

Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart
10th Grade Religion, Room 305
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Course Objective: We will discover the ways God reveals himself - especially in the three Divine Persons of the Trinity and how we respond to God's self-revelation in faith. We will spend time reflecting and praying about the mystery of the Incarnation and Jesus' ministry on earth. During the year, we will also cover morality issues, body and self-image, and dating, sexuality and relationships.

Texts:

- Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry, Ave Maria Press (textbook provided)
- Bible - which you received as freshmen. If you have lost it over the summer or if you did not receive one last year, please see me after class.
- Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust by Immaculee Ilibagiza
- "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis

Materials:

- Bring to class everyday:
 - Textbook - Please cover your textbook. **NO contact paper covers.** Brown grocery paper bags or paper shopping bags only. If not covered by Friday, Sept 9 - your first homework assignment.
 - Bible
 - Religion only notebook - two or three subject -you will take LOTS of notes
 - Pen (blue or black ink only) and pencil

Classroom Responsibilities: All students are expected to follow all the school policies stated in the student handbook and there will be a strict enforcement of school rules. I expect you to have all your materials for class (as stated above) and that includes homework. When you complete homework, please remember that grammar and spelling count on all assignments. Be on time for class. If you do need to arrive late for some reason, I expect you to have a late pass. Please take care of your restroom needs before or after class. **RESPECT** is a big word in my classroom. Only one person should be speaking at a time. Please remember that God gave us two ears and one mouth, we should listen twice as much as we speak. If you have something to say while someone else is speaking, please raise your hand and I will call on you when the other person is finished. There will be **NO** eating or drinking in the classroom. The first offense, the food will be taken away and the second offense will be a detention. Also, no cell phones or iPods from 8 AM till Dismissal. During tests and quizzes, book bags and purses **MUST** be placed in the front of the room.

Teacher Responsibilities: As a teacher, you can expect that I will come prepared to class to teach. In regards to your homework, I will promptly return them, with comments and grades, on all your work. I will treat you with respect along with the information you share with your classmates and me.

Participation: Class discussions and participation will be a big part of this class. Therefore, it is in your best interest to participate as much as possible.

Website: I have created a website for this class. My hope is that the website will offer resources to supplement the material in class. I will have the homework assignments on my web page, but this will be done primarily for students who have missed class. Do not rely on the website for your assignments. You must pay attention in class.

Process (What you will expect this year):

- We will use the textbook with supplement resources, such as videos, articles, current events and handouts.
- Each class will commence with prayer. Since we are a family, each member of the family will be responsible for prayer. I will hand out prayer list each month, which will indicate which day(s) you will be responsible for bringing in and reading a prayer. You are welcome to write your own or use a prayer already written. A list of suggestions with websites along with a "prayer formula" will be made available during the first week of school. Prayer resources are also available in the classroom. Please do not take them out of the classroom.
- Journaling is one of the many forms of prayer. Class time and homework assignments will be given to stretch your head and your heart.
- Each student will be required to make an oral presentation, complete a writing paper based on the writing rubric and one or two other projects. These assignments count for 20% of your quarter grade.

Grading:

- Grades will be calculated as (# of points earned / total points possible)
- Each homework assignment, quiz, test, project, etc. will be assigned a point total, and EVERYTHING is fair game. Students are expected to be prepared each day in class.
- The January exam counts for *two* test grades in the second quarter average and the June Exam counts for 20% of your final overall Religion grade.
- If you absent for a test, you **MUST** see me to make up the test. You will have two days to complete the test/quiz after you return. If the test/quiz is not complete by the due date, the test/ quiz will be a ZERO! Tests may be made up before or after school, during a study hall or during lunch. This is **YOUR** responsibility to make up. I will not hunt you down to make up the test. Therefore, please see me!

Assignments: Homework assignments will be given often. Some will be given as reflections in your journal and other assignments will be handed in. If an assignment is to be handed in than I expect it to be typed and handed in at the beginning of class. (For example - review questions) I will only accept homework one day late for half credit, unless you were sick. If you are sick, the homework is due the day you return. Please check in with me the day you return to find out what material you missed while you were out. Also, there will be numerous tests and quizzes (maybe even pop quizzes to make sure you are doing the reading assignments) throughout the year as well as a semester and final exam.

One last note: I am a proponent of *REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE*. I **encourage** students to print any computer-generated homework on the blank side of used paper and please shrike your margins!

Student Notes and/or Questions: