

Outline for Religious Ed. 7th

Word of Life - Augustine Institute

Through the course of the year, students will learn about:

The Way of Christ

- The Call to Discipleship (following the footsteps of the Apostles)
- The Challenge of Discipleship (life of Jesus' Apostles)
- The Quest for Happiness (Jesus satisfies the human heart)
- Becoming Free (through suffering and discipline leading to happiness)

Hearts of Christ

- The Law Written on our Hearts (moral law)
- God's Love Poured into Our Hearts (Jesus' New Law heals)
- Uniting our Hearts to God (through prayer and sacraments)
- The Voice of God in Our Hearts (forming a well-formed moral conscience)

Putting on Christ

- The Armor of God (Virtues empower us in a moral way)
- The Shield of Faith (Theological Virtues are the heart of Christian morality)
- The Flaming Darts of the Evil One (Obstacles to a life of virtue)

Loving as Christ

- Made for Love (created in God's image)
- Loving Our Neighbor (in today's world)
- Giving Ourselves in Love (God's plan for marriage)
- Loving Family and Society (the family is the Church foundation)

Dying and Rising with Christ

- Embracing the Cross (God brings good even out of suffering)
- Rising to New Life (true identity is found in Christ)
- Our Fellowship in Christ (living in Christ)

Liturgical Chapters

- Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross)
- The Solemnity of All Saints (Celebrating the Universality of Christ's mission)
- The Solemnity of St. Joseph (St. Joseph's Role in Salvation History)
- The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (greater faith of Eucharist as Jesus' Body and Blood)

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The Seed is Sown

- Fire Upon the Earth (Jesus' reveals meaning of 'casting fire upon the earth')
- "Follow Me" (Church's role in God's plan for salvation)
- A Chosen Instrument (St. Paul's role as a 'chosen instrument' for Christ)
- The Pure Bread of Christ (St. Ignatius of Antioch's influence of the early church)

Sprouting amidst Thorns

- The Faith of the Church (Early Church beliefs regarding the Incarnation)
- Our Philosophy (Role of Christian family in Church's mission)
- The City of God (St. Augustine's Challenges in Sacred Scripture)

The Smallest of Seeds, the Greatest of Shrubs

- The Age of St. Benedict (St. Benedict and the Church's mission to Evangelize)
- Christianity under Islam (complexities of Christian and Muslim relationships)
- The Pearl of Great Price (Mendicant orders and leaders renewed Christian life)

The Birds of Heaven Come & Nest in Its Branches

- The Church in Need of Reform (Council of Trent, rise of Protestantism)
- The New Pentecost (Holy Spirit & new Pentecost of the Church with Jesuits)
- A Devout Laity (Second Vatican Council's message)

The Wheat and the Weeds

- Fidelity amidst Persecutions (History of persecution of the church-Enlightenment)
- All Things Visible and Invisible (influence of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes)
- Lights in the Darkness (20th cent. Shining examples: St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)
- The Splendor of Truth (Pope St. John Paul II influences the Church and world)
- From the Rising of the Sun to Its Setting (Cardinal Van Thuan New Evangelization by living a heroically Christian life)

Liturgical Chapters

- Holy Days of Obligation (Specific events in Jesus' Life)
- Marian Feast Days (Blessed Mother Mary's role in the life of the Church)
- Catholic Cultural Celebrations (various cultural and liturgical celebrations)
- The Easter Triduum (The Summit of the Liturgical Year)