

**St. Francis Borgia Christian Formation Program
2011-2012 High School Curriculum and Objectives**

Grade 10- Wednesday

Curriculum: St. Mary's Press: Total Catechesis, The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth*
The Catholic Youth Bible (NRSV)

Objectives/Schedule:

11/01 Mass-Solemnity of All Saints 7PM

11/02 All Saints/The Last Things (Chapter 13 P. 123)

- The learner will explore the Church's view of death and last things.
- The learner will identify the characteristics of particular people who, by living with extraordinary faith, provide the Church today with examples of the life of holiness we are all called to by God.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

11/09 Knowing God: Reason and Revelation (Chapter 2 P. 20)/ New Roman Missal Translation

- The learner will gain insight into the Catholic Church's understanding of Revelation and its transmission.
- The learner will understand how Catholics come to know the truth about God and why that has meaning for their lives.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

11/16 Praying With Scripture (Chapter 34 P. 332)/ New Roman Missal Translation

- The learner will establish connections between reading and praying the Scriptures.
- The learner will identify key scriptural texts that are significant to his or her continual faith development.
- The learner will develop an understanding of the Scriptures as a useful tool in deepening his or her prayer life.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

11/30 Advent/Social Justice (Chapter 22)

- The learner will understand the four foundations of Catholic social teaching: the common good, political responsibility, human dignity, and solidarity.
- The learner will discover the biblical roots of social justice.
- The learner will explore the interdependent relationship between service and justice.

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12/07 Mass of Anticipation-Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation 7PM

01/04 Challenges of Prayer (Chapter 33 P. 323)

- The learner will be presented with the difficulties involved in praying and encouraged to discuss ways of overcoming those difficulties.
- The learner will examine and discuss the various misperceptions about prayer.
- The learner will explore the kind of effort needed to develop a solid prayer life.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

01/11 Introduction to Christian Morality (Chapter 21 P. 206)

- The learner will be introduced to the Church's teaching on morality.
- The learner will understand the meaning in Catholic Tradition of beatitude, free will and sin.
- The learner will realize that all humans are created in the image and likeness of God.
- The learner will apply the three factors for determining the morality of individual human actions: the action itself, the intent, and the circumstances.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

01/18 Sources of Moral Truth (Chapter 23 P. 226)

- The learner will recognize natural law as part of human nature.
- The learner will appreciate the relationship between the Old Law (the Ten Commandments) and the New Law (the law of the Gospel).
- The learner will be able to identify the laws, or precepts, of the Church.
- The learner will discover ways to integrate these laws with the formation of conscience.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

01/25 Honoring God (Chapter 24 P. 236)

- The learner will explore what it means to put God above all things.
- The learner will realize that everyday speech is a powerful tool for serving God.
- The learner will develop strategies for observing the Sabbath.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

02/22 Mass-Ash Wednesday 7:00PM**03/07 Lent/Respecting Life (Chapter 26 P. 253)**

- The learner will recognize that the foundation of the fifth commandment is the fact that all humans are created in the image of God
- The learner will understand how life issues- such as capital punishment, war, abortion, genetic engineering, euthanasia, suicide, and scandal-are related to the fifth commandment.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

03/14 Large Group/Respecting Sexuality (Chapter 27 P. 265)

- The learner will understand that marriage is the appropriate place for the full expression of the gift of sexuality.
- The learner will explore the value of chastity in marriage and in single life.
- The learner will understand how sexual sin separates us from God's plan and how chastity strengthens our relationship with God.
- The learner will confront the sexual temptations of today's culture.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

03/21 Respecting Material Goods (Chapter 28 P. 276)**Participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- The learner will understand the Church's teaching on the seventh commandment with respect to stealing.
- The learner will be aware of the application of the tenth commandment to the dangers of materialism and envy.
- The learner will consider the best way to serve God through vocation, work, and wealth.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

03/28 Respecting Truth (Chapter 29 P. 285)

- The learner will understand the importance of truth and the harm of lying.
- The learner will experience the power of words to make or break confidences and reputations.
- The learner will realize how important a foundation of truth is for society and how necessary reparations are when truth is violated.

Talk Points: Read the Session Summary sheet and discuss the talk points with a family member.

04/18 Easter/The Moral Life

- The learner will understand and learn how to cultivate the cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude.
- The learner will understand the value and the source of the theological virtues: faith, hope and charity.
- The learner will appreciate the meaning and importance of forgiveness and grace in living a Christian moral life.

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04/25 Learning about LIFE: A Family-Based Program on Relationships and Abuse Prevention directed by St. Francis Borgia Staff

- This session is designed to help adolescents in grades 9 and 10 and their parents to review (or to learn) 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

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