Major Focus: Thomas More held no position as theologian in either university or episcopal curia. Nonetheless, his biography and writings present a man widely read in the teachings of the Church, in Sacred Scripture, and in the Fathers. He clearly thought about the essential doctrines and about their interrelationship one to another and the ways in which they illuminate reality. He thought across any number of contemporary disciplinary theological divisions – dogmatic, moral, spiritual, scriptural, historical – often articulating their speculative unity. As any theologian, More has particular themes that are important to his thinking, he has particular ways of understanding these themes in relation to the whole of Catholic doctrine, and he has particular ways of articulating his theological understanding of reality. This is especially evident in his Tower works.

Major Texts for our seminars:


Friday, 7 November 2014

-- arrival Friday morning --

4:00-5:30  Gorman A  The Theology of Thomas More’s Dialogue of Comfort Against Tribulation
Dr. John F. Boyle, Professor of Theology & Catholic Studies, U of St. Thomas, MN

5:45  Haggar Reception Room  Dinner

7:00-8:30  Haggar Board Room  Seminar: Dialogue of Comfort I

Saturday, 8 November 2014

[7:30  Mass - Church of the Incarnation, on UD’s campus]
8:00-8:50  Breakfast in Haggar Reception Room
9:00-10:30  Seminar: Dialogue of Comfort II [Haggar Board Room, all sessions]
11:00-12:30  Seminar: Dialogue of Comfort III
12:30  Lunch in Haggar Dining Room
2:00-3:30  Seminar: Dialogue of Comfort, I-III
4:00-5:30  Seminar: The Sadness of Christ
5:45-6:15  Review and Overview
6:30  Reception and dinner, Haggar Dining Room

Sunday, 9 November 2014

[7:30  Mass - Church of the Incarnation, on UD’s campus]
[8:15-8:50  Breakfast in Haggar Reception Room]

Objective of the Conference: to begin the work of understanding the theology of Thomas More