

St. Francis Borgia Christian Formation Program
Middle School Curriculum and Objectives
2009-2010

Grade 7-Wednesday

Curriculum: Call to Faith, Harcourt Religion Publishers
Morality-December/January
Kingdom of God- March/April
Sacraments (Home Work)

Work at Home Material: *Sacraments* Content Summary

- As members of the Church, we know that Christ continues to be with us and take care of us in the sacraments.
- As Christ first welcomed and fed his followers, we are welcomed, nourished, and belong to the Church through the three Sacraments of Initiation.
- As Catholics, we know that God heals us spiritually, emotionally, and sometimes physically in the Sacraments of Healing.
- The sacraments strengthen us to be faithful to our commitments and our relationships.

09/30 Welcome Back to Class Mass 6:30PM

Objectives/Schedule:

12/02 Learning about LIFE: A Family-Based Program on Relationships and Abuse Prevention directed by St. Francis Borgia Staff

- This session is designed to help parents discuss with their children in grades 7 and 8 some basic concepts concerning the four kinds of relationships that spell the acronym LIFE (Love, Infatuation, Friendship, Exploitation).

Sawyer, K. & Amidei, K. (2006). *Learning about Life*. Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press

12/09 Freedom and Responsibility

- The learner will understand the kinds of choices that lead them away from God.
- The learner will explore what determines whether an action is good.
- The learner will practice the steps for making moral decisions and understand the tools they can use to build a well-informed conscience.

12/16 Valuing Life

- The learner will explore the basic Catholic belief that every person has dignity that comes from being made in the image and likeness of God.
- The learner will understand that the value of human beings is not determined by their usefulness.
- The learner will explore how the Church reflects Jesus' example of honoring life.

01/06 Being Virtuous

- The learner will know the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity (love).
- The learner will explore how the cardinal, or moral, virtues help us respect ourselves and act with integrity.
- The learner will consider behaviors that do not build up excellence in their lives.
- The learner will identify ways to practice the virtues by standing up for excellence.

01/13 Honoring God

- The learner will understand that the Christina's challenge is to put God first, above all else.
- The learner will know and apply the meaning of the first three commandments to their lives.
- The learner will identify attitudes and behaviors that jeopardize their relationship with God.
- The learner will name ways that they can help lead other to God.

01/20 Honoring Family Members

- The learner will explore the concept of filial respect and the responsibilities family members have to one another.
- The learner will recognize the Holy Family as the model for us of what family life should be.
- The learner will discover what contributes to healthy relationships in their families.
- The learner will explore practical things they can do to invest in a healthy and holy family life.

Work at Home Sessions: Everyone's Dignity/ Faith In Action: Catholic Social Teaching

- The learner will explore the concept of human dignity and the common good.
- The learner will discover ways they can promote the rights of all people.
- The learner will understand the roots of social sin, and their personal responsibility to respect the dignity of all people.
- The learner will be challenged to become peacemakers in our daily lives.

02/17 Mass-Ash Wednesday 7:00PM

03/10 Act with Justice

- The learner will know what the dignity of the human person means and what that dignity demands for every human being.
- The learner will explore ways that they can be a person of justice by examining their attitudes, relationships, and their interaction with the world.
- The learner will identify the values of the kingdom of God.

03/17 Our Reason for Hope

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- The learner will explore the virtue of hope and how it relates to our outlook on death.
- The learner will understand what the Church teaches about heaven, hell, and purgatory.
- The learner will explore the meaning of Jesus' second coming and the last judgment.

03/24 The Communion of Saints

- The learner will investigate the connection that we have to the Communion of Saints.
- The learner will discover a variety of sacramentals and learn how to use them to enrich their spiritual journey.
- The learner will look at religious art and icons as a way to honor those who are important in our faith.

04/14 Saints: Examples for Living

- The learner will understand the significance of Mary's 'yes' and her role in God's plan.
- The learner will learn how the Church honors Mary as the greatest of all saints.
- The learner will examine our universal call to holiness.

04/21 From Age to Age

- The learner will investigate the history of the Church and the blessing and challenges.
- The learner will discover that in times of struggle the Church has always come back to her core values.
- The learner will understand that amidst the struggles of today, we are called to read the signs of the times and live out the mission of the Church.

04/28 Called By God

- The learner will understand the importance of family and community in discovering their unique gifts.
- The learner will explore what it means to live out a vocation and understand discernment.
- The learner will learn about responding to God's call through the married life, becoming a priest, entering the consecrated life, or as a committed single person.

Faith In Action: Catholic Social Teaching

- The learner will understand the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.
- The learner will explore their personal responsibility for sharing their time, talents, and possessions with those in need.