

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

**Grade 8-Wednesday**

**Curriculum:** Call to Faith, Harcourt Religion Publishers  
Revelation-December/January  
Trinity-March/April

**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 God our Creator**

- The learner will explore God's gift of creation by reflection on its many characteristics.
- The learner will identify what makes humans unique and how that is part of God's plan for them
- The learner will discover the attributes of God.
- The learner will understand God's love for them and how other people reveal God to them.

**12/16 In God's Image**

- The learner will understand that Jesus is our model for living our friendship with God the Father.
- The learner will explore the meaning of covenant and God's covenant with his Chosen People.
- The learner will understand the Ten Commandments and their meaning of our lives today.

**01/06 Knowing God Through Scripture**

- The learner will discover how God speaks to them through the Scriptures.
- The learner will understand that the four Gospels record the truth of the life and ministry of Jesus.
- The learner will identify the literary forms found in the Bible.
- The learner will connect situation from their lives to guidance found in Scripture.

**01/13 Jesus: Sign of God's Love**

- The learner will understand God's unconditional love through the relationship of Jesus the Son and God the Father.
- The learner will explore Jesus' invitation to live in a close and intimate relationship with God the Father.
- The learner will know the new law of love proclaimed by Jesus and planted with in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**01/20 The Call to Holiness**

- The learner will understand that the Church is a sign of the holiness of God.
- The learner will explore their personal call to holiness.
- The learner will identify the ways that the Church helps us grow in holiness, especially through prayer and worship.
- The learner will understand that a life of holiness is built on love.

**Work at Home: Faith and Tradition/ Faith In Action: Catholic Social Teaching**

- The learner will understand God's revelation as contained within Scripture and the lived Tradition of the Church.
- The learner will explore faith as a gift from God and a free human choice and action.
- The learner will reflect on their experience of creation.
- The learner will understand the Church's teaching on the care for creation.

**02/17 Mass-Ash Wednesday 7:00PM****03/10 God is Trinity**

- The learner will explore how God has been and is always present.
- The learner will know that the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to show us the way to him and to bring salvation to all.
- The learner will know that Jesus promised the Holy Spirit as guide and counselor to the Church.

**03/17 Jesus Word of God****Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- The learner will know that Jesus is the son of God, and is the eternal Word of God, existing for all time.
- The learner will reflect on Mary, the Mother of God.
- The learner will explore the wonder of the Incarnation, Jesus and both true God and true man.

**03/24 Holy Spirit Comforter and Guide**

- The learner will discover why the Holy Spirit was sent to us.
- The learner will identify the role of the Holy spirit in their lives and in the Church.
- The learner will explore what the Holy Spirit does, and what we can do in the Church to benefit our brothers and sisters.

**04/14 Jesus Reveals the Trinity**

- The learner will discover how Jesus reveals the Trinity.
- The learner will understand how the Holy Spirit helps build unity.
- The learner will reflect on how we can open the gift of God's grace, power, and love in our lives.

**04/21 We Are Christ's People**

- The learner will understand why the Church is called the People of God.
- The learner will identify ways that the family is the domestic Church.
- The learner will discover ways they are called to live out the mission of Jesus.

**04/28 Temple of the Holy Spirit**

- The learner will understand that we are Temples of the Holy Spirit.
- The learner will identify the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.
- The learner will come to know that the Church is both visible and spiritual.

**Faith In Action: Catholic Social Teaching**

- The learner will understand the Church's teaching on the life and dignity of the human person.
- The learner will learn that racism is a violation of dignity of the human person and is a sin.
- The learner will explore ways to uphold and defend the dignity of people.