates the theme and presents a well informed and developed PERSONAL OPINION about the matter being addressed.
6. Citation: Footnotes should use in-text format preferably at bottom of page (or in parenthesis in text). Bibliography (Sources Cited) should appear on separate page at the end of the work.