

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

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COURSE: Living the Scriptures

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This theology course is designed to explore Bible so as to enhance the students' prayer life and to put it into practice in your personal lives, school, and parish. This will have practical applications in your high school environment through planning of the school liturgies and leading prayer over the PA in the mornings. It is the intention of this course to help you grow in your relationships with God through a vital prayer life.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

1. The assigned text – Smith-Christopher, D., Mullen, P. (2013), *Sacred Scripture*. The student will also need an 8 ½ by 11 notebook to take notes during class or take notes on their iPad. If there are problems with iPad usage, students may be required to take notes only with pen and notebook.
2. *Catholic Youth Bible*. NRSV. St. Mary's Press.
3. Students are to have the REQUIRED MATERIALS with them every day, unless told otherwise. They will not be permitted to return to their lockers for "forgotten" materials. Please come to class prepared to participate.
4. Students are strongly encouraged to use iHomework as a student planner.
5. Students will not be permitted to leave the classroom without a note from the main office or the College Advising Office.

TARDINESS:

Being on time is an important habit to develop in life. Students are expected to be on time for each class, and so, each student must be in the room before the second (tardy) bell begins to ring. Failure to do so will be considered as a tardy - unexcused.

ABSENCES:

1. Excused: YOU are responsible to make up any work missed. Please see me or a dependable student for the missed work (I will not approach you - it is your responsibility to get the work). The number of days you are absent is the number of school days you have to make up the work. If a scheduled test was missed, you should be prepared to take the make-up test after school on an assigned day. Make-up tests will not be taken during class time so plan accordingly.
2. Unexcused: You will receive a zero (0) for any test or assignment missed during your absence.

IPAD USAGE POLICY:

- As with all things, everything should be done for the greater glory of God, including the use of your iPad. They should not be used in manners contrary to our Christian values.
- You are responsible for knowing what is and is not an acceptable use based on the SMCC policies. Such as, no use of camera or video without the expressed permission of their teacher.
- “Students in violation of the SMCC Student Use Policy will be subject to disciplinary action under SMCC’s Behavior Rubric. In addition, their device may be: confiscated for a period of time during the day or overnight, and/or have all personal content removed. SMCC may remotely lock down and wipe a device. ” “If an iPad is left at home or is not charged, the student remains responsible for completing all coursework as if they had use of their iPad.” – SMCC iPad Acceptable Use Policy.
- Per your Student Pledge for iPad Use, you understand that your iPad is subject to inspection at any time without notice and remains under the control of SMCC while you are a student here and you will charge your battery daily.
- Students should be in a habit to close all apps before they get to school that are not school related. At random and/or upon suspicion, the teacher will check what apps are open. The assumption that any app that is open was being used in this classroom and the appropriate consequences will follow. Students are required to unlock their iPad for teacher review.
- If you misuse your iPad, a Level Two will be issued, and your iPad will be confiscated and returned to you at the end of the day in the office.

HOMEWORK:

Written work will be assigned on a regular basis. This work is to be turned in on time (on the specific date in your class period). Late homework will result in 10% being taken off for each school day that it is late, down to 50% off. You will have until the end of the quarter to turn in the work.

GRADING:

1. There will be a research paper worth the equivalent points of a test. This will also include a classroom presentation on your subject.
2. Students will be asked to do daily announcements and lead prayer over the PA in pairs for a week at a time.
3. Class participation is an essential element in this class. Points for participation may be added to the point total before determining your quarter grade.
4. All of the above will be averaged to obtain a Quarter grade. The grading scale will follow the SMCC scale found in your student handbook.

FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS:

Students with 92.5% or better both quarters and have no missing homework can be exempt from the Final Exam.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Be prepared to start class on time.
2. Listening is an important skill to develop. Listen to what is said in class, ask questions, and listen to the answer. Disrespect in word or deed will NOT be tolerated. What that means is that you do not interrupt anyone and you do not make disparaging remarks or gestures.

If a student fails to act appropriately in the classroom, disciplinary action will be taken according to the following guidelines:

- 1st offense – verbal warning/correction
- 2nd offense – written assignment relevant to the offense
- 3rd offense – detention and call to parents
- 4th offense – detention plus conference (parent/teacher/student/dean of discipline)

If you have any questions or problems with this class, please see me for assistance. I will be available for you both before and after school.