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THE CATHOLIC IMAGINATION: A LITERARY HISTORY OF THE CHURCH
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Week	Works	Authors	Theme
Week 1	Perpetua and Felicity	Perpetua	Martyrdom
Week 2	Crowns of Martyrs	Prudentius	Martyrdom as literature
Week 3	Psychomachia	Prudentius	Allegorical battle within us all
Week 4	Consolation of Philosophy	Boethius	False hopes of the world and the ultimate good
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Week 6	Consolation of Philosophy	Boethius	False hopes of the world and the ultimate good
Week 7	Consolation of Philosophy	Boethius	False hopes of the world and the ultimate good
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Week 9	Beowulf		The Christianized Warrior
Week 10	Beowulf		The Christianized Warrior
Week 11	Anticlaudianus	Alan of Lille	Allegorical battle within (Part II)
Week 12	Anticlaudianus	Alan of Lille	Allegorical battle within (Part II)
Week 13	Parzival	Wolfram von Eschenbach	The rugged journey of the Christian life
Week 14	Parzival	Wolfram von Eschenbach	The rugged journey of the Christian life
Week 15	Parzival	Wolfram von Eschenbach	The rugged journey of the Christian life
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Week 17	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight		Virtues of knights and Christians
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Week 19	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight		Virtues of knights and Christians
Week 20	Scattered Poems (selections)	Petrarch	Competing loves
Week 21	Decameron (selections)	Boccaccio	Christian hope, the comedic version
Week 22	Decameron (selections)	Boccaccio	Christian hope, the comedic version
Week 23	Murder in the Cathedral	Eliot	Competing loyalties
Week 24	Four Quartets	Eliot	Christianity in the modern world
Week 25	Lord of the Rings	Tolkien	Catholic imagination in a non-Catholic imaginarium
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* Syllabus subject to modification by instructor.