

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
COURSE OUTLINE



Name of Course/Course Code: Church and Culture/HRE40 (Open Grade 12)

Course Prerequisite: None

Course Description: This course assists students in their development of the skills and knowledge necessary to live lives of full maturity. Within the Catholic faith tradition it is believed that this growth towards human maturity is best served when students are able to define themselves authentically in relation to their God, to other people and to their world. In the Family Life Education strand, students explore a variety of topics related to the themes of personhood, interpersonal relationships, and sexuality. This course enables students to explore the moral principles of the Church and how these principles relate to them as individuals, and to contemporary culture as a whole. Students explore the role played by the Christian Scriptures, prayer, ritual, and the sacraments as they discern and live out their Christian vocation in their lives. This course also introduces students to skills used in researching and investigating contemporary moral issues and the guiding principles and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Catholic Graduate Expectations:

A fundamental premise of this course is that students are becoming discerning believers who are being formed in the Catholic faith tradition, intent on participating in the transformation of society. This course is rooted in the understanding that students operate from their spirituality, and yearn to deepen it. As a result, this course encourages students to articulate Catholic beliefs, and to continue their life journey as reflective, creative thinkers. By raising important questions about their faith and how it relates to the contemporary culture in which they live, students come to a deeper understanding of their relationship with God and with neighbour, and of their vocation as Christians in the modern world. Students are called to be caring family members and responsible global citizens. This means they are called to respect the teachings of the Catholic Church, and are active and full participants in the Parish community. It means that they are called to recognize the importance of spiritual life and what it means to be human beings created to bring about the reign of God.

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Units of Study

Unit 1: Changes Ahead: Transition, Identity, Autonomy and the Developmental Tasks

Unit 2: Suffering and Our Search for Happiness (links will be made to the Holocaust)

Unit 3: Ethics, Morals and Moral Development

Unit 4: Ethics and the New Testament; Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Unit 5: Social Justice and the World

Unit 6: The Sacrament of Marriage, Family and Holy Orders

Evaluation

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

Course Resources Required:

Creating a Christian Lifestyle
CCCB. In Search of the Good
The Bible (New Revised Standard Version)
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>