

LIFE NIGHT SERIES INTERGRATION WITH USCCB FRAMEWORK FOR HIGH SCHOOL CATECHESIS

SEX POSITIVE

THE POWER OF HOLY DESIRE

The thirst and desire for God (CCC, nos. 27-30, 44-45, 1718).

- Within all people there is a longing for God.
- That longing itself is from God, who desires and initiates a relationship with each person.
- Only in God can lasting joy and peace be found in this life and in the next.

The Trinitarian God is the Creator of all; all creation reflects the glory of God (CCC, nos. 290-295, 301).

- Human beings as the summit of creation.
 - Created in the image and likeness of God (CCC, nos. 356-359, 1700-1706).
 - > God made them male and female (CCC, nos. 369-373, 1605, 1702, 2331).
 - > Dignity of both men and women: similarities and differences (CCC, nos. 2333-2336).
 - > We are made in the image of God: intellect and free will (CCC, nos. 1703-1706).

The rebellion of Adam and Eve was a sin of disobedience toward God, a rejection of a God-centered life and the choice of a self-centered life (CCC, nos. 396-398).

- The consequences of Adam and Eve's sin: loss of paradise, original grace, original holiness, and original justice (CCC, nos. 399-401).
- Original Sin and its consequences for all: suffering, death, a tendency toward sin, need for salvation (CCC, nos. 402-409).

Christ was put to death for our sins and was raised for our justification (Rom 4:25; CCC, no. 598).

- Eternal life with God in heaven is God's desire for us (CCC, nos. 1691-1698).
- We need to accept and live the grace of redemption (CCC, no. 1803).

Personal response to God's call is shown in our way of life (CCC, no. 2002).

- Holy Spirit and grace enable us to live holiness of life (CCC, no. 1704).
- Essential elements of a life growing in holiness: interiority or reflection, self-examination, and introspection (CCC, no. 1779).
- We grow in holiness of life in and through God calls every individual to a vital relationship with him experienced in prayer (CCC, no. 2558).
- Developing intimacy and communion with Jesus Christ through prayer is an essential aspect in the life of a believer or disciple (CT, no. 5; GDC, no. 80; NDC, §19B; CCC, no. 2560).

The Sacrament of Marriage

- Need for healthy self-understanding including sexuality.
- Sexuality part of our being; we relate through personhood that includes sexuality.
- God made man and woman with a natural complementarity (see Genesis: both creation accounts).
- God decreed that sexual intimacy be reserved for marriage.
- Marriage involves a total self-giving of the spouses; requires a sense of discipline, generosity, and an understanding of true love.
- Expressions of healthy sexual relations in marriage.
 - Natural family planning.
 - Arguments against contraception.
- Healthy personal and dating habits as a highschool-aged person.
- Marriage reflects Christ's relationship to the Church (Eph 5:21-33; CCC, no. 1642).
- Develop skills for living a lifelong commitment.

Focus on the couples' promises.

- Lifelong union.
- Exclusive and faithful union.
- Openness to children.

Effects of the sacrament (CCC, nos. 1638-1642).

- Married couples are given the grace to love unselfishly.
- Also the grace to strengthen the permanent nature of their union and to appreciate the joy their union can bring (CCC, no. 1615).
- Couples are given the grace which strengthens them to attain eternal life (CCC, nos. 1617, 1639, 1641).
- When blessed with children, parents are helped to raise them in faith and love (CCC, nos. 1652-1654).
- Witness of faithful couples strengthens church community and the fabric of society (CCC, nos. 1655-1658).

DISTORTED

Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

- Vocation to chastity (CCC, nos. 2337-2350).
- Offenses against chastity (CCC, nos. 2351-2359).
- Christian vision of marriage—theology of the body (CCC, nos. 2360-2379).
- Offenses against the dignity of marriage (CCC, nos. 2380-2391).

Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

- Respect the sanctity of marriage vows (CCC, nos. 2364-2365).
- Practice modesty and purity of heart in thought, words, actions, and appearance (CCC, nos. 2517-2527).
- Sins to avoid: lust and pornography (CCC, nos. 2351, 2354).

Appropriating and living the moral teaching of Jesus Christ and his Church (CCC, no. 1694).

- The importance of regular participation in Mass (CCC, nos. 1742, 2011, 2014, 2016).
- The importance of personal prayer on Jesus Christ's teachings (CCC, nos. 2014-2016).

LIVE LOVE NOW

Adherence to Jesus and acceptance of his teaching (CCC, nos. 520, 618, 767, 1693).

- Conversion of heart and life, and the formation of conscience (CCC, no. 1248).
- Worshiping and loving God as Jesus taught (CCC, nos. 618, 767).
- Living a sacramental life and a life of prayer (CCC, nos. 562, 915, 1816, 1823, 1986, 2262, 2347, 2427, 2466, 2612).

Our vocation—a universal call to holiness as disciples of Jesus Christ.

- Discipleship (CCC, nos. 520-521, 901-913).
 - "Love one another as I have loved you."
 - Discipleship—lived witness.
 - > Daily life and work.
 - > Married and unmarried.
 - > Service to the Church (CCC, no. 898).
 - > Missionary activity (CCC, nos. 904-907, 931).

Virtue (CCC, no. 1803).

- Definition of virtue (CCC, no. 1803).
- Types of virtue (CCC, nos. 1804-1832).
 - Theological virtues (CCC, nos. 1812-1829).
 - Cardinal virtues (CCC, nos. 1804, 1810-1811).

CENSORED

BEGGAR

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man (CCC, nos. 464-469).

- Jesus Christ, a Divine Person, is truly the Son of God, who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became man and our brother (CCC, no. 469).
- Jesus Christ took on a human nature. The eternal Son of God incarnate worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved. He was like us in all things except sin (CCC, no. 470).
- Man's creator has become man (CCC, no. 526).
 - Jesus showed his humanity in every event of his human life (CCC, nos. 512-534):
 - > In his family life, his friendships, and his socialization with others we see him experience human joy and happiness and demonstrate human virtues.
 - > Through things such as hunger and thirst in the desert, temptation by the Devil, grief at the death of Lazarus, agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and his Death on the Cross, we know that he also experienced pain, suffering, and sorrow. In his human encounter with the sick and the outcast, he personified compassion (CCC, no. 538).

Christ's whole life was a mystery of redemption (CCC, nos. 535-618).

- By becoming poor he enriched us with his poverty.

Living as a disciple of Jesus.

- Putting Jesus' moral and spiritual teaching into practice.
- Serving the poor and marginalized.
- Fulfilling responsibility for the mission of evangelization.
- Fulfilling responsibility for stewardship.

EXORCIST

Jesus Christ redeems us and gives us his grace so that we can choose the good according to God's will and resist sin and its effects (CCC, nos. 1705, 1708-1709).

- Jesus invites us to believe in him, to invite him into our hearts, and to follow him and his teaching as the path that leads to life, for he is "the way, the truth, and the life" and is worthy of our belief, adoration, and love (CCC, nos. 1741-1742).
- He reveals the way to repentance and conversion, teaching us to leave sin behind and to live a new life in him; he gives us the spiritual power and grace to overcome evil; he also teaches us about God's forgiveness (CCC, nos. 1847-1848).
- He teaches us how to be single-hearted in our desire for God, to offset the disordered affections and divided hearts with which we live (CCC, nos. 1716-1717).

Suffering that exists in the world is not something caused by God or sent by God; God only brings about what is good for he is goodness itself. When there is evil and suffering, God does not cause it, but sometimes he does permit it for reasons we cannot now know or understand (CCC, nos. 1500-1501).

- Evil is a reality and a mystery, that is, it is hard to understand the why of it (CCC, nos. 309-314). Some evil and suffering are a result of the work of the Devil or Satan (CCC, no. 395).

Christ's whole life was a mystery of redemption (CCC, nos. 535-618).

- In his compassion and in his healings and exorcisms he bore our infirmities.

Why the Word became flesh (the Incarnation) (CCC, nos. 525-528, 456-478).

- To destroy the power of the Devil (1 Jn 3:8).

CRIMINAL

The Passion and Death of Jesus (CCC, nos. 595-618).

- The mystery of redemptive love and suffering on the cross.
 - Overcoming temptation by Satan.
 - Events of the Passion . . . the Suffering Servant.
 - The Kenosis: Philippians 2:5-11.

Christ's whole life was a mystery of redemption (CCC, nos. 535-618).

- In his Cross and Resurrection he justified us (CCC, no. 517).

Why the Word became flesh (the Incarnation) (CCC, nos. 525-528, 456-478).

- To save us by reconciling us with God, who loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins (CCC, no. 457).
- That we might come to know the depth of God's love for us (CCC, no. 458).

KING

The announcement of the Kingdom of God through parables and miracles (CCC, nos 541-556).

The Resurrection of Jesus: redemption accomplished and the promise fulfilled (CCC, nos. 631-658).

- A historical event involving Christ's physical body.
 - Testified to by those who saw the Risen Jesus.
 - Verified by the empty tomb.
- The significance of Christ's Resurrection.
 - Confirmation of Jesus' divinity and of his words and teachings (CCC, nos 651, 653).
- A promise of our own resurrection (1 Cor 15).
- We participate in the mystery of redemption through the sacramental life of the Church, especially the Holy Eucharist.

