

Senior Theology ~ Intro to Catholicism

COURSE OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this advanced-level course is to expand on the theological principles learned previously and find ways to implement them in the world today. There is an in depth study of Catholic Social Teachings, Discernment of Vocation and the Theological aspects of the Human Body.

COMPETENCIES

1. To know the main issues of Catholic Social Justice.
2. To gain a basic understanding of the effects of Catholic Social teaching on the world.
3. To foster the discernment process for their future lives.
4. To initiate comprehension of the significance of the human body as a gift from God.
5. To develop a global understanding of their role in society.

CONTENT OUTLINE

This course outline will come from the following text: Catholic Social Teaching ~ Pennock, Vocation Our Response to God's Call ~ Stark, Theology of the Body for Teens ~ Evert. 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. Students will be expected to also have a general knowledge of current events and how they will affect society as a whole.

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 2-3 weeks) **50%** (**It is encouraged that every student do “Faith in Action” projects to increase your test score**)
- ✚ Quizzes (announced & unannounced) **25%**
- ✚ Class participation (homework + behavior + preparedness for class) **25%**
- ✚ **This is Your World** assignments comprise a large part of this Grade.
- ✚ 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 till` 3:30PM and my room is just down the hall from the main office.