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M A Christian Studies

FIRT YEAR

I Christianity: Historical Overview

- a) Origin and the Apostolic Era
- b) Patristic Period
- c) Medieval Period and Reformation
- d) The Second Vatican Council and the aftermath
- e) Christianity in India and in Tamilnadu

II The Holy Bible

- a) The Pentateuch
- b) Prophetical Books
- c) Deutro-canonical Books
- d) The Four Gospels
- e) The Pauline Letters

III God in Christianity

- a) Theology of Faith and Revelation
- b) Theology of God, the Father
- c) Jesus the Nazarene, the Lord
- d) The Holy Spirit
- e) Eschatology

IV Mary, an Ecumenical Reading

- a) Mary in the Roman Catholic Church and in the Reformation Churches
- b) Ecumenical Dialogues on Mary
- c) Ecumenical Discussions on Marian Dogmas
- d) Basic Concerns of the Reformers Over Marian Teachings: An Ecumenical Discussion
- e) Mary and Women

SECOND YEAR

V Sacramental Theology: Ecumenical Perspectives

- a) Role of Symbols in Sacraments
- b) The Rite of Initiation
- c) Eucharist
- d) Marriage and Holy Orders
- e) Sin, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

VI Fundamentals of Moral Theology

- a) Foundations of Morality: Human Person, the Fundamental Option and Conscience Formation
- b) Family and Sexual Ethics
- c) Social Ethics
- d) Ecological Issues
- e) Ethics of Culture and Communication

VII Reformation and Renewal

- a) Reformers: Approaches and Principles
- b) A Renewal by Vatican II: A Historical Settings, Salient Features, and Summary
- c) Self-Understanding of the Church in Vatican II
- d) Church's Relationship with other Churches and Religions
- e) Church's Relationship with the World

VIII Laws in the Church

- a) The Role of Law in a Church
- b) Obligations and Rights of the Lay Faithful
- c) Laws Regarding the Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist
- d) Marriage laws
- e) Laws Governing CSI and CNI