

Religion - 06  
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Dear Parents,

I am very excited to have your sixth grader in class this year and to partner with you as we teach them Religion and the truths of the Catholic faith. We will be using Following Christ in the Faith and Life series, published by Ignatius Press for our textbook along with the New American Bible. Each student received a Bible this year that they will continue to use throughout middle school and high school. Please encourage your child to take good care of their textbooks and Bible during the school year.

This course studies how we follow Jesus Christ by obeying the Ten Commandments. We will also study each of the parts of the Holy Mass – why they are important and how they help us worship God. We will learn about the ‘last things,’ especially that our destiny is to be with God in Heaven. The students will memorize the names of the Books of the Bible, and will spend time each week reading and praying with the Scriptures. Each week, we will learn about a Saint of the Week and pray a Prayer of the Week. By doing this, the students will have the opportunity to meet many wonderful people who loved God with their whole hearts and who displayed great virtue. They will also become familiar with many traditional Catholic prayers. My hope is that each student will develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ through the course of the year.

Your child’s grade will consist of tests & projects (25%), assignments (25%), participation (25%), and service hours (25%). For each lesson, we will answer review questions together as a class. The review questions need to be written in complete sentences. These can be used as a study guide for the test, and they will be turned in on the day of the test. If a student is absent,

or doesn't finish the review questions in class, he/she may find my Slides posted on Google Classroom. My Google Classroom Website is <https://classroom.google.com/u/1/c/MTIyMDc3OTE5Njk0>. I invited all of the students to join the classroom through email. These and all assignments need to be turned in on time. Ten points will be deducted for every day that the assignment is late, for up to 5 days, and then a zero will be issued. I will only accept 2 late assignments per quarter.

Your child will be required to complete six service hours during sixth grade. The service hours may be completed at school, your church, or in your community (non-profit organization). Please refer to your student's handout regarding service hour requirements. Please allow your child to fill out the service hour forms to turn in. Do not do it for them. They also have a journal to record service activities for the year.

Please make sure that you have reviewed the Upper Campus Student and Parent Handbook along with your child's Course Syllabus for Religion-06. The school rules and dress code are stated in the Handbook, and demerits will be issued for a number of minor infractions (improper uniform, tardiness, disruption in the classroom, etc), if necessary.

Please email me with any questions or concerns you may have. I am looking forward to a wonderful school year at Notre Dame!

Love in Christ,  
Lauren Morath