CURRICULUM MAPPING FOR RELIGION

GRADE 8 – SISTER JO ANN ASHBURN, O.P.

Semester 1  CHURCH HISTORY

Unit 1: Apostolic Age to 1500 A.D.  Unit 2: A Call to Renewal: 1500 to Present

SEPTEMBER

**FAITH CONCEPTS**

- Ch. 1.....Jesus inaugurated the Church; Jesus crucified; the Resurrection of Jesus; the Great Commission; faith and witness in Church history
- Ch. 2.....The first disciples; Paul's mission to the Gentiles; the Council of Jerusalem; proclaiming the Gospel; defenders of the faith; early Christian worship
- Ch. 3.....Persecutions; the culture of paganism; martyrs; St. Ignatius of Antioch; Saints Agatha, Lucy, and Agnes; Emperor Constantine

**FAITH-LIFE SKILLS**

- How to follow God’s Ways; What Is Community?; Change Brings Stress

**ASSESSMENT**

- Formative through classwork and homework
- Summative through chapter and unit tests

OCTOBER

**FAITH CONCEPTS**

- Ch. 4.....Call narratives; New Testament call stories; Jesus calls Peter; the Petrine Ministry
- Ch. 5.....Christendom; the Fathers of the Church; St. Ambrose and St. Augustine of Hippo; the papacy; Pope St. Sylvester I and Pope St. Leo the Great; the spread of monasticism
- Ch. 6.....Monasticism during the Dark Ages; St. Columba and St. Bernard of Clairvaux; St. Hildegard of Bingen; Pope Innocent III; the Scholastics; the Mendicants; St. Francis of Assisi and St. Dominic

**FAITH-LIFE SKILLS**

- The Corporal Works of Mercy; Who Can Be a Leader?; Herald and Servant

**ASSESSMENT**

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**NOVEMBER**

**FAITH CONCEPTS**

- Ch. 7.....The role of the Holy Spirit; Mary, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit; the promise of the Holy Spirit; Pentecost; the Holy Spirit in Church History
- Ch. 8.....Schisms East and West; The Protestant Reformation; Martin Luther; the Catholic Counter-Reformation; the Councils of Trent and Vatican I; St. Charles Borromeo

**FAITH-LIFE SKILLS**

- The Fruits of the Holy Spirit; Dealing with Conflict

**ASSESSMENT**

- Formative through classwork and homework
- Summative through chapter and unit tests

**DECEMBER**

**FAITH CONCEPTS**

- Ch. 9.....Missions in an age of exploration and discovery; St. Francis Xavier; St. Rose of Lima and St. Martin de Porres; St. Juan Diego; African missions
• Ch. 10.....Divine missions and the prophets; the Book of Jonah; God’s persistence; God’s mercy and justice; the missionary, tolerant and repentant Church

**FAITH-LIFE SKILLS**

• People with a Mission; How to be a Missionary

**ASSESSMENT**

• Formative through classwork and homework
• Summative through chapter and unit tests

JANUARY

**FAITH CONCEPTS**

• Ch. 11.....Cultural heritage of the Church in the United States; Blessed Junipero Serra; Isaac Jogues; the English colonies; Church growth between 1815 and 1965; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Neumann; the United States Catholic Church in the era of Vatican II
• Ch. 12.....The Church between Vatican Councils I and II; the Church as Sacrament; the Second Vatican Council; the documents of the Second Vatican Council; the movement for Christian unity; the Catechism of the Catholic Church

**FAITH-LIFE SKILLS**

• Living with Courage; Virtues

**ASSESSMENT**

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Semester 2        MORALITY

Unit 1: Life in Christ        Unit 2: The Ten Commandments

JANUARY

**FAITH CONCEPTS**

- Ch. 1.....Sacredness of human life; intellect and free will; true happiness and holiness; Jesus, our model; the Church; the Beatitudes

**FAITH-LIFE SKILLS**

- Choose Life

**ASSESSMENT**

- Formative through classwork and homework
- Summative through chapter and unit tests

FEBRUARY

**FAITH CONCEPTS**

- Ch. 2.....The Evangelists; the Gospel according to Mark; the decision to follow Christ; the costs and rewards of discipleship
- Ch. 3.....Christian morality; freedom of choice; moral decisions; natural law; sin; conscience
- Ch. 4.....the Church at Corinth; factions; the worshipping community; teachings about love in Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians

**FAITH-LIFE SKILLS**

- What Is a Simple Life; Informed Conscience; Love Really Is...
ASSESSMENT

- Formative through classwork and homework
- Summative through chapter and unit tests

MARCH

FAITH CONCEPTS

- Ch. 5.....Theological and moral virtues; common good; just society; social sin
- Ch. 6.....Grace; parable of the Sower; new life in Christ; sharing in the life of grace
- Family Life: Christian Personhood – Human dignity flows from our having been created in God’s image. Women and men were created to complement, not compete with, each other. Stereotyping and other forms of discrimination are wrong.
- Family Life: Trinity of Love – God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -- is love. Humans were created for eternal beatitude. The virtues of faith, hope, and love are gifts from God that help us grow in love.

FAITH-LIFE SKILLS

- Moral Virtues in Our Lives; “Response-Ability”

ASSESSMENT

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APRIL

FAITH CONCEPTS

- Ch. 7.....The Decalogue; summary of God’s Law; the First Commandment, to put God first; the Second Commandment, the role of reverence; the Third Commandment, the importance of celebrating the Eucharist on Sunday
• Ch. 8.....Women disciples of Jesus; qualities of discipleship; gospel account of Jesus’ visit to the home of Martha and Mary; two approaches to discipleship
• Family Life: Living for Others – Friendships help us grow in love. Jesus taught us how to live for others. There are appropriate ways to express affection and love in friendships and dating.
• Family Life: Communities of Love – The family is the domestic Church. Religious life and priesthood are vocations to love. Single life is also a vocation to love.

FAITH-LIFE SKILLS

• False Gods; Balancing Prayer and Action; Growing in Love

ASSESSMENT

• Formative through classwork and homework
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MAY

FAITH CONCEPTS

• Ch. 9.....The Fourth Commandment: family life and values, the civic community; the Fifth Commandment: the sacredness of human life; acts of violence against human life: murder, direct abortion, suicide, euthanasia; violent lifestyles
• Ch. 10.....The Sixth Commandment: using the gift of sexuality wisely according to God’s plan; the Seventh Commandment: stewardship, stealing and reparation; concern for the poor, for the common good, and for public life
• Ch. 11.....The Eighth Commandment: living as people of truth; responsibility of the media; bearing false witness; lying, perjury, boasting; keeping a confidence; the Tenth Commandment: honoring and respecting the blessings of other people; covetousness, avarice, greed, envy; the virtue of detachment
• Family Life: God's Life in Us – Grace is available to all people. The Church’s teachings on sexual morality make sense. They are rooted in
the natural moral law. Some choices and actions are objectively right; others are objectively wrong.

- Family Life: Life in the Spirit – The sacrament of Confirmation strengthens the Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives. Christian marriage and parenting are loving and life-giving. Family life prepares us for living our vocation to love.

**FAITH-LIFE SKILLS**

- Violence Versus Peace; Mixed Media Messages; Peer Pressure; Growing in Love

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**JUNE**

**FAITH CONCEPTS**

- Ch. 12.....Summary of the Gospel; the phrases of the Lord’s Prayer
- Family Life: Our Lifelong Love Story – the history of salvation, revealed in the Old and New Testaments, is a continuing story of the covenant of love God offers us. The Church witnesses to the value of growing in love. We will be judged on how well we have tried to love. The saints are role models for growing in love.

**FAITH-LIFE SKILLS**

- Consumerism; Growing in Love

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