

High School Religion Curriculum Eleventh Grade

Part I. Catholic Morality

I.	Definition of Morality	(1691-1700)* (1749-60) Deut. 30:11-14 1 Tim. 6:11-14
	Dignity of the Human Person	(1700-1709)
	Created in the image and likeness of God	(1701) Gen. 1:26-27
	Gifted with intellect and free will	(1704-05)
II.	Scriptural Foundations of Morality	
	Covenant	(2059-60), Ex. 19, 24
	Decalogue	(2056-74), Ex. 20: 2-17
	Sermon on the Mount	(1965) Mt 5:3-12
	All embracing Law of Love	(1972) Mt 7:12 1Cor.13:1-13
III.	Human Freedom and Responsibility	(1731-38)
IV.	Conscience	(1778)
	Types of conscience	
	Informed	(1783)
	Erroneous	(1790-94)
	Ignorant	
	Lax	
	Scrupulous	
	Formation of Conscience	(1783-85)
	Magisterium	(2033-38)
	Parents	
	Parish	
	School	
	Law and Conscience	
	Divine law	Deut 5:6-22, Ex. 20:1-17
	Natural law	(1954-60)
	Church law	
	Canon law	
	Precepts of the Church	(2041-43)
	Civil Law	(1959-60)
	Conscience and freedom	
	Choose between good/evil	(1713)(1755-1761)
	Definition of true freedom	(1733)
	Internal threats to freedom	(1735)(1740)
	Ignorance	(1790-1794)

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	Passions and appetites	(1763-66)
	Bad habits (vices)	(1768, 1866)
	External threats to freedom	
	Oppression (peer pressure)	
	Injustice	
	Prejudice	
	Sources of Morality	(1750-56)
	Object	
	Intention	
	Circumstances	
Virtue		
	Cardinal virtues	(1805-09)
	Prudence	
	Justice	
	Fortitude	
	Temperance	
	Theological virtues	(1812-29)
	Faith	
	Hope	
	Charity	
Sin and Forgiveness		
	Turning away from God	(1849-50)
	Types of sin	
	Original	(388-89)
	Personal	(1868)
	Mortal	(1855-1861)
	Grave matter	
	Sufficient knowledge	
	Full consent	
	Venial	(1862-63)
	Sins of omission	
	Sins of commission	
	Seven capital sins	(1866)
	Forgiveness of Sin	
	Grace	(1996-97)
	Actual	(2000)
	Sanctifying	(2000)
	Sacraments	(1443-44)
	Baptism	(1213-14)
	Reconciliation	(1423-24; 1468-69)
	Eucharist	(1393-95)

Part II. The Ten Commandments

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- I. Primordial Importance of the Decalogue (2064-2068)
 Unity of the Decalogue: (2069)
 Each commandment refers to all the others
 To transgress one is to transgress all
- Decalogue contains a privileged expression of natural law (2070-71)
- II. The First Commandment: “I am the Lord your God;
 you shall not have strange gods before me.”
- Explanation of the Commandment (2084) Ex 20:2-6
 Deut 5:6-10
- Sins against the First Commandment
- Idolatry (2112-2114)
 Mt 6:24; Eph 5:5
- Sins against the Virtue of Faith (2088-2089)
 Doubt
 Incredulity
 Heresy
 Apostasy
 Schism
- Sins against the Virtue of Hope (2091-2092)
 Despair
 Presumption
- Sins against the Virtue of Love (2094)
 Indifference
 Ingratitude
 Lukewarmness
 Acedia (sloth)
 Hatred of God
- Superstition and Irreligion (2111-2117)
 Divination and magic
 Consulting horoscopes
 Astrology
 Palm reading
 Interpretation of omens and lots
 Phenomena of clairvoyance
 Recourse to mediums
- Irreligion (2118 – 2121)
 Tempting God Lk 4:1-12
 Sacrilege and simony Acts 8:9-24
- Atheism and agnosticism (2123 – 2128)
 Cults
- III. The Second Commandment: “You shall not take the name of the Lord
 your God in vain.”

Explanation of the Commandment	(2142)
	Ex. 20:7; Deut 5:11; Mt 5: 33-34
Sins against the second commandment	
Improper use of God's holy name	(2143 – 2146); Ps 29:2
Blasphemy	(2148)
Taking false vows/oaths; perjury	(2150 – 2152)
	Jas 5:12
Foul language	Eph. 4:29
IV. The Third Commandment: “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day.”	
Explanation of the commandment	(2168 – 2172)
	Ex. 20:8-11; Deut. 5:12-15
The Lord’s Day	(2174) Mt 28:1
Sins against the Third Commandment	
Missing Mass on Sundays/Holydays of Obligation	(2180 – 2182)
Failing to pray	(2744 – 2745)
Failing to “Keep holy the Lord’s Day”	(2184 – 2188)
V. The Fourth Commandment: “Honor your father and your mother.”	
Explanation of the commandment	(2199 – 2200)
	Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16
Nature of the family	(2201 – 2206)
Responsibility of parents and children	(2214 – 2231)
Sins against the Fourth Commandment	
Disobedience and disrespect toward parents or guardians	(2216 – 2217)
	Lev. 19: 32; Mk 7: 8-13
	Eph. 6: 1-2; Col. 3: 20
Disobedience and disrespect toward proper authorities	
Superiors	(2234)
Civil authorities	(2235 – 2242)
VI. The Fifth Commandment: “Thou shall not kill.”	
Explanation of the commandment	(2258)
	Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17; Mt 5:21-22
Gravity of attacks against life	Evangelium vitae 10-18
Sins against the Fifth Commandment	
Murder	(2268 – 2269); Gen. 4:8-16
Suicide	(2280 – 2283); Rom. 14:7-8
Abortion	(2270 – 2275)
Euthanasia	(2276 – 2279); Ps 139
Embryonic stem cell research	
Alcohol and drug abuse	(2290 – 2291)
Abuse of food and tobacco (a disorder may not constitute a sin.)	
Abuse of the body	(364)

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Respect for life	
Capital punishment	(2267)
Self-defense	(2263-65)
Scientific research	(2292-96)
Genetic research	(2294-95)
Cloning, stem cell, fetal research	
Respect for dignity of persons	
Scandal (actions that lead others to sin)	(2284 – 2287); Mt 18:6
Safeguarding peace	(2302-2306)
	Matt 5:9; Col 3:12-17
War	(2307–2317)
Just War Theory	(2309)
The arms race	(2315 – 2316)
Weapons: conventional and non-conventional	(2314)
VII. The Sixth Commandment: “You shall not commit adultery.”	
Explanation of the commandment	(2331)
	Ex. 20:14; Deut. 5:18
Distinction between sex and sexuality	(2332 – 2333)
Sexuality and human relationships	(2360)
Purposes of sexual intercourse	(2361 – 2363)
Unitive	(2364 – 2365)
	Gen. 2:24; Mt 19:4-6
Procreative	(2366-67)
The unitive and procreative dimensions of the sexual act are, by nature, not intended to be separated.	(2363); Gen. 1:28
Characteristics of a Christian sexual relationship	(2364 – 2370)
	1 Cor. 13:1-13; Eph 5:25-28
Exclusive	
Committed	Mt 19:6
Faithful	Mk 10:9
Open to new life	
Fertility awareness	(2366-2373) (2399)
Natural Family Planning	
Universal call to chastity and integration	(2348 – 2350)
Meaning of chastity	(2366-2373) (2399)

Students are required to read and discuss *Chastity: A Pastoral Letter* by Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D., Bishop of Scranton

Sins against Chastity	(2351)
Lust	
Fornication	(2353); 1 Cor. 6:9-10
Masturbation	(2352)
Homosexual activity	(2357 – 2359)
	Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-10
Pornography	(2354)
Prostitution	(2355); 1 Cor. 6:15-16

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Rape	(2356)
Polygamy	
Incest	(2388); Leviticus 18:7-18
Cohabitation	(2390-2391)
<i>In vitro</i> fertilization	(2376-2377)
Sins against the dignity of marriage	
Adultery	(2380); Mk 10:11
Divorce	(2382-2386)

VIII. The Seventh Commandment: “You shall not steal.”

Explanation of the commandment	(2401-2402) Deut. 5:1-9
Right to private property: putting one’s goods at the service of others	(2403)
Sins against the Seventh Commandment	(2408)
Theft	Eph. 4:28
Vandalism	(2409)
Cheating (tax evasion, forgery, excessive waste, work poorly done)	(2409) Lev. 19:35-36; Deut. 25:13-16
Excessive Gambling	(2413)
Breaking of just promises/contracts	(2410) Deut. 24:4-18; Jas 5:4
Slavery	(2414)
Prejudice and social or cultural discrimination	(1929-1938) Matt 5:43-48; Matt 25:40 Gal 3:26-28
Disrespect for the integrity of creation	(2415 – 2418) Gen. 1:28-31
Catholic Social Teaching	(2419-2425)
Inherent dignity of the human person	(1700-1714) Gaudium et spes #19
Definition of the common good	Mater et Magistra #65
Definition of charity	(1822-1829)
Definition of justice	(1807)
Commutative	(2411)
Distributive	(2411)
Social/legal	(2411)
Encyclicals	
<i>Rerum Novarum</i> (<i>On the Condition of the Working Classes</i>) 1891	
<i>Populorum Progressio</i> (<i>On the Progress of Peoples</i>) 1967	
<i>Sollicitudo Rei Socialis</i> (<i>On Social Concerns</i>) 1987	
Economic activity/social justice	(2426)
Dignity of work	(2427 – 2428)
Access to employment/just wage	(2433 – 2434) Deut. 24:14-15; Jas 5:4
Access to housing/health care	

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Justice and solidarity among nations	(2437 – 2442)
Immigrants and refugees	(2241) (2433)
Concern for others	Tob 4:7-11 Mt 6:2-4; Mt 25:31-46
Preferential option for the poor	(2444 – 2445) Lk 6:20-25
Spiritual Works of Mercy	(2447-2448)
Instruct the ignorant	
Counsel the doubtful	
Console the sorrowing	
Bear wrongs patiently	
Forgive all injuries	
Pray for the living and the dead	
Corporal Works of Mercy	(2447)
Feed the hungry	
Give drink to the thirsty	
Welcome the stranger	
Clothe the naked	
Comfort the sick	
Visit those in prison	
Bury the dead	
IX. Eighth Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”	
Explanation of the commandment	(2464) Ex. 20:16; Deut. 5:20; Mt 5:33-37
Importance of truth	(2467 – 2470)
Lying	(2482 – 2487) Sir 7:13
False witness and perjury	(2476); Prov 19:9
Respect for the reputation of others	Sir 21:28; Jas 3:5-10
Rash judgment	(2477 – 2478)
Detraction	(2477, 2479)
Calumny	(2477, 2479)
False flattery	(2480)
Keeping secrets and confidences	(2489)
Proper use of computer/other technology	
X. The Ninth Commandment: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.” (may be done with Sixth Commandment)	
Explanation of the commandment	(2464) Ex. 20:16; Mt 15:17-20
Chastity and purity	(2517 – 2529) 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Jn 3:1-3
Modesty	(2521)
In thought	(2523)
In word (foul language)	Jas
In clothing and actions	(2522); 1 Pet 3:4
Lust	(2351); Mt 5:27-28

XI. The Tenth Commandment: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.”

(may be done with Seventh Commandment)

Explanation of the commandment (2534)

Ex. 20:17; Deut. 5:21; Mt 6:19-21

Sins against Tenth Commandment (2536)

1 Tim. 6:10; 1 Pet 2:11

Avarice

Covetousness

Envy

(2538); Gen. 4:3-7

Detachment from material possessions:

(2544 – 2547)

simplicity of life

Mt 6:25-34; Lk 14:33

Resources for Teachers

Study Guide on the Pastoral Letter on Chastity, Office for Parish Life, Diocese of Scranton, 2005.

An Introduction to Moral Theology, William May, Our Sunday Visitor, 2003.

An Introduction to Catholic Ethics, Lucien F. Longtin, S.J. and Andrew Peach, National Catholic Education Association, 2003. An unusual book for teaching Catholic ethics in the high school classroom. Focuses on ethical (and not so ethical) teachings in the Western tradition and how to help students see the difference.

Servais Pinckaers, O.P., *Morality: The Catholic View*, St. Augustine Press 2002.