Material: Model Syllabus for College Students (Moral Summer 2010) Group 10

Theology Course Program is designed to:
Morals: Guide the students to become fully actualized Christians committed to respond to the needs of others.
Doctrines: Lead the students to understand their identity as rooted in the Trinity through the person of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
Worship: Help the students to actively participate in God’s community into a renewed and compassionate Church.

First Year College
First Semester: Salvation History
This is an introductory course which presents the foundations of our Christian Faith. This will discuss faith in human relations and faith in God as mutual loving knowledge. This faith is a response to God who chose to reveal Himself to a community to whom His loving plan of salvation is made known. The course will dwell on the Old Testament. The creation accounts speak of God’s sovereignty and creation’s interrelatedness; Israelites’ experience of liberation in Exodus, forming a community in response to God’s deliverance based on equality, justice, and a Jewish religion based on God’s freedom, compassion and fidelity. The prophetic books are accounts of God’s loving covenant with his people; and gradual building of Israelites’ hope for the coming Messiah.

Second Semester: Christology
This course will focus on Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. This comprises his Public Ministry, the proclamation of God’s Kingdom; and his Paschal Mystery- Passion, Death and Resurrection. He is sent by the Father to fulfill the plan of salvation with his joint mission with the Spirit. This will be done in an intensive study of the Synoptic Gospels.

Second Year College
First Semester: Church and Sacraments
The first part of the course presents the doctrinal, historical origin and growth of the Catholic Church as experienced in the Judeo-Christian community. It also deals with the nature of the Church as both human and divine institution as well as a sign and instrument of the realization of God’s plan of salvation. It presents the Church as a communion of persons entrusted with the promotion of the Kingdom of God inspired by the Spirit of the Risen Christ and is continued up to the present.

The second part focuses on the Church and the Sacraments. Here, Jesus Christ is presented as the Primordial Sacrament of the Father’s loving presence and empowered by the Spirit of love. The Pilgrim Church is a fundamental sign that continues to make Christ’s presence and bearer of Christ’s salvific love by sharing in his threefold mission of prophet, king and priest. The seven ritual sacraments are the Church’s means to be closer to God, in and through Christ and in solidarity with neighbor.

Third Year College
First Semester: Moral Theology
This course will focus on the study of the Christian Moral Life. This will emphasize the intrinsic connection of our moral life and our faith in Jesus Christ as the Moral Norm. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

This will be developed by discussing the lived experience of persons who are basically free and relational beings. This will also discuss human freedom as both the capacity for self-determination and its actual exercise; and conscience which applies the objective moral norms (i.e., Ten Commandments perfected by Christ in the Two Greatest Commandments (Mark 12:29-31) and Eight Beatitudes) to particular moral actions. This course will also discuss the Formation of Conscience which is based on the Christian Moral Norms. This will delve into the concrete moral acts and the mystery of sin. It will conclude with man’s constant search for conversion (Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11-32).

Fourth Year College
First Semester: Social Teachings of the Church
This course will discuss the Catholic Social Teachings as grounded on both the Scriptures and Church Teachings. It will address particular problems in society which the Church and its people face today, particularly those related to social justice.

It seeks to foster in students a personal conviction to work against poverty and promote justice as a way of building up the Kingdom of God. This is premised on the idea that an individual is an active participant in molding and transforming community into a renewed, compassionate Church.

The whole Theology Program will be synthesized by an Immersion experience in a particular sector of society which the Church and its people face today (Experience, social analysis, theological reflection and specific action for justice).

Third Year College Theology Program: Moral Theology

Profile of the students:
Third Year college students aged 18 to 21 years old are from a Co-ed Catholic college in the province. They belong to middle and below average earning families. Some of them are either already married or working while others are children of migrant workers. They already took 9 units of prerequisite theology courses for Morality Theology as well as 12 units of Philosophy subjects such as Logic, Philosophy of Man 1 & 2 and Ethics.

They rely more on the validity of philosophy than in their faith conviction because of the strong influence of the Philosophy subjects they have taken up. Thus, they begin to doubt the faith.

Given their situation and age group, they claim that they have the “freedom” to do things their own way and to see themselves as the master of their choices, failing to consider their relation to God and to one another and therefore their moral actions, daily decisions and life options have an effect on others.
Generals Objectives:
The syllabus is organized to lead the students to:

**Morals**
Grow in a loving relationship with God and one's neighbor, following Jesus Christ as the standard norm of Christian Morality;

**Doctrine**
Understand that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life in living a moral life. (Jn 14:6)

**Worship**
Make prayer and the sacraments a celebration of following Christ in loving God and neighbor.

This course will be executed within the sixteen-week time frame with four weeks each term and with three meetings each week.

Basic Course Outline:

**Unit I - Introduction**
Lesson 1 Overview of the Course
Lesson 2 Christian Moral Life... Growing in Love and Holiness

**Unit II - Nature of Human Person**
Lesson 1 All Persons are Created by God in His Image and Likeness
CL 37; Gen. 1:27
Lesson 2 Unity between our Body and Soul
GS 14; 1 Cor. 6:19-20
Lesson 3 Human Person in Relation with Others
CFC 687
Lesson 4 Human Person as Moral Agent

**Unit III - Living as Free Human Persons**
Lesson 1 Freedom for Growing as Full Person

**Unit IV - Appreciating the Moral Norms in Christian Moral Living**
Lesson 1 Conscience as our Subjective Moral Norm
VS 60; Rom. 21: 15ff.)
Lesson 2 Jesus and the Law of Love
CFC 698; 2 Cor. 3:17

**Unit V - Directing Our Individual Moral Acts**
Lesson 1 Human acts
CFC 697; Exodus 14:10-31
Lesson 2 Authentic Freedom Bound for Others
Mk 3:1-6,1 Pt. 2:16 CFC 696-99
2a. Capacity for self-determination
2b. Actual exercise of freedom as morally obliging
2c. Fundamental Option
Lesson 3 Role of the Holy Spirit in a human person's freedom
CFC 698; 2 Cor. 3:17

3b.4. Our Social Challenge to Work for True Justice
Mt.15:19; Mt.6:21; Vs.2:24; Lk.18:18-23
3b.5. Respecting Truth that Liberates Us
Jn.1:14; 4:6; 8:32; 15:26-27; Hos.10:13; DH 2

3c. Eight Beatitudes: A Confirmation of Our Christian Identity
PCPII 272-276; Cor.1:20; Lk 6:20-26

Unit VI - Conclusion
Lesson 1 Prodigal Son - Luke 15:11-32
1a. Coming Home to the Father's Loving Embrace
1b. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mending the Relationship we Screwed Up
1c. Synthesis

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