CHRISTOLOGY AND MORALITY
COURSE SYLLABUS
SY 2014-2015

PROFILE OF 2ND YEAR HS STUDENTS

- Sophomore students given their developmental stage, physical changes are occurring and together with that other aspects follow: mentally, spiritually, psychologically, etc. This provides an avenue of anxiety and uncertainty on various levels they face. Struggles such as seeking for belongingness both with their peers and families. As they search for their “place”, they are on a constant “soul searching” and dreams forming, envisioning of the future. They are also more susceptible to didactic/prescriptive ways of giving standards-whether from their peers, dictated by the school or provided by their parents. These moments of anxiety and uncertainty become an avenue of discovery and enlightenment.

- Students are also on the process of discovering the meaning and purpose of their life and faith journey. Since they struggle in living out the values of integrity, truth and joyful detachment, they are looking for role models whom they can emulate so they can come up with life-giving decisions.

- Students have a background on Salvation History which they took when they were in 1st Year. They were introduced to the habit of reading and interpreting the Sacred Scripture especially the Gospels because of the school’s tradition of beginning the day with Morning Talk reflections and sharing that are based on the days’ Gospel.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is designed to help students encounter Jesus Christ, the promised Savior of the World and the norm of what it means to be truly and fully human. Special attention is given to Jesus’ life and mission, for any true following of Him presupposes a true knowledge of His person. It aims to show the students that Christ’s words and deeds can help illumine their decisions and direct their actions in the midst of many contemporary social and moral issues they are face with, calling them to live an authentic Christian life.

Inspired by Mary’s example and the spirituality of our foundress, St. Marie Eugenie of Jesus, the course concludes with an invitation to nurture and deepen one’s relationship with Jesus through an active participation in the Sacraments particularly the Holy Eucharist and to give witness to that faith by continuing Jesus’ saving mission today.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course is ordered to enable the students to:

**Doctrine:** Understand that Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life is the norm/standard of what it means to be fully human.

**Morals:** Grow in loving relationship with God and neighbours by following Jesus’ values and examples.

**Worship:** Appreciate the importance of prayer and Sacraments particularly the Eucharist in nourishing and strengthening their Christian moral living.
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Come and See (Jn 1:39)

FIRST QUARTER

I. OPENING THE DOORS TO CHRIST: THE NEW TESTAMENT
   A. Overview of the New Testament
   B. The Four Gospels
      1. Stages in the Formation of the Gospels (CFC 82,110)
      2. Gospels’ Portrayals of Jesus
      3. Praying with the Gospels (Lectio Divina)

II. JESUS: HIS WORLD AND THE PEOPLE OF HIS TIME
    A. The Birth of Jesus (The Mystery of Incarnation) Jn 1:14, CFC 476, 501-03,533
       ❖ Jesus, the Norm of Being Human (2 Cor 5:17) CFC 847, 796-99
       ❖ Dogmas on the Immaculate Conception and Assumption of Mary
    B. Exploring the World of Jesus (Lk 4:16, Mk 2:13-17)

SECOND QUARTER

I. JESUS BEGINS HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY
   A. The Baptism of Jesus: Heralding the Good News (Mt 3:13-17)
   B. The Temptations of Jesus: Being Faithful to One’s Mission (Mt 4:1-11) CFC 815-816
      ❖ Basic Moral Principles (Freedom, Conscience and Law) CFC 693-700, CFC 701-711,
        CFC 800-829

II. THE MINISTRY OF JESUS: HIS WORDS AND DEEDS
    Jesus’ Vision of the Kingdom of God: Salvation/Fullness of Life – The Goal of Moral Life
    A. Parables: Reflections of who God is and who we are in relation to others (Mt 18:21-35)
    B. Miracles: Signs of the Kingdom at Work (Lk 5:17-26) CFC 484, 537, 1760

    Go and Do Likewise (Lk 10:37)

THIRD QUARTER

LIVING THE KINGDOM VALUES: FOLLOWING JESUS
   A. The Call of the Disciples (Mt 4:18-22)
      Mary: the Model of Discipleship (Lk 1:26-28, Jn 19:25)
   B. The Challenge of Discipleship and its implications on issues of life, sexuality and truth
      1. The Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7) CFC 744, 822-23
      2. Important Elements in Making Moral Decisions (Jn 8:12, Acts 2:1-4) CFC 830-842

FOURTH QUARTER

I. JESUS’ PASchal MYSTERY: PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION
   A. Jesus’ Passion and Death (Mk 14:32-15:47) CFC 560-561, 563-564
   B. Jesus’ Resurrection (Lk 24:1-49) CFC 620-632

II. REFLECTING ON WHO THE RISEN LORD IS
    A. Encountering Christ through the Liturgical Year and the Sacraments (Mk 14:22-24) CFC 646
    B. Witnessing to Christ’s Mission (Mt 25) CFC 1247-1248

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