

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
COURSE OUTLINE



Name of Course/Course Code: Church and Culture/HRE4M (University/College Grade 12)

Course Prerequisite: No Prerequisite

Course Description:

This course is directed toward the clear identification of Catholic moral principles and the concrete application of these principles in the lives of students. The course proceeds from foundational beliefs rooted in Sacred Scripture concerning justice and peace to an exploration of the principles that shape Christian life. In the Family Life Education strand, students explore a variety of topics related to the themes of personhood, interpersonal relationships, and sexuality.

Special attention is given to the interaction between the Church and culture. The modern world is characterized by a multiplicity of values, philosophies, and ideologies. In a democratic, pluralistic society, these concepts may creatively reinforce one another or they may compete with and contradict one another. The Christian moral life is a call to follow Jesus Christ, to believe in the redemptive love of God for humankind and to proclaim and incarnate the reign of God as inaugurated by Jesus Christ. This course is intended to prepare the senior student for this lifelong task.

Catholic Graduate Expectations:

Throughout students' time in a Catholic school, they are exposed to courses that have infused the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (CGEs) within their content and approach. This course provides students with an opportunity to look at these expectations in greater detail than in the past. It enables students to name, for themselves, their own vision of what a Catholic graduate should demonstrate within the culture and then compare this with the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. In this way, they may be able to recognize that they already have a sense of what a Catholic graduate should be able to demonstrate upon graduation. This course enables students to reflect upon how these expectations can be used to assess their own faith and moral journey.

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Units of Study

Unit 1 Mapping the Ethical Experience; Teleological, Deontological Ethics, the Ethics of the Face (links to the Holocaust and Modern Genocide)

Unit 2 Discovering the Good Life; Our Search for Happiness

Unit 3 Freedom, Determinism, Conscience, and Moral Development

Unit 4 Ethics and the Bible; the Decalogue and Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Unit 5 Called to Community and to Live with Justice in the Global Village

Unit 6 Building a Civilization of Love; Marriage, Family and Holy Orders

Evaluation

70%	30%
Knowledge/Understanding	Culminating Task and Exam
Thinking/Inquiry	
Communication	
Application	

Resources Required:

CCCB. *In Search of the Good*
The Bible (New Revised Standard Version)
The Catechism of the Catholic Church
Living Justice and Peace
****Material will be provided***

For a detailed course description of this course, please visit
<https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/subjects.htm>