

Religion – Catholic 8

Time: 1 x 35 minutes per week

Course Description:

The Catholic Religion course is designed to encourage and assist students in their growth to Christian maturity – a growth that will culminate in their free commitment to their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ within the Church. This aim can be achieved by students engaging in learning experiences which will enable them to develop:

- *A knowledge and thoughtful understanding of the Scriptures and a sensitivity to them as the Word of God speaking in their lives;*
- *A knowledge of Catholic Doctrine understood in the light of its development in tradition and under the teaching authority of the Church;*
- *Knowledge and understanding to make moral judgements and decisions and to see these as a way of realising their relationship with Jesus;*
- *The ability to pray, both formally and reflectively, so that this ability can grow and deepen;*
- *The ability to understand and to share actively and personally in liturgy;*
- *The ability to relate to others in a way that reflects Jesus' commandment of love;*
- *A sensitivity to and appreciation of the meaning of life, its events and responsibilities;*
- *An appreciation of membership of the Church, initiated at Baptism and leading to active participation in parish life;*
- *An awareness and appreciation of Christian values in life, and to encourage them to act in accordance with them.*

Resources:

Bible (with Deuterocanonical Books).

Foley, Leonard, Believing in Jesus: A Popular Overview of the Catholic Faith, St. Anthony Messenger Press, USA.

The Christ We Proclaim, Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Bathurst.

Main Topics Covered:

Semester 1

The Hebrew Scriptures: An Exploration

- The Hebrew Scriptures are the story of God and His relationship with His people
- Christians need to understand the Hebrew Scriptures to understand the Christian Scriptures

The Life and Times of Jesus

- The cultural and social context of the life and times of Jesus

Semester 2

Sacraments of Initiation

- The three Sacraments of Initiation are necessary for one to be a member of the Christian community

Foundations of Social Justice

- Foundations of social justice
- The Christian call to work for justice in the world
- Contemporary examples of individuals and organizations working for justice

Assessment

Internal Assessment	Weighting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual Assessment (CA1 + CA2 + CA3 + CA4) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic tests - Written and oral assessments - Project work 	30 + 20 + 30 + 20
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