



Department of Religion Ascension of Our Lord Secondary School

Course Code: HRE 4M1
Course Name: Christian Morality and Ethics
Level: Mixed

Student Name: _____

Textbook #: _____

Welcome to the class! The focus of this course is on decision making and attitudes with respect to many current issues in today's society. We live in a world that is characterized by changing values and philosophies. This often results in confusion. Upon what basis or foundation are decisions made? This course will give you the opportunity to explore the moral decision making process and the principles which shape the Christian way of life. You will be challenged to defend behavior in light of the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

Overall Course Timeline

- UNIT ONE: The Biblical Foundations to Morality
- The universal principles of morality
 - Respect and responsibility
 - Values and virtues
 - The Ten Commandments
 - The Beatitudes
- UNIT TWO: Moral Decision making
- Conscience formation
 - Law, freedom, sin
 - Wise judgment , character
- UNIT THREE: Social Justice
- Consumerism, poverty
 - Racism, sexism
- UNIT FOUR: The Human Person and Virtue
- Relationships, communication
- UNIT FIVE: Reverence for Human Life
- Abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty
 - Bioethical issues (reproductive technologies)
- UNIT SIX: Sexuality and Marriage
- Chastity, commitment
 - Marriage as sacrament, family

Efforts will be made to meet the individual learning needs of students to promote student success with respect to meeting the expectations of this course.

My signature below indicates that I have read the Course Handout, and I am in agreement with its contents.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Students's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Class Expectations:

- Arrive on time and prepared with your books and supplies
- NO PEDs in class or you will be sent to the office
- You must be in full uniform all the time
- NO Food or drinks are allowed in class
- Be respectful to one another

Resources:

The course will use a variety of resources which will be distributed to students during the first week of the course. The text and all other resources assigned to each student are the responsibility of the student.

Resources for this course include:

Christian Morality and Creating a Christian Lifestyle

You are responsible for returning the same numbered books at the end of the semester. Books must be brought to every class.

Any damage incurred will result in payment for replacement.

Evaluation Policies

1. Student marks will be determined by evaluating process & product according to 4 categories (see below) & 4 levels of the Achievement Chart as found in the Ministry Policy document for Religious Education.

Evaluation Structure:

Knowledge/Understanding	}	25% Each
Application		
Communication		
Thinking/Inquiry		

**Term Evaluations = 70% of the final mark. Final Evaluation = 30% of the final mark.
(Final Evaluation= 10% Culminating Performance Task & 20% Final Examination)**

2. Feedback will also be provided for student **learning skills**. Working independently, teamwork, organization, work habits/homework, and initiative are assessed apart from student achievement in the four categories outlined above and will conform to the coding:

E – Excellent

G – Good

S – Satisfactory

N - Needs Improvement

3. **Assignments** submitted after the due date established by the teacher will receive a penalty in accord with our Board Assessment & Evaluation Policy Document as outlined in the student agenda.
4. Should a student miss an evaluation due to a legitimate absence, **in accord with our Board A&E Policy Document**, the student and teacher will make arrangements to address the missed evaluation in a timely manner. In the cases of **extended vacation** or **prolonged absence**, consultation with the appropriate administrator is required.
5. In the event that the student does not make up the missed evaluation(s), a zero may be assigned. If it is determined that the evaluation(s) has/have been missed as a result of a skip/truancy or has/have been plagiarized, a zero may be assigned.
6. For all other cases of absence and/or missed evaluations (including absence during the final examination period), please refer to our Board A&E Policy as outlined in the student agenda.

Course Expectations:

There is a basic assumption in this course. You (or your parents) have made a choice for you to attend a school whose underlying philosophy is based on the religious principles of Christianity. It is expected that you will take this course seriously and apply your full academic potential to it.

Tests and Quizzes: Advanced notice will be given for all tests. However, students should always be prepared for occasional surprise quizzes based on homework reading assignments. Missed tests due to a legitimate absence must be made-up within two days of your return. An unexcused absence on a test day results in a mark of "0" on the test.

Notebooks: Notebooks must be brought to every class and must be complete and accurate. Use a separate three ring binder and take all notes in blue and black ink, using colour only for underlining. Keep your notebook well organized, using dividers for each unit.

Homework: Homework must be completed when assigned.

Journals: Journals comprise a major portion of your term mark. Each journal assigned should be completed within a day or two of it being assigned.

Textbooks: The Textbook is Growing in Christian Morality and Creating a Christian Lifestyle will be assigned to you. You are responsible for returning the same numbered books at the end of the semester. Books must be brought to every class.

Writing policy: All written assignments in this course will be graded not only on content but also on the correct use of English (form and style).

Late Assignments: A penalty will be applied to all late assignments according to school policy. Attendance: Since participation in discussion is a major component of this course, regular attendance is mandatory. School policy on attendance will be strictly applied. LEAVING CLASS EARLY WITHOUT PERMISSION = ONE SKIPPED CLASS!

Behavior: A mature attitude and behavior are expected in this class. You are to be prepared with appropriate materials and in proper uniform at all times. There will be no food or drinks permitted in class and washroom breaks will be limited to serious emergencies.

May God bless your efforts this semester!