

Eighth Grade Religion Course Description

First Semester: Creed

Objectives:

*To invite the students to open their heart and minds to the truths of God's revelation so that, like the early Christians, their faith will become evident in prayer and action. Students then develop into persons of faith whose lives reflect the message and values of Christ.

*To encourage students to examine more closely the dynamic teachings of their Catholic faith by placing before them the truths of the faith in a clear and meaningful way.

*To help them explore as fully and richly as possible the depths of the gift of faith and the meaning of the gospel so as to become evangelizers of the world.

*To experience prayer as a community through participation in the Living Rosary.

Second Semester: Morality

Objectives:

*To encourage the students to focus on what kind of person they wish to become and to place before them for reflection and study the moral teachings of Jesus and the Church

*To provide an in-depth presentation of the commandments, the Beatitudes, and teachings of the Church on moral issues so they have a firm ground on which to make moral decisions.

*To have students recognize Jesus as their role model and to discover that following Him is what it means to be happy, free and fully human.

* To experience the passion of the Lord through participation in the Living Stations.