

SENIOR RELIGION SEMINAR

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Course Description:

This course is designed for seniors who will have one final opportunity to assess their feelings and thoughts about life before moving into the next phase of living as young adults. This course is a seminar, therefore it is expected that each student will share his/her ideas with peers. By design, the course allows students to explore love, communication, vocations, marriage, the single life, the consecrated life, and finally death and dying. Senior Religion Seminar is a course whereby each student will learn more about themselves as they grow, mature and begin to make the transition into adulthood. Guest speakers and field trips will be included throughout the year.

Term 1: September, October, November

In this term, we will explore the meaning of love, communication, living a moral life and following God's call.

- Who are you?
- Who will you become?

Exploring the consecrated life

- Religious orders in the Church
- Ordained life

Term 1 Assessment: TBA

Guest speaker on ordained life.

Term 2: December, January, February

During this term, we will explore the single life, and married and family life, discerning whether we are being called into either of these lifestyles as a life-long vocation.

The lay single life: a life of value and meaning

The married life: a divine covenant

- Relationships of love
- Communication and today's families

Term 2 Assessment: TBA

Guest speakers planned on married life.

Term 3: March, April, May

The subject of death and dying is important to understand as a Christian adult. Possible field trips to the morgue and a funeral home. These trips are designed to help us understand American death customs and to help us overcome any fears that we might have about the process of death and dying.

Death and dying

- How do we die?
- Can one die well?
- What happens to us after death?

➤ Do we live on in some way?
Term 3 Assessment: TBA

Supplies

Books: *Vocation, Our Response to God's Call* (should be bought in Campus Ministry)
The Wheel of Life, Elizabeth Kubler Ross, M.D. (supplied by MPS)

1 subject notebook for notes
Looseleaf paper
Pocket folder for handouts

Grading Scale

You can expect tests, reflection papers, and projects. All will be graded on a total points system. **Late assignments will be devalued 10% for each class** that they are late. If not turned in by third class after due date, a zero will be recorded. ***When absent, it is your responsibility to obtain the missing assignments or notes on the MPS homework website.

Policy for Missing Assignments:

Students should keep a copy of all computer-generated work in their server folder at MPS. They should also keep a hard copy of all other work/tests/quizzes until final grade is posted. ***In the event of a missing or lost assignment, the burden of proof rests with the student.*** You must give all assignments to me personally.

Lav sign-out

Please use the lav before coming to class or in the last 15 minutes of class. If it becomes necessary to use the lav during class time, please sign out at my desk. **Students are not allowed to leave the classroom between 2:30 and 3:00.**

Make-up Tests and personal conferences: These will be completed between 3:00 and 4:00 on any day by appointment.

****Please know that I am always available if you are in need of prayer or just need to talk. You can reach me in room 202 everyday at 3:00. If you'd rather leave me an e-mail you can do that also. May God bless you.*