

BERKS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Religious education helps the student:

- ❖ Develop an appreciation for sacred scripture and the tradition of God's people as it has developed through the ages;
- ❖ Reach a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and the value He expresses;
- ❖ Attain openness to the action of the Holy Spirit;
- ❖ Deepen personal communion with the Triune God;
- ❖ Know and grasp gradually the message of the Gospel, its doctrinal expression, and the saving plan it unfolds;
- ❖ Increase a Gospel sense of love, which accepts responsibility for self and for the Kingdom through service to all and develops a sense of hope in the heavenly Jerusalem;
- ❖ Develop a sense of loyalty and affection for the Church;
- ❖ Become an active, conscious, and genuine participant in the Liturgy of the Church and acquire the habit of personal prayer.

Theology 1

Grade 9

College Prep

The Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture

First Semester

The purpose of this course is to give students a general knowledge and appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures. Through their study of the Bible they will come to encounter the living Word of God, Jesus Christ. In the course they will learn about the Bible, authored by God through Inspiration, and its value to people throughout the world. If they have not been taught this earlier, they will learn how to read the Bible and will become familiar with the major sections of the Bible and the books included in each section. The students will pay particular attention to the Gospels, where they may grow to know and love Jesus Christ more personally.

Who Is Jesus Christ?

Second Semester

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the mystery of Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Students will understand that Jesus Christ is the ultimate Revelation to us from God. In learning about who he is, the students will also learn about who he calls them to be.

Theology II

Grade 10

College Prep

The Mission of Jesus Christ (The Paschal Mystery)

First Semester

The purpose of this course is to help students understand all God has done for us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Through this course of study, students will learn that for all eternity, God has planned for us to share eternal happiness with him, which is accomplished through the redemption Christ won for us. Students will learn that they share in this redemption only in and through Jesus Christ. They will also be introduced to what it means to be a disciple of Christ and what life as a disciple entails.

Jesus Christ's Mission Continues in the Church

Second Semester

The purpose of this course is to help the students understand that in and through the Church they encounter the living Jesus Christ. They will be introduced to the fact that the Church was founded by Christ through the Apostles and is sustained by him through the Holy Spirit. The students will come to know that the Church is the living Body of Christ today. This Body has both divine and human elements. In this course, students will learn not so much about events in the life of the Church but about the sacred nature of the Church.

Theology III**Grade 11****College Prep****Sacraments as Privileged Encounters with Jesus Christ****First Semester**

The purpose of this course is to help students understand that they can encounter Christ today in a full and real way in and through the sacraments, and especially through the Eucharist. Students will examine each of the sacraments in detail so as to learn how they may encounter Christ throughout life.

Life in Jesus Christ**Second Semester**

The purpose of this course is to help students understand that it is only through Christ that they can fully live out God's plans for their life. Students are to learn the moral concepts and precepts that govern the lives of Christ's disciples.

Theology IV**Grade 12****College Prep****Ecumenical and Interreligious Issues****First Semester**

The purpose of this course is to help the students understand the manner in which the Catholic Church relates to non-Catholic Christians as well as to other religions of the world. Building on the foundational truth that Jesus Christ established the Catholic Church and entrusted to her the fullness of God's Revelation, the course is intended to help students to recognize the ways in which important spiritual truths can also be found in non-Catholic Christian churches and ecclesial communities as well as in non-Christian religions. It is also intended to help them to recognize the ways in which other systems of belief and practice differ from the Catholic faith.