



~THEOLOGY~

THEOLOGY 9

Two Semesters Grade 9

This course is intended as a survey of the major beliefs, traditions, and understanding of the Catholic Church. The course addresses the distinctiveness of Catholicism, the interrelationships among faith, theology, doctrine, and discipleship, the meaning of human existence, the mystery of the triune God, and Church history. The second semester focuses on the rich tradition of sacramental theology that is fundamental to Catholicism. The course seeks to engage students in an encounter with this essential dimension of Catholic life so that they can better appreciate the meaning underlying the sacraments and the relation between the sacraments and their own life.

JUDEO-CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Two Semesters Grade 10

The first half of this course is an overview of the Hebrew Scriptures. It includes the history of the development of the writings, a study of important stories, individuals and themes, and the application of the message of the Scriptures to the life of the student. The second half is an introductory course to the major themes, literary forms, history and culture of the Christian Scriptures. Through extensive reading of scriptural passages, students will be introduced to the Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, letters, and the book of Revelation. Students will be challenged to explore the relationship between the Christian Scriptures and their own lives.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

First Semester Grade 11

This course presents to the students the Christian concept of justice. It examines a number of social issues from the perspective of Catholic social teaching, including but not limited to, capital punishment, civil rights, and defense of the poor and marginalized. It also examines the relationship between the teachings of the Church and the daily life of the student and what they can do to promote justice in their local communities and the world itself. Students will demonstrate the ability to solve problems and think critically by effectively completing group and individual projects that will heighten their own understanding of social justice within local and global contexts.

WORLD RELIGIONS

Second Semester Grade 11

This course examines the variety of religious beliefs by studying major world religions. The major portion of the course involves studies of Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Judaism. Students will also study the influence of religion on the development of culture and society.

LIFE CHOICES

First Semester Grade 12

This course will study the three vocational paths: single life, religious life and married life. The course will present the characteristics of healthy relationships within these paths and will discuss their theoretical and practical aspects. Course topics include: psycho-social sexual development, interpersonal compatibility, the Christian understanding of and approach to marriage, parenting and family life.

DOCTRINE & THEOLOGY

Second Semester Grade 12

This course will study the development and interpretation of the concept of doctrine, and some of the specific doctrines in the Catholic Church. The natures of God, Jesus Christ, human persons, revelation, grace, and faith are analyzed. These doctrines will be examined from the perspective of classical and contemporary theology.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Two semesters Grades 11-12

PREREQUISITE: Department approval.

This course trains students to be witnesses to the Christian community. Students explore three main areas of learning: personal spiritual growth, theological foundations of ministry and practical skill development. Students will be placed into teams and, under the direction of the Campus Minister, they will plan and facilitate retreats and liturgical celebrations for the school community.