

Syllabus for 8th Grade Religion

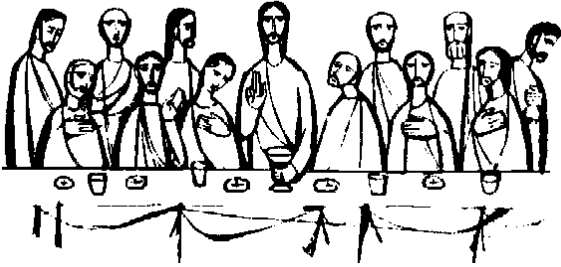
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Materials

Student Handbook: *Spirit of Truth, The Communion of the Faithful*, Sophia Institute Press \$15 through St. Joe's
Youcat (Youth Catechism) Ignatius Press, purchase on your own

Students will also need:

- Composition Notebook to be used as prayer journal (ONLY composition style)
- accordion style File Folder with closing flap
- pencils, pens, 1 highlighter, 1 glue stick

Course Description

All students are required to learn the Doctrines, Teachings, and Practices of the Catholic faith as passed onto the Church through *Sacred Scripture* and *Sacred Teachings (Traditions)* of the Apostles. The 8th grade religion course, *Church History*, begins with the revelation of our Triune God. What does it mean for humanity to be created in the Image and Likeness of an all-loving God who lives in communion (relationship) as 3 Divine Persons? Jesus reveals God to all humanity and institutes a Church through his Apostles to begin his kingdom on earth and lead us to heaven. Eight graders will follow the progression of the Catholic Church and Her history from the First Century with the Apostles and the missionary trips of St. Paul. The Church continues to grow and spread despite constant persecutions, invasions, wars and changing civilizations. Only through the Holy Spirit could the institution of the Catholic Church grow and flourish. The students learn how their call to holiness can be lived out through the one church founded by Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church, in their time in history and in their culture.

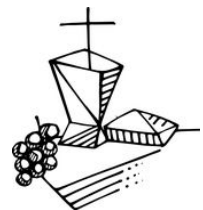
In class, we are using the *Youcat*, which is the Youth Catechism that was developed with Pope Benedict to help youth learn and understand the teachings of the Church.

The *Spirit of Truth* textbook uses videos, religious and sacred art, memorization of Scripture and an exploration of the lives of the Saints as some of the means by which to learn the faith and encounter Jesus Christ.

Catholic Bibles are provided and used in the classroom and *strongly encouraged* to have at home. CCC 104 In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, "but as it really is, the word of God".

Supplemental Materials: Video Series on the Catechism of the Catholic Church called "Chosen" by Ascension Press and Teachings on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, *Virtues in Practice* Handbook with weekly lessons.

Weekly Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated and student participation expected. This is a 'Dress-Up' day. See student handbook. Find link at www.stjoesjrhs.org



Topics of study in the *Spirit of Truth* materials

<p>Unit 1: Personal Growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Made in the Image and Likeness of God ➤ Vocation of Love ➤ Society ➤ Relationships Build the kingdom ➤ Social Responsibility ➤ God Calls Us to be in Relationship with Him 	<p>Unit 2: Church History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nature and Mission of the Catholic Church ➤ Jesus to AD 100: Witness of the Saints ➤ AD 100-1800: History and Witness ➤ AD 1800 to the Present ➤ “To the End of the Age”: Future of the Church ➤ Universal Call to Sainthood
<p>Unit 3: Morality: Christian Living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conscience and Our Obligation to Form it. ➤ 10 Commandments ➤ Jesus is model of Holiness ➤ The Beatitudes ➤ Temptation and Reality of Sin 	<p>Unit 4: Citizen and the Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Just War <p>Unit 5: God’s Plan for Love and Marriage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Male and Female: Imago Dei ➤ Theology of the Body ➤ Sacrament of Marriage

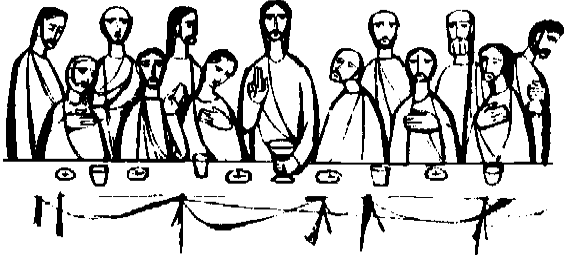
Classroom Expectations

Students should come to class with Student Workbook, Prayer Journal, accordion style folder, pen or pencil and highlighter. Students should exhibit an attitude of openness and respect for one another’s faith journey and experience. There are many opportunities for small group discussions. Be mindful of sharing quietly so all groups can hear one another. I have added my own collection of religious books and students are welcome to borrow from the class library. If a student is absent, *he/she* is expected to follow up with the teacher in person or by email to get missed work and/or arrange to take a make-up test/quiz. All religion assignments can be found in Google Classroom. There are no retakes for tests and quizzes. Students are expected to study and provide their best effort for each and every assignment and assessment. All assigned work is expected to be completed and turned in in a timely manner.

Students will be graded on:	School Grading Scale
<p>Prayer Journal. Prayer Journal is checked daily. It is a tool meant to increase the habit of daily prayer and the virtue of prayerfulness. The content of the prayer should reflect the type assigned and best effort. 0-2 points.</p>	<p>A+ 97-100 A 93-96 A- 91-92</p>
<p>Unit quizzes and tests Points vary, typically 10-25 points</p>	<p>B+ 89-90 B 85-88 B- 83-84</p>
<p>In class work includes a worksheet and/or pages in student workbook done in small groups, as a class or independently. Some are graded. Typically 5-10 points</p>	<p>C+ 81-82 C 78-80 C- 76-77</p>
<p>An extended project each semester 1st semester: The Art of Fishing in the Bible, multi part Project . 2nd semester: Youcat Reflections Packet</p>	<p>D+ 74-75 D 72-73 D- 70-71</p>

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By signing this form, you acknowledge that you have thoroughly read the 8th grade Syllabus

Name: _____

Period: _____

Parent's (Guardian) Name/Signature: _____

Date: _____