

Religious Education 15-25-35

Roman Catholic

Religious Education 15: Christ in Culture (3 Credits)

Provided Resource: Christ and Culture

The principal aim of Christ and Culture is to assist students, with the help of the Gospel, to participate as Christians in the shaping of our culture. The program explores major cultural issues from a Christological perspective. Beginning with their own life experiences, students acquire a deeper and more systematic knowledge of themselves, Christ's message, and the Church. Connections between the Church and contemporary culture are explored in term of what it means to be a responsible adolescent developing as a member of a Catholic, Christian community while living within the context of a broader culture. Twenty percent of the course will also be spent studying how the stories, signs, symbols, and rituals from other World Religions and Canada's indigenous communities have influenced cultures both in Canada and throughout the world.

Religious Education 25: God's Gift to Salvation (3 Credits)

Provided Resource: Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World

Jesus Christ: God's Gift of Salvation invites students to deepen their relationship with Jesus through a study of Scripture. Students will explore the Jewish historical, religious, and cultural world into which the Messiah was born and the Old Testament covenant fulfilled. Using the Gospels as primary sources, the course explores Jesus' birth, early life, and ministry; his preaching of the Kingdom of God; his special teachings, particularly the parables; and his miracles. It then focuses on the scriptural accounts of his death and Resurrection, and the Ascension, and their central significance for the church's understanding of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. In addition to the study of the history of the Jewish faith, students will study salvation doctrines of other World Religions, as well as the way that contemporary Christians (both Catholic and from other Christian traditions) cooperate to total twenty percent of the course.

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Religious Education 35: In Search of the Good (3 Credits)

Provided Resource: In Search of the Good

In Search of the Good challenges students to understand themselves as moral persons called to discipleship by living the way of Christ. Through an examination of ethical theories, the revelation of Sacred Scripture, and the lived experience and teaching of the Catholic Church, the course invites students to mature as active participants in their faith. At the heart of catechesis is the human search for happiness as the completion of the superabundant love of God. The same tension which exists between the revelation of God's love and the explorations of human reason are worked out in the areas of freedom, justice, human relations, ecology, reconciliation, life in community and political life. For twenty percent of the course, students will learn how other World Religions understand their own sacred texts as guides to moral living, plus how they approach current moral issues.