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Mrs. Cornwell's 8th Grade Religion Class

St. Anthony's School 2015-16

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Welcome to 8th Grade students and families!

Textbooks

- *Christ Our Life, The Church Then and Now (Loyola Press)*
- *Theology of the Body (Ascension Press)*

Foundational Concepts

The 8th grade Religion program is devoted to the study of God's faithful love as it is revealed in the Church founded by Jesus Christ. The Church Then and Now is designed to help young people grow in their knowledge and love of the Church,

8th grade Religion will be an interactive course between teacher, student, Religion book, and the Internet. Class discussion and participation are essential ingredients and students will be invited to share their ideas. Review activities and tests will conclude each chapter. Friday Mass participation (to include responding and singing) will part of Religion grade

For Class: *folder, lined paper, pens, laptop, USB key, notebook*

For Home: *a New American Catholic Bible, internet and printer*

Homework:

Homework will consist of reading from the textbook, Bible, or article given, writing or completing a class assignment. Homework will be posted on School Speak and also in their homeroom. Please review the Junior High Survival Guide for information on the late, missing and absent work policies.

Christian Service Hours

8th grade students are required to obtain five (5) quality service hours through service projects on campus or in the community at large for a total of fifty (50) points. Students will be able to earn up to 10 points extra credit for two hours over the required five hours (five points per hour).

The guidelines for Christian Service can be found in the Junior High Survival Guide. Service opportunities will be announced in class, the 8th Grade Newsletter and the Tuesday Letter. Forms must be signed by the person overseeing the service, i.e. event/program coordinator, teacher, etc. Forms cannot be signed by a parent unless they hold the official title/function of coordinator for a volunteer event/project. The proper form can be found on the SAS website.

Family Life (Theology of the Body)

Theology of the Body for Teens is a dynamic faith formation program for teens and pre-teens in Catholic schools. Using a great mix of stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and relevant references to the culture, it goes beyond traditional chastity programs by connecting the two hottest topics on the planet--God and sex.

I will send a note home at least 2 weeks before the start of the Family Life Unit. This unit will take place towards the end of the school year. You may come by my room to review the material covered for this study. If you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing before the start of the unit. I would be happy to make other arrangements.

Classroom Rules

Please familiarize yourself with the Jr. High Survival Guide and Parent Student Handbook, which explains the discipline plan that applies to all St. Anthony students. In addition students should adhere to the following:

- 1. Be respectful and courteous to others,*
- 2. Walk into class quietly and on time.*
- 3. Follow directions the first time they are given.*
- 4. Bring all needed materials.*
- 5. Water only - no other food or drink (includes gum)*

I look forward to a faith filled year with your child. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. The best and most prompt way to contact me is through email.

God Bless You!!

Mrs. Cornwell-Macias