





# NEWMAN INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC THOUGHT AND CULTURE Future Seminars

## Future Seminars

[newmaninstitute.com](http://newmaninstitute.com)



### **Tolkien, Friendship, and the Pursuit of the Good, Part II ~ Dr. Helen Freeh**

The second semester on Tolkien's great trilogy, *The Lord of the Rings*, studies how friendship strengthens the individual as well as the community. Countering modern tendencies either to exalt or to isolate the individual, Tolkien's work demonstrates that the bond of friendship is essential for the common action needed to confront and defeat evil. We will read both *The Two Towers* and *The Return of the King*. Students need not have taken the first part of the course in the fall.



### **The Quest for Wisdom: An Introduction to Philosophy ~ Dr. David Arias**

Beginning in wonder and ending in wisdom, the discipline of philosophy seeks to satisfy our natural human desire to know what things are and why they are the way they are. In this seminar, we will follow Plato, Aristotle, and St. Thomas Aquinas as our principal guides in sketching answers to questions such as: What are the most fundamental causes of the universe?, Can we prove that God exists?, and, Are there moral absolutes?



### **The Integrated Life: The Business & Economics of Higher Purpose ~ Geoffrey Friesen**

The focus of this seminar is the study of Catholic Social Teaching and its application to Business. The course begins with an exploration of both the objective and subjective dimensions of human work articulated in a series of encyclicals by John Paul II. The course then moves on to discuss the necessity of Business for the promotion of the common good, human flourishing and Integral Human Development. An overarching goal is to promote a more complete integration of one's faith and work.

Evening seminars will meet on alternating weeknights from 7 - 8:30 PM. Nights soon to be determined. If we were to have a seminar during the lunch hour, 12-1 PM, which days would work best: \_\_\_ Tuesday, \_\_\_ Wednesday, or \_\_\_ Thursday.

Please rank the likelihood of taking these courses 1-2-3; where 1 is most likely.

- \_\_\_ Tolkien, Friendship, and the Pursuit of the Good, Part II
- \_\_\_ The Quest for Wisdom: An Introduction to Philosophy
- \_\_\_ The Integrated Life: The Business & Economics of Higher Purpose
- \_\_\_ On the Shoulders of Giants: Introduction to Patristics
- \_\_\_ "From Shadows to Truth": An Introduction to St. John Henry Newman
- \_\_\_ Keys to the Kingdom: Seven Encyclicals for the Modern World



## NEWMAN INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC THOUGHT AND CULTURE Future Seminars

### Future Seminars

[newmaninstitute.com](http://newmaninstitute.com)



#### **On the Shoulders of Giants: Introduction to Patristics ~ Dr. Pepino**

St. John Newman said of the Church Fathers: "They are witnesses to the fact of these doctrines having been received, not here or there, but everywhere . . . by all the Churches, down to our times, without interruption, ever since the apostles." What are the teachings of these early Christian writers whom Newman so deeply appreciated? What were their beliefs, hopes, and concerns? Do these mirror our own? In this seminar we shall delve deep into the writings of the first Christian centuries and become acquainted with such figures as Ignatius; Irenaeus; St. Athanasius; St. Augustine; St. Jerome . . . and come to an appreciation of their specific genius and their legacy for our own generation.



#### **"From Shadows to Truth": An Introduction to St. John Henry Newman ~ Dr. John Freeh**

An overview to Newman's life and thought, this seminar will study a selection of his sermons, prayers, hymns and poetry, along with excerpts from his greatest works, including *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, *Apologia pro Vita Sua*, *The Idea of a University*, and *The Dream of Gerontius*. It will emphasize Newman's hunger for truth, his capacity for friendship and his willingness to be led by God's "kindly light."

#### **Keys to the Kingdom: Seven Encyclicals for the Modern World ~ Dr. John Freeh**

From Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* to Benedict XVI's *Spe Salvi*, papal encyclicals deal with subjects ranging from capital and labor to faith and reason; from the sexual revolution, so-called, to the culture of relativism; from growing consumerism to the loss of hope in life's meaning and purpose. Over the centuries, popes have embraced their responsibility, in the words of Pope St. Pius X, to "guard with the greatest vigilance the deposit of faith delivered to the saints." This seminar will study seven of the most important encyclicals of recent times.

Evening seminars will meet on alternating weeknights from 7 - 8:30 PM. Nights soon to be determined. If we were to have a seminar during the lunch hour, 12-1 PM, which days would work best: \_\_\_ Tuesday, \_\_\_ Wednesday, or \_\_\_ Thursday.

Please rank the likelihood of taking these courses 1-2-3; where 1 is most likely.

- \_\_\_ Tolkien, Friendship, and the Pursuit of the Good, Part II
- \_\_\_ The Quest for Wisdom: An Introduction to Philosophy
- \_\_\_ The Integrated Life: The Business & Economics of Higher Purpose
- \_\_\_ On the Shoulders of Giants: Introduction to Patristics
- \_\_\_ "From Shadows to Truth": An Introduction to St. John Henry Newman
- \_\_\_ Keys to the Kingdom: Seven Encyclicals for the Modern World