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**Office of First-Year Experience**

A Division of Academic Affairs

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**Course:** UNIV 100 – Section H04    **Theme:** History & Politics

**Course Topic:** *Intro to American Catholicism*

**Description:** This course will explore American Catholicism through film, history and literature. We will examine the lives of some of American Catholicism's most important figures, including Dorothy Day and St. Katharine Drexel. We will also study important episodes in American Catholic history, including the Catholic schools movement, the Cristero rebellion, Spanish exploration in the Southwest, the Catholic Church's sexual abuse scandal, the Social Justice movement in the early 20th century, and Catholicism in film and popular culture. One unit will be devoted to Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, and to the Knights' battle with anti-Catholic prejudice in the 1920s.