

Nouvel Catholic Central High School
“Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture” Syllabus

Course Description:	<p>The purpose of this course is to give students a general knowledge and appreciation of God as He is found through Sacred Scripture. This course highlights Revelation, its foundational place within the Christian faith, its contextual complexities, and its ability to guide our faith and our lives. Through studying God’s Revelation within Sacred Scripture, students will come to encounter the Living Word, a transformative lens with which to see the world and their experiences with. Students will learn many significant stories within Scripture, and what God is revealing in these moments. Students will also learn how Scripture developed and the role it plays for Christians. Students will work directly with the content, learning to analyze, interpret and find meaning within it, in order to have sustainable tools to grow in faith. Emphasis in this class will be on the Old Testament, setting the scene for the coming of Jesus, the height of Christian Revelation, which will be covered at the end of the first semester, into the following semester.</p>
Major Course Goals:	<p>The primary goals and benchmarks come from the document <i>Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework: for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age</i> published by the USCCB in 2008. Using these doctrinal goals provided by the bishop’s conference as the foundation this course will set out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide students with in depth exposure to Scripture, its meaning, and applications in Christian life. • Highlight the purpose of Scripture and its use throughout the Christian life, especially liturgically and morally. • Challenge students to apply Scripture to their own life through reflecting on their own experiences. • Provide opportunities to put Scripture into practice through prayer. • Challenge students to use their own words and development skills for self-expression within the context of faith.
Course Assessment Plan:	<p><i>Assessment is constant and will take many forms in order to give a holistic sense of each student’s growth. All divisions are based on a point system and are approximate, with the exception of the final exam. All work, except the final exam, will be accepted late, with points deducted for tardiness.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grading Scale: Nouvel standard, see handbook. • Assignments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Class Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May include worksheets, small projects, journal reflections, group discussions with notes, and other assignments. ▪ Work done in class will normally be due by the end of class.

- Any work not completed in the time allotted in class becomes the responsibility of the student to complete on his/her own time.
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- Homework
 - There will not be much homework in this class, primarily in-class work that may need to be completed at home as homework.
 - Homework is due by the due date.
 - LATE WORK: will be accepted, but with a penalty. A point will be taken off for each day an assignment is late. Handed in the same day, but not by the beginning of class, is not late, as long as the assignment is brought to me by the end of the school day.
 - EXTENSIONS: If you know ahead of time you will not get an assignment done on time for good reason, you may ask for an extension. Most extensions are for two days, but may be extended depending on circumstances. Extensions will be determined at my discretion.
- Quizzes
 - There will be a “pre-test” at the beginning of every chapter to assess the students’ knowledge of the chapter material. This will be collected and points will be given simply for taking the quiz.
- Notes Grade and Binder Check
 - In an effort to teach responsibility, each student will be given a “binder- grade” for keeping an organized binder.
 - There will also be given a grade for completeness of notes, as we will be taking notes on an almost-daily basis.
- Projects or Papers
 - Projects or papers may be given throughout the course.
 - There will be a clear rubric given, with plenty of time to work on each project or paper.
 - Late projects or papers will still be accepted; see “late work” portion of homework section.
- Tests
 - Tests will be given over each chapter.
 - Students will be given a study guide in preparation for these tests.
 - Time in class will be given to review.
- Final Exam

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A cumulative, in class exam will be given on the scheduled final date. ▪ A study guide will be given in advance and we will spend time in class reviewing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extra Credit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extra Credit may be given throughout the semester.
<p>Supplies and Materials Needed:</p>	<p><i>We have a classroom set of textbooks that students are welcome to check out. Each student is responsible for that textbook when checked out. All class textbooks are approved by the USCCB and the Diocese of Saginaw for use within the theological curriculum. Bibles are available for students to use in class, but are not provided to take home. Bibles may be found online (www.usccb.org), or arrangements can be made with Miss K for a hard copy to take home.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Faith and Revelation: Knowing God Through Sacred Scripture</i> ▪ <i>New American Bible</i> ▪ Other approved supplemental readings and media may be used. <p>In addition, your student should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Binder ▪ Loose leaf notebook paper ▪ A composition or spiral notebook ▪ Highlighters
<p>Instructional Philosophy:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Punctuality – It’s important to be on time and that means making an effort to not only be in the classroom by the bell, but to also have your notebook and class materials ready to go by the beginning of class. ▪ Missed Classes – If you’re not here a day or two or twelve you are responsible for finding out what you missed and making it up. You may talk to the teacher for any assigned work or handouts and classmates for in-class notes. ▪ If you know ahead of time of an absence, please let Miss K know. Your work should be submitted early or an extension should be requested. If you miss class on a due date due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances, turn your assignment in on your first day back or request an extension via email at your earliest convenience.
<p>Classroom Expectations:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students will be expected to participate in the classroom, maintain organized notes, be punctual with assignments and prepared for assessments as relates to this class.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See handout on expectations and classroom policies.
<p>Areas of Concentrated Study:</p>	<p><i>The class is divided up into six sections, each made up of several smaller topics which may be subject to change.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 1: Knowing God Through Natural Revelation, Reason and Faith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter highlights the ways we can know God, starting with natural revelation and reason. This chapter goes into a basic understanding of faith and reason and includes St. Thomas Aquinas’ Five Proofs for the Existence of God. ▪ Chapter 2: Divine Revelation and Supernatural Faith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter highlights the difference between natural and supernatural truths, and delves into the question: What is Divine Revelation? This chapter concludes with an in depth discovery of the Act of Faith. ▪ Chapter 3: The Church Transmits the Revelation of Jesus Christ Through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter gives students an understanding of Scripture and Tradition, including the history of Scripture and Tradition. It will include tools for the interpretation of Scripture. ▪ Chapter 4: Sacred Scripture: The Inspired Word of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter highlights the different types of literature found in the Bible. We will be focusing on the differences within the Gospels. ▪ Chapter 5: The Old Testament: God Reveals Himself to His People <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter highlights the Old Testament covenants, and the building up of God’s People in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. ▪ Chapter 6: Jesus Christ: The Fullness of Divine Revelation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter brings into focus Christ as the fullness of God’s Revelation. We will be highlighting the culture of the world when Christ entered into time, as well as some of the key moments in Christ’s life. ▪ Chapter 7: The Church Transmits God’s Revelation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This chapter is an overview of the events after Christ’s Resurrection. We will highlight Early Christian worship.
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