

# Study of the Soul

## Course Description

This class will consider the powers and structure of the rational human soul from the Aristotelian-Thomistic philosophical tradition. Students will contemplate the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they perfect the soul. The students will learn how to put the virtues and gifts into practice to grow in the spiritual life of grace.

Wednesdays & Fridays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Instructor: R.D. Michael Hendershott, S.T.L.

## Schedule of Topics & Readings

The readings indicated should be prepared for the date given. This is essential for an adequate comprehension of the lectures. The readings may be modified at the teacher's discretion.

June 15 Wed	The Proper Understanding of a Valid Psychology The Ontological Structure of Man and His Acts	Ripperger Ch.1 & 2, pp. 1-18 Royo Marín I:1, pp. 23-29
June 17 Fri	The Cognitive Faculties I & II	Ripperger Ch.3, pp. 19-50 Royo Marín IV:5, pp. 428-435
June 22 Wed	Truth & Prudence The Will & Justice	Ripperger Ch. 5 & 7, pp. 72-80, 104-126 Royo Marín IV:6, pp. 436-465
June 24 Fri	The Sensitive Appetites and Passions (pt.1) Temperance (Concupiscible Appetites)	Ripperger Ch.8, pp. 127-140 Royo Marín IV:8, pp. 482-498
June 29 Wed	The Sensitive Appetites and Passions (pt.2) Fortitude (Irascible Appetites)	Ripperger Ch.8, pp. 140-171 Royo Marín IV:7, pp. 466-481
July 1 Fri	Habits, Virtues and Vices Infused Virtues	Ripperger Ch.10, pp. 199-219, (supplemental: Vol.2, Ch.4, pp. 382-387) Royo Marín I:4, pp. 54-72
July 6 Wed	Gifts of the Holy Spirit Fruits of the Holy Spirit	Ripperger Vol.2, Ch.5, pp. 388-416, (supplemental: Vol.2, Ch.6, pp. 417-433) Royo Marín I:5, pp. 73-92
July 8 Fri	Prudence	Ripperger Pt.2, Ch.1, pp. 716-757 Royo Marín I:5, pp. 92-103

## Items to be Acquired

1. *Introduction to the Science of Mental Health*, Fr. Chad Ripperger, Ph.D.
2. *Theology of Christian Perfection*, Antonio Royo Marín, O.P.
3. A notebook and pen/pencil to be brought to class

## Suggested Reading

1. *The Nature of the Human Soul*, Sr. Mary Angelica Neenan, O.P.

## **Purpose of the Course**

This course has four major aims:

1. To learn the structure of the soul, its powers, and object
2. To contemplate the simplicity and the complexity of the rational soul
3. To engage the powers of the soul and how to perfect them by the supernatural virtues and gifts of the Holy Ghost
4. To discern practical steps of how to live the virtue of supernatural prudence, right reason in action