

Course Title: *Paschal Mystery (S1) & Ecclesiology (S2)*

Instructor: Sir Raymond Nolte, KCHS

Grade Level: Theology 10 **Term:** 1st & 2nd Semester

Required reading materials:

Textbook:

The Paschal Mystery: Christ's Mission of Salvation (S1)

The Church: Christ in the World Today (S2)

(Both by Saint Mary's Press)

Catholic Spirit: An Anthology for Discovering Faith Through Literature, Art, Film, and Music

The New American Bible, (both semesters)

Other Books:

1st Quarter - *The Year of Living Biblically* by A.J. Jacobs

2nd Quarter - *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

3rd Quarter - *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

4th Quarter - *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle, S.J.

The instructor will provide any other text needed for a class assignment.

Course Description: We will explore in depth the richness of the Catholic faith and its relevance to our own religious experience.

Requirements:

1. **Participation:** Attendance and active participation during course meetings is expected, as classes are lecture and discussion formatted.
Book checks will randomly occur to assure students are prepared to work.
2. **Notebooks:** Notebooks will be collected several times a quarter. They will be reviewed and assigned a grade based on the accuracy and quality of your notes.
3. **Homework:** Most homework will not involve a written assignment. Students are expected to review their class notes every night. This should be taken seriously as it is a preparation for the following day's lesson.
4. **Book Comprehension Test:** Students will be given a series of test based on an assigned book every quarter.
5. **Unit Tests:** Weekly quizzes/test are designed to gauge the student's mastery of the course material.
6. **Midterm Examination & Final Examination:** The midterm and final examination are intended to test the student's mastery of all the material covered in the course, though emphasis will be given to the latter half of the course on your final.

All tests will be comprised of multiple choice, matching, fill in the blank, and an essay question.

There may also be short-answer bonus questions from time to time for extra credit.

There is no grading curve in this class, so be prepared.

A wise student will work with his friends to study for a test. Each person should make copies of his notes for the others to use. Simply memorizing and quoting verbatim will backfire though, if several tests have identical answers.

Plagiarism: Simply put, your papers and essays must be your own work. They must reflect your own thinking on the topic, based on your own research, and investigation. You will consult and cite sources, but you must also apply your own interpretations.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, incorporation of texts or ideas from print or electronic sources without acknowledgement and will not be permitted. You will get no credit for work with substantial plagiarism. If you're in doubt, ask me.

Students are required to submit electronic copies of written assignments given outside of class (in Microsoft Word format). I will assess suspected instances of plagiarism found through electronic means.

Classroom Philosophy:

In my classroom, one simple philosophy that governs “my way of proceeding”,

I must be able to teach and you must be ready to learn.

- This means that students must:
- Come to class prepared (paper, pencils/pens, homework, books, etc.).
- Be seated and ready to work when the bell rings.
- Participate in class discussions actively and constructively.
- Use common courtesy while in the classroom.
- Students are expected to follow all school rules as outlined in the student handbook.

Attention Sleepers: Sleeping in class may result in parental contact, detention or both.

Class Conduct: Any distractions that interfere with the student learning process will face the following consequences:

- First Offense: Verbal Warning
- Second Offense: Parental Contact/Detention (mine or the Dean's)
- Third Offense: Office Referral

The academic misconduct policy of the school will be followed for this course.

Class Rules:

- *No eating or drinking in class.* Water (non-flavored and un-carbonated) is permissible in a sealable container only. No one will be allowed to leave the room to “get a drink of water.”
- *NO HOODS IN CLASS!* Students in violation of the dress code will be given a detention and lose the right to wear a hooded garment in class.
- *Bathroom Pass:* Students will be allowed two bathroom passes every semester for emergencies only. Any other arrangements must be accompanied by a doctor's note on file with the school.
- *No Cell Phones/Electronic Devices:* Students are not to use these in class for any reason without my permission. If I see it, or hear it, ***YOU WILL LOSE IT FOR ONE WEEK!***

The offending device will be confiscated and delivered to the dean's office after one week of being held by me. At that time, your parent or guardian may claim it for you.

- If you're having a bad day (and we all do), *leave your attitude outside!*

Instructor Availability:

I am available in room 606 Monday through Friday before school from approximately 7:20 AM until schools starts. I am also available after school most days till about 4:30 - 5 PM.

I retrieve my voice mail and email in the mornings before school and after school only.

You may contact me either at

By email: nolte@damien-hs.edu

By phone: (909) 596-1946

Period _____ 2014-2015 Academic Year

Please return this copy only to Mr. Nolte signed and dated by: ***Tuesday, August 12, 2014***

Failure to return this form completed will result in a zero grade until it has been turned in.

I, (The students name, please print) _____
and my parents/guardians have read, understand, and agree to abide by the classroom rules and
procedures for Mr. Nolte's Theology class.

I have also read and understand the Damien Student Hand Book.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please include your following information should I need to contact you.

Email _____

Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____