Course Profile

Course No: CG5314
Course Title: CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: AN OVERVIEW
Semester: FALL 2015
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Class schedule: Tuesday/Thursday 12:45-2:00

Class Dates
Aug. - 25, 27, Sept. - 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, Oct. - 1, 6, 8 (mid-term), 15, 20, 22, 27, 29, Nov. - 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, Dec. - 1, 3, 9 (final)

Course Description:
To become more familiar with the fundamentals of Catholic doctrine and life as contained in the four sections of the Catechism: the profession of faith, the liturgical celebration of the Christian mystery, life in Christ, and Christian prayer.

Grading:
20% – Class Participation
30% – In-class presentations (2 at 15%)
25% – Mid-term (Oct. 8)
25% – Final (Dec. 9)

Required Texts:
Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second edition.
Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
Opening the Scriptures: A Guide to the Catechism for use with the Sunday Readings

Required Workload:
– A minimum of two presentations to the class (40%)
– Mid-term exam (20%)
– Final exam (30%)
– In-Class participation (10%)

In Class Presentation
Subject: 1. One of the 7 sacraments
2. One of the 10 Commandments
Length: 10-15 Minutes
Material: Catechism, 2-3 other sources
Method: Oral along with Power Point, Keynote, Prezi, etc.
Outline of Material (approximate)

Class 1: #1-25
Introduction

Class 2: #26-100
I. I Believe, We Believe
Man's capacity for God
God comes to meet Man
   The Revelation of God
   The transmission of Divine Revelation

Class 3 #101-197
God comes to meet man
   Sacred scripture
Man's Response to God
The Profession of the Christian Faith
   The Creeds

Class 4 #198-324
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth
   I Believe in God, The Father, The Almighty, The Creator

Class 5 #325-421
I believe... (cont.)
   Heaven and Earth, Man, The Fall

Class 6 #422-511
I believe in Jesus Christ, the only son of God
   And in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord
   He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary.

Class 7 #512-630
I believe in Jesus Christ... (cont.)
   The mysteries of Christ’s life
Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried
   Jesus and Israel, Jesus died crucified, Jesus Christ was buried

Class 8 #631-747
He descended into Hell on the third day he rose again
   Christ descended into Hell, On the third day he rose again
He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father
From thence he will come again to judge the living and the dead
I believe in the Holy Spirit

Class 9 #748-870
I believe in the Holy Catholic Church
The Church in God’s plan, The Church - People of God, Body of Christ, Temple of the Holy Spirit
The Church is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

**Class 10 # 871-975**
I believe in the Holy Catholic Church (cont.)
Christ’s faithful – Hierarchy, Laity, Consecrated Life, The Communion of Saints,
Mary – Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church

**Class 11 # 976-1065**
I believe in the forgiveness of sins
I believe in the resurrection of the body
I believe in life everlasting

**Class 12 # 1066-1209**
II. Celebration of the Christian Mystery
The Paschal Mystery in the age of the Church
The Sacramental celebration

**Class 13**
Complete material and review

**Class 14**
Midterm exam

**Class 15 # 1210-1419**
The Sacraments of Initiation
Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist

**Class 16 # 1420-1532**
The Sacraments of Healing
Penance and Reconciliation

**Class 17 # 1533-1666**
The Sacraments at the service of communion
Holy Orders, Marriage

**Class 18 # 1667-1775**
Other Liturgical Celebrations, Sacramentals and Christian Funerals
III. Life in Christ
Man’s Vocation: Life in the Spirit

**Class 19 # 1776-1876**
The Dignity of the Human Person
Moral conscience, The virtues, Sin

**Class 20 # 1877-2051**
The Human Community
The person and society, Participation in social life, Social justice
God’s Salvation: Law and Grace
The moral law, Grace and justification, The Church, mother and teacher

Class 21 #2052-2141
The Ten Commandments
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.
   The First Commandment

Class 22 #2142-2230
The Second through Fifth Commandments

Class 23 #2231-2400, 2514-2533
The Sixth and Ninth Commandments

Class 24 #2401-2513, 2534-2557
The Seventh, Eighth and Tenth Commandments

Class 25 #2558-2649
IV. Christian Prayer
Prayer in the Christian Life
   The Revelation of Prayer - In the Old Testament, In the fullness of time, In the age of the Church

Class 26 #2650-2758
The Tradition of prayer
   At the wellsprings of prayer, The way of prayer, Guides for prayer
The Life of Prayer
   Expressions of prayer, The battle of prayer, The prayer of the hour of Jesus

Class 27 #2759-2865
The Lord’s Prayer: “Our Father!”
   Summary of the whole gospel, Our Father who art in Heaven, The seven petitions

Class 28
Complete Material
Review for Final

Class 29
Final