

Freshmen Theology ~ Intro to Catholicism

COURSE OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this entry-level course is to introduce the basic doctrinal, sacramental and moral life of the Church while reminding the individual of their personal call to holiness. It presents a summary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and is intended to help illustrate the major points of the Catholic faith for students from diverse backgrounds.

COMPETENCIES

1. To know the main tenants of the Catholic Faith with a general knowledge of the major concepts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
2. To gain a basic understanding of Catholic doctrine, teachings, traditions, rituals and worship.
3. To begin to understand the foundational mysteries of the Catholic faith with regard to the Trinity, Sacraments and Revelation.
4. To initiate comprehension of the significance of the person of Jesus to history as well as to our religious development.
5. To have students gain an appreciation of the meaning of the Catholic faith at the personal and affective level.

CONTENT OUTLINE

This course outline will follow the text “Catholic Essentials” and thus will be organized around the major concepts of the Apostles’ and Nicene Creed. The Bible and Catechism are sighted throughout the text and will be used in a complementary fashion with the text as well as for independent study.

EVALUATION STRATEGIES

1. Objective and subjective testing and quizzes
2. Reports and research topic papers
3. Class projects
4. Homework
5. Class Participation

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGIES

1. Lecture
2. Small & Large group discussion
3. Directed reading
4. Research notes
5. Structured experiences
 - a. Skits
 - b. Games
 - c. Creative expression through art, prayer and reflection
6. Worksheets
7. Audiovisual usage

RESOURCES

In addition to the Catechism, the Holy Bible and the course textbook,

Many audiovisuals

- a. VCR/DVD recordings
- b. Movies
- c. Internet access
- d. Current periodicals
- e. Magazines

All are accessible and frequently used to reinforce major concepts of this course

Calculating Grades

Each student will be graded in each of the following areas:

Tests (approximately every 2 weeks) **50%**

Quizzes (announced & unannounced) **30%**

Class participation (homework + behavior + preparedness for class) **20%**

Projects (turned in on time and directions followed) (Usually worth 1 test grade)

Contact Information

- Check www.shhslions.com for weekly updates and assignments
- E-mail me at maserra@shhslions.com and use students name in subject & class period in subject for safety.
- Immediate concerns which need to be answered by the end of the school day –
- **856-691-4491 ext.1105 and leave a message.**
- If you are picking up your child or are in the area and wish to speak with me, I am usually at school til 3:30PM and my room is just down the hall from the main office.