



Sophomore Theology

Fall 2014

Syllabus for: Mr. Anderson

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Course Description: The purpose of this course is to help students understand all that God has done for us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Students will learn that God has planned for us to share eternal happiness with him, which is accomplished through the redemption Christ won for us. Students will be introduced to what it means to be a disciple of Christ and what life as a disciple entails.

Textbooks: *The Mystery of Redemption* and *The New American Bible*.

- Each class will begin with a reading from Sacred Scripture—bring bibles daily.
- Leaving textbooks or other property in the classroom is not allowed.

Supplemental Reading: Students will be expected to do outside reading on topics assigned by the teacher. This may be in the form of handouts, websites, or a book. The student will also be required to watch class related videos that are easily accessible on the internet for homework.

Course Projects/Requirements: See Campus Ministry regarding service hours. A written project will be assigned and must be presented in class. You may use these websites as sources in your project. Any other website must be approved by the teacher in advance.

www.vatican.va

www.catholic.com

www.ewtn.org

www.usccb.org

www.newadvent.org

Class Grading System: The student's final grade will be determined by Total Points. Daily grades, homework, and class participation are worth 10-20 points. Quizzes are worth 25-50 points. Major tests and projects are worth 100 points. Late homework will only be accepted the next day for half-credit, unless the student has an excused absence. Extra credit will be given as an entire class opportunity—extra credit will **not** be given on an individual basis.

Course Specifics: Quizzes and worksheets from the text as well as from Sacred Scripture will be given throughout the semester. You will be asked to read aloud from the Bible during class. Discussions of biblical stories will also take place. Religious activities such as class masses, prayer services, the rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place during this class.

Course Outline (tentative):

- The Mass
- Original State of Man
- The Messiah
- The Paschal Mystery
- Redemption
- The Church
- Call to Discipleship
- Call to Evangelization
- Review for Semester Exam

Absences: If a student misses a class for any reason they are expected to meet with me on the day they return. If the absence is excused, then the student will have the opportunity to make up any assignments they missed.

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Make-ups: The student is responsible for keeping up with make-up work after missing a class, be sure to check the class website while absent. If the student fails to schedule a make-up of the material within three days of the date he/she returns, then a zero will be given for the grade, and a make-up will not be possible. The student is responsible for obtaining a copy of the notes from a classmate. If a student has an extended absence of three days or more then I will provide notes, before or after school, to the student upon their return.

Classroom Rules:

- Students are expected to follow all rules in the *Student Handbook*.
- Tardiness is not acceptable.
- Keep the classroom clean.
- Do not write on the desks.
- Do not leave your textbooks, bibles, or property in the room.
- Use blue or black ink only for written assignments.
- Use pencil only on scan based tests.
- Absolutely no cell phone use.
- Remember not to talk when someone else is speaking.
- Be respectful if someone asks a question you think should be common knowledge.
- Turning in assignments late is unacceptable and will result in points being deducted.
- Regularly check your e-mail and Mr. Anderson's website.

Student and Parent Syllabus Acknowledgement (5 points):

By signing below, I declare that I have read and understand the course syllabus for Mr. Anderson's course. I also understand that I am responsible for being aware of all rules and regulations in the *Student Handbook*.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Class Period: _____

This syllabus is due to be signed and turned in **Friday August 14, 2014.**