

COURSE TITLE: Morality
COURSE LENGTH: 1 year
COURSE CREDIT: 1 credit

COURSE TYPE: required
GRADE LEVEL: 11
PREREQUISITE: n/a

COURSE GOALS:

1. Students will explain the process of conscience formation and the relationship of free will to morality.
2. Students will examine why people choose to act as they do so as to begin the process of making wise choices based on reason and grounded in the objective nature of human beings.
3. Students will explain the significance of Scripture, church teaching, prayer, and witness to morality and conscience formation.
4. Students will examine the process of the formation of their own conscience and identify and evaluate the factors that have influenced it.
5. Students will examine their own consciences and recognize when they have acted morally and when they have not.
6. Students will express appreciation of the effects of a person's decisions and actions on oneself, on other individuals, and on the community.
7. Students will describe the effects of vices and virtues in their lives and in society.
8. Students will describe the effect of God's mercy and forgiveness in their lives.
9. Students will express respect for human life and for human persons.
10. Students will explain the Church's teaching on key moral issues.

COURSE CONTENT:

1. The nature of the human person as rational, free, good, and loving
2. Morality as living up to the nature that is programmed into us
3. The process of conscience formation including natural law, culture, and guidance of the Holy Spirit
4. Influences on conscience formation, including the Commandments, the Beatitudes, key sayings and actions of Jesus Christ, the "Law of Love" described in Scripture, Church teaching as expressed in Sacred Tradition and the magisterium, personal and communal prayer, and Christian witness
5. Gospel values, including respect and honesty
6. Grace, sin, forgiveness, and the sacrament of Reconciliation
7. Personal and communal morality, including the concepts of the Kingdom of God and the Mystical Body
8. Examination of key moral issues and the Church's teaching regarding these issues: life issues including abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, the environment; sexual relationships and sexual activity; and medical-moral, biomedical, and reproductive issues.

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