

**Grade – 11 & 12 Curriculum
Year One**

BOOK ONE – UNDERSTANDING THE CATECHISM - MORALITY

Chapter 1 – Basics of Catholic Morality: Be Who You Are!

- Christian moral living
- A Christian view of a human person
- God created us for happiness
- Special role of the Beatitudes
- Freedom
- Free will
- Morality
- Spiritual characteristics

Chapter 2 – Moral Acts, Passions and Conscience

- Basics of Catholic morality as expressed in Sacred Scripture and Church teachings
- The sources of morality: object chosen, intention, circumstances, role of passions
- Moral conscience
- Two principles of conscience
- An examination of conscience
- DECIDE method of conscience formation
- The role passions play in influencing our moral decision-making

Chapter 3 – Virtues and Sin

- The virtues and moral life
- The cardinal virtues
- The theological virtues
- Gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Sin – original and personal sin, mortal sin, venial sin
- Vices
- Sin increases
- Understanding sin as a failure to love, directed to God, neighbor, or self
- Our social nature: A key ingredient to moral living
- The person and society
- Four fundamental truths of social justice

Chapter 4 – Law, Grace, Church

- Identify the terms Decalogue, grace, justification, merit,
- Precepts of the Church
- The moral Law
- Eternal law
- Natural law

- Revealed law
- Understand the relationship between grace, justification, merit, and holiness
- Distinguish between the several types of grace
- Familiarize themselves with the words of the Ten Commandments

Chapter 5 – First Three Commandments: Loving God Above All

- The First Commandment
- Faith, Hope, and Love
- The virtue of religion
- Offenses against faith – heresy, apostasy, schism
- Offenses against hope – despair
- Offenses against love – religious indifference, neglecting of refusing God’s love, outright hatred of God
- Violations of the First Commandment – superstition, idolatry, divination, atheism, sacrilege, and agnosticism
- The Second Commandment
- Values taught by the Second Commandment
- Actions contrary to the Second Commandment – perjury and blasphemy
- The Third Commandment
- The values taught by the Third Commandment
- Keeping Sunday holy

Chapter 6 – The Fourth Commandment: Loving the Family

- Honor, Respect, Obedience
- Honoring parents
- The family in God’s plan
- The Domestic Church
- Governments and the family
- Duties and responsibilities
- The duties of children
- The duties of parents
- The duties of civil authorities and citizens

Chapter 7 – The Fifth Commandment: Love and Respect Life

- The sacredness of human life
- God is the author of life
- Defense of ones own life
- Capital punishment
- Actions Contrary to the Fifth Commandment: murder, abortion, euthanasia, and suicide
- Respect for the dignity of persons
- Spiritual life of others
- Healthy lifestyle
- Medical and scientific research

- Integrity of the human body
- Caring for the dying and the dead
- Working for peace
- Anger and hatred, war, arms race

Chapter 8 – The Sixth and Ninth Commandments: Respect Sexuality

- The mystery of human love and communion
- Human sexuality
- The virtue of chastity
- The pure of heart
- The virtues of modesty and purity
- Actions contrary to the virtue of chastity: masturbation, fornication, pornography, prostitution, rape, and homosexual acts
- Marriage: the marriage covenant – fidelity, fecundity, contraception
- Offenses against the marriage covenant: concupiscence, adultery, divorce, polygamy, incest, and free union

Chapter 9 – The Seventh and Tenth Commandments: Live Justly

- Justice and charity
- The virtue of temperance
- Covetousness, greed, avarice, and envy
- Respect for another's property: theft, slavery, gambling, stewardship
- Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church
- Peace and Justice
- The foundations of the social order
- Work
- Global solidarity
- Special love for the poor
- Works of mercy

Chapter 10 – The Eighth Commandment: Speak and Live the Truth

- Truth
- God is Truth
- Jesus, “The Truth”
- Dishonoring the Truth and the Eighth Commandment: lying, hypocrisy, bragging, false witness and perjury, rash judgment, detraction and calumny, irony, gossip, flatter, adulation, complaisance
- Society and the truth
- Truth and media
- Truth, beauty, and art
- Living the Ten Commandments

BOOK TWO – UNDERSTANDING THE CATECHISM – PRAYER

Chapter 1 – Cultivating the Soil

- What is Prayer?
- Recognizing God in the ordinary
- Prayer as God’s Gift
- Humility
- Prayer as Covenant
- Prayer as Communion

Chapter 2 – The Revelation of Prayer: Our Yearning for God

- The universal call to prayer
- Our ancestors’ experience of God through prayer
- Creation
- Abraham: the Prayer of Faith
- Moses: the Prayer of Intercession
- David: the Prayer of the People of God
- Elijah: the Prayer of Conversion
- The Psalmist: the Prayer of Assembly

Chapter 3 – In the Fullness of Time

- God is revealed in Christ
- Jesus prays – “Abba, Father”
- The Spirit guides us
- Jesus models prayer
- Prayer of Solitude
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Prayer of Inclusion
- Jesus teaches us how to pray
- Prayer of Conversion
- Prayer in Jesus’ Name
- The Prayer of Mary

Chapter 4 – The Church, a Living History of Gratitude

- The Prayer of the Church
- Forms of Prayer
 - Blessing and Adoration
 - Petition
 - Intercession
 - Thanksgiving
 - Praise

Chapter 5 – Living Water

- Fed by the Holy Spirit
- The Spirit is our Teacher
- The practice of prayer
- Fed by the Word of God

- Reading Sacred Scripture
- Meditating on Sacred Scripture
- Fed by the Liturgy of the Church
- Prayer of the Church
- The Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope, and Love
- Importance of the significance of faith, hope, and love in a Christian's life of prayer
- Praying always

Chapter 6 – The Way of Prayer

- The living tradition of Prayer
- Words, signs, and symbolic actions
- Singing and music
- Art, sacred images, and iconography
- The journey to God: The way of Prayer
- Prayer to the Father
- Prayer to Jesus
- Prayer to the Holy Spirit
- Prayer to and in Communion with Mary: the Hail Mary, and the Rosary

Chapter 7 – Guides for Prayer Along the Way

- Companions: basic questions, seeking advice, a cloud of witnesses
- Servants of prayer: the Christian family, ordained ministers, religious orders, catechists, prayer groups, spiritual directors
- Places favorable for prayer: personal prayer space, church, monasteries and convents, pilgrimages

Chapter 8 – The Life of Prayer

- The rhythm of prayer: daily prayer, Eucharistic Prayer, liturgical year
- Expressions of Prayer
- Vocal Prayer
- The Prayer of Meditation
- Methods of Meditation: scripture, sacred images, contemplation
- The battle of prayer
- Obstacles of Prayer
- Trust and perseverance
- It is always possible to pray
- Prayer is vital and necessary
- Prayer and the Christian life are inseparable
- The Prayer of the Hours of Jesus

Chapter 9 – The Lord's Prayer

- Prayer of Jesus

- Jesus teaches us to pray
- The fundamental Christian Prayer
- At the Center of Sacred Scripture
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Prayer of the Lord
- A Prayer of Our Heart
- The Prayer of the Church
- Apostolic tradition
- Liturgical Prayer

Chapter 10 – The Seven Petitions of the Lord's Prayer

- Our Father
- We dare to say Father
- Who art in heaven
- The first three petitions
 - Hallowed Be Thy Name
 - Thy Kingdom Come
 - Thy Will Be Done on Earth As It Is in Heaven
- The last four petitions
 - Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread
 - And Forgive Us Our Trespases, As We Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us
 - And Lead Us Not Into Temptation
 - But Deliver Us From Evil
- The Final Doxology
 - For the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Are Yours, Now and Forever
 - Amen!