

First Semester

I. THE BIBLE

A. DEFINITION

(81-82)

Collection of sacred writings

1. Inspired word of God

2 Tim. 3:16-17

2. A source of Revelation

(NCD #48-61, (DV #1-10)

B. HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

1. Name of book or Bible

2. Chapter number

3. Verse number

4. Title of story

5. Parallel passages

6. Cross references

C. STRUCTURE

1. Old Testament

(702)

a. Total number of books

(46 books)

b. Divisions

1) The Torah/ Pentateuch
(The Law of Moses)

(5 books)

2) The Historical Books

(16 books)

- 3) The Wisdom Books (7 books)
 - 4) The Prophetic Books (18 books)
2. New Testament (124-26)
- a. Total number of books (27 books)
 - b. Divisions
 - 1) The Gospels (4)
 - 2) The Acts of the Apostles
 - 3) The Letters / Epistles (21 letters)
 - a) Paul's Letters (13 letters)
 - b) The Catholic Letters (7 letters)
 - c) The Letter to the Hebrews
 - 4) The Book of Revelation / Apocalypse

D. IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE

- 1. God communicates with us and reveals himself to us. (DV #2)
- 2. There is a natural desire for God in every human heart. (26-49)
- 3. Human beings have the capacity to hear God speaking to them.
- 4. Inspired Word of God (DV #11)
- 5. Root of our Christian faith (DV Ch. 4)
- 6. Covenant relationship Lk. 1:68-79, Gal. 4:4-7
- 7. Source of prayer (DV #2)

II. OLD TESTAMENT

A. LITERARY GENRE

1. Definition
2. Types
 - a. Birth Announcement
 - b. Call Narrative
 - c. Covenant Narrative
3. Interpreting Sacred Scripture (115-19)
 - a. Literal sense
 - b. Spiritual sense

B. MAJOR EVENTS

1. Creation Gn. 1, 2, (DV #3), (337-49)
2. Humanity's sinful response to God
 - a. The Fall of Adam and Eve
Original Sin and its effects Gn. 3, GS #13, 17, (385-90, 396-409, 415-19)
 - b. Cain and Abel Gn. 4
 - c. Sin in Noah's Time n. 6-9
 - d. Tower of Babel Gn. 11:1-9
3. God's Response Gn. 5-8
 - a. Characteristics

1) Justice	Sir. 35:17
2) Mercy and love	Ps. 51:1, Lam. 3:22-23
b. Promise of Redemption	Gn. 3:15, (DV #14-16), (410-11)
c. Choosing a Special People: Israel Our Ancestors in Faith	Gn. 12-50
1) Abraham and Sarah	
a) Call	Gn. 12:1-3, (59, 72, 762)
b) Response in faith	Gn. 12, (144-46, 165, 1080, 2676), Heb. 11:9-20
c) New name	Gn. 17:5
d) Covenant	Gn. 15, (762, 1222)
e) Promise of a Son	Gn. 16, 17
f) Sacrifice of the Son	Gn. 22
2) Isaac and Rebekah	Gn. 24
a) People of faith	
b) Covenant renewed	Sir. 44:22-23
c) Parents of Esau and Jacob	Gn. 25:19-26
d) Blessing of the sons	Gn. 27:26-40
3) Jacob, Leah and Rachel	(2573)
a) Esau, firstborn	Gn. 25:19-26
b) Sells birthright	Gn. 25:27-34
c) Jacob obtains blessing	Gn. 27:1-40
d) New name (Israel)	Gn. 32:23-33

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| e) Father of 12 sons | Gn. 35:23-29 |
| 4) Joseph and his brothers | Gn. 37:1-11 |
| a) Joseph - the favorite son | Gn. 37:3 |
| b) Joseph sold into slavery | Gn. 37:12-36 |
| c) Joseph - interpreter of dreams | Gn. 40:1-41 |
| d) Governor of Egypt | Gn. 41:37-50 |
| e) Blessing of Jacob | Gn. 49:22-26 |
| d. Moses, Exodus, and the Covenant | |
| 1) Early life | Ex. 2 |
| a) Oppression of Israelites | Ex. 1:8-22 |
| b) Love and care of Moses' mother | Ex. 2:1-10 |
| 2) Leader of Israel | |
| a) God's call | Ex. 3:2-6, Sir. 45:1-5 |
| b) God's plan for Moses | Ex. 3:7-10 |
| c) Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh | Ex. 5, 6:28 - 7:7 |
| d) Conflict with Pharaoh | Ex. 5 - 11 |
| e) Passover Ritual | Ex. 12:1-29, Heb. 11:28 |
| f) Departure/Exodus from Egypt | Ex. 12:30-38 |
| g) Crossing of the Red Sea | Ex. 14:10-22 |
| h) God provides for his people (the manna and quail) | Ex. 16:1-36 |
| i) Meeting with God at Mt. Sinai | Ex. 19 |

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| j) The Ten Commandments | Ex. 20-23 |
| k) The Covenant is sealed | Ex. 24:1-11 |
| l) Forty Years Wandering
in the Desert | |
| (1) The Tent of Meeting | Ex. 25:1-6; 40:1-5,34-38 |
| (2) The Ark of the Covenant | Ex. 25:10-16 |
| m) Death of Moses | Dt. 34:5-7 |

III. LITURGICAL YEAR (1163-73, 1194)

A. DEFINITION

The cycle of feasts and seasons celebrating the events of the life of Jesus Christ and his presence in the Church.

B. SUNDAY

The Lord's day is the day on which we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We go to Mass on this day
to give praise and thanks to God.

This is the heart of the Church's life.

C. ORDINARY TIME: liturgical color is green for hope, growth, life.

1. Time in the winter between Christmas time and Lent.
2. Time in the summer and fall from Pentecost to the Feast of Christ the King.
3. Refers to ordinal, counted time.

4. Time to hear the Scriptures proclaimed inviting us to live out the mysteries of our faith and the message of the Gospels.

a. Cycle A - Gospel of St. Matthew

b. Cycle B - Gospel of St. Mark

c. Cycle C - Gospel of St. Luke

D. ADVENT (524)

1. Liturgical color is purple for preparation, sorrow for sin

2. Begins the Liturgical Year

3. Period of four weeks of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ, Christmas

a. Prayers and Scripture readings emphasize the coming of Jesus Christ

b. First part of Advent focuses on his Second Coming at the end of time

c. Second part of Advent focuses on his coming into human history in Bethlehem

4. Advent symbols

a. Advent Wreath

b. Jesse Tree

E. CHRISTMAS

1. Liturgical color is white for joy, glory, innocence

2. The Birth of Jesus Christ

Mt. 1:18 - 2:23

F. SAINTS, FEASTS, AND SPECIAL PEOPLE (1173)

Special days to honor saints are ranked and celebrated in different degrees.

Solemnity: liturgies celebrating events, beliefs, and personages of principal importance and universal significance in salvation history

Feast: liturgies of minor importance

Memorial: liturgies celebrating minor events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of saints significant to a local country, church or religious community

August	6	Feast of the Transfiguration
August	29	Memorial of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist, Martyr
August	30	Blessed Jeanne Jugan
September	14	Feast of the Triumph of the Cross
September	20	Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and Martyr, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions, Martyrs
September	21	Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle
September	28	St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
September	29	Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael: Archangels
September	30	Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor
October	2	Memorial of the Guardian Angels
October	15	Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor
October	16	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
October	18	Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist
November	1	Solemnity of All Saints
November	2	All Souls Day

November	3	St. Martin de Porres, Religious
November	22	Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
November	24	Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
November	30	Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle
		Solemnity of Christ the King (Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)
December	3	Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest
December	6	St. Nicholas, Bishop
December	26	Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr
		Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday in the Octave of Christmas)
January	4	Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
January	5	Feast of St. John Neumann, Bishop
January	6	Feast of the Epiphany (Or the Sunday between January 2 and January 8)
		Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday after January 6)

IV. MARY

A. Dogmas believed

1. The Immaculate Conception (490-94)
2. Mary's Divine Motherhood (495)
3. The Virgin Birth (496, 499, 510)
4. The Assumption (966, 974)

B. DAYS IN HONOR OF MARY (1172)

August	15	Solemnity of the Assumption
September	8	Feast of the Birth of Mary
September	15	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
October	7	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
November	19	Our Lady of Divine Providence
November	21	Memorial of the Presentation of Mary
December	8	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Patroness of the United States and of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia)
December	12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Americas)
January	1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

C. PRAYERS

1. The *Hail Mary*
2. The *Hail Holy Queen*
3. The *Rosary*
4. The *Memorare*
5. The *Angelus/Regina Coeli*
6. The *Magnificat*

V. PRAYER

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| A. | DEFINITION | Lk. 11:1-4 |
| B. | KINDS | Lk. 11:5-13
(2700, 2704, 2709-19,
2721-24) |
| | 1. Communal | |
| | a. Eucharistic Liturgy | Lk. 5:16 |
| | b. Liturgy of the Hours | (1174, 1196) |
| | 2. Private, personal | Mt. 18:19-20 |
| | a. Biblical prayer | (NCD #14), Ps. 139 |
| | 1) Reading and meditating on
scriptures | Ps. 27 |
| | 2) Use of the Old Testament
Psalms | Ps. 25, (2585-89) |
| | b. Other forms (See <i>Appendix on Prayer</i>) | |
| | 1) The “Jesus Prayer” | |
| | 2) Praying in Common (Choral Speech) | |
| | 3) Song and Gesture | |
| | 4) Meditation | |
| | 5) Aspirations | |
| C. | PURPOSE OF PRAYER | |
| | 1. Adoration | (2626-28, 2639) |
| | 2. Thanksgiving | (2637-38) |
| | 3. Petition | (2629-36) |

4. Contrition (2631, 2850-54)

VI. SACRAMENTALS

- A. Definition (1677)
- B. Kinds (1671-73)

VII. SOCIAL JUSTICE

“The commitment to human life and dignity, to human rights and solidarity, is a calling all Catholic educators must share with their students. It is not a vocation for a few religion teachers, but a challenge for every Catholic educator and catechist.”

Sharing Catholic Social Teaching Challenges and Directions, USCC, 1998, p. 7

Major Themes:

The Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Call to Family, Community and Participation

Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

- A. AWARENESS OF THE BASIC DIGNITY OF EACH PERSON
1. Discuss appropriate ways to show respect for life in all its stages.
 2. Discuss ways to peacefully resolve peer conflicts.
 3. Celebrate birthdays and cultural and ethnic heritage.

4. Discuss ways to show respect for all members of a family.

B. RESPOND TO COMMUNITY NEEDS

1. Participate in parish and/or school collections:
food, clothing, toys, etc.
2. Connect with Archdiocesan Social Service Agencies

For further ideas see **From the Ground Up: Teaching Catholic Social Principles in Elementary Schools**, NCEA, 1999.

Second Semester

I. OLD TESTAMENT

A. MAJOR PERSONS AND EVENTS

1. Joshua

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| a. Successor to Moses
laying on of hands | Nm. 27:18-23, Sir. 46:1 |
| b. Entered Promised Land (Canaan) | Jos. 1:1-5,12 |
| c. Unified the people | Jos. 1:10-18 |
| d. Destroyed Jericho | Jos. 6:1-27 |
| e. Conquered Canaan | Jos. 10-12 |
| f. Covenant at Shechem | Jos. 24:1-28 |
| g. Death | Jos. 24:29-30 |
| h. Personal qualities | |
| 1) Courageous | Nm. 14:6-10 |
| 2) Prophetic | Jos. 6:26-27 |
| 3) Religious leader | Jos. 2:7 |

2. Judges of Israel

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| a. Characteristics of the era | |
| 1) No central authority | Jgs. 17:6
Jgs. 21:25 |
| 2) Spiritual decline | Jgs. 2:16-18
Jgs. 18:1-31 |

3) Pattern of lifestyles of
Israelites in Canaan

- a) Infidelity
- b) Punishment
- c) Repentance
- d) Deliverance

b. The Judges

- 1) Charismatic leaders
- 2) Ruled around 1250 B.C. to 1020 B.C.
- 3) Names

- a) Deborah & Barak Jgs. 4:4-9
- b) Gideon Jgs. 6:11-40
- c) Samson Jgs. 15:20
- d) Samuel 1 Sm. 7:15

c. Major Judges

1) Deborah

- a) Prophetess and judge Jgs. 4:4-14
- b) Song of triumph Jgs. 5:1-31
- c) Woman of trust

2) Gideon Jgs. 6-8

- a) Man of faith Heb. 11:32
- b) Defeated Midianites Jgs. 7-8:28

3) Samson

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| a) Man of contrasts:
obedient-victorious/
disobedient-defeated;
physically strong/
morally weak | Jgs. 15:1-18

Jgs. 16:3-12 |
| b) Loss of strength
Samson and Delilah | Jgs. 16:4-31 |
| c) Death of Samson | Jgs. 16:23-31 |

4) Samuel

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| a) Dedicated to God | 1 Sm. 1:11-22 |
| b) Prophet, priest, and judge | 1 Sm. 3:20-21, Sir. 46:13 |
| c) Last and greatest judge | 1 Sm. 3,4,7 |
| d) God's revelation
to Samuel | 1 Sm. 3:7-18 |
| e) People demand a king | 1 Sm. 8 |

3. Kings of Israel

a. Saul

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| 1) First king of Israel | Sm. 9:1-2 |
| 2) Anointed as ruler | 1 Sm. 10:1-16 |
| 3) Battles the Philistines | 1 Sm. 17:1-58 |
| 4) Jealous of David | 1 Sm. 18:6-13 |
| 5) Death of Saul | 1 Sm. 31:1-6 |

b. David

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| 1) Early life | |
| a) Son of Jesse | Ru 4:17 |

- b) Chosen by God,
Anointed by Samuel 1 Sm. 16:1-13, Sir. 47:2
- 2) Life under Saul
- a) Harpist 1 Sm. 16:14-23
- b) Kills Goliath 1 Sm. 17:4-49, Sir. 47:4
- c) Subdues Philistines 1 Sm. 17:32-54
- 3) King of Israel
- a) Anointed king 2 Sm. 5:1-5
- b) Strengthens kingdom 2 Sm. 5:11-16
- c) Organizes worship 1Chr. 15:1-29
- d) Blesses people 2 Sm. 6:17-19
- e) Receives eternal
covenant 2 Sm. 7:1-19
- f) Subdues many nations 2 Sm. 8:1-18, 10:1-9
- g) Commits adultery and
is rebuked by Nathan 2 Sm. 11:1-27, 12:1-15
- h) Repents Ps. 32:1-11, Ps. 51:1-19
- i) Secures Solomon's
succession 1 Kgs. 1:5-53
- j) Reigns for forty years 1 Kgs. 2:11
- k) Steadfastly loyal
to God 1 Mc. 2:57
- 4) David's spiritual significance
- a) Prophet Acts 2:29-30
- b) Musician 2 Sm. 23:1

3) Solomon's weaknesses

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| a) Love of luxury | Eccl. 2:1-11 |
| b) Married pagans | 1 Kgs. 11:1-3 |
| c) Idolatry | 1 Kgs. 11:4-8 |
| d) Actions divided nation | Sir. 47:21 |

4) Solomon's death 1 Kgs. 11:41-43

4. Important Queens

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| a. Esther | Est. 2:15-18, 4C:12-30 |
| b. Queen of Sheba | 1Kgs. 10, 2 Chr. 9 |

5. Prophets

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| a. Definition
Spokesperson for God | (64, 218) |
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b. Divisions

1) Major prophets

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| a) Isaiah,
Prophet of the Messiah | Is. 7:14; 9:5-6;11:1-5;
29:18-21 |
| b) Jeremiah,
Prophet of the New Covenant | Jer. 1:4-10;18:1-6,31:31-34 |
| c) Ezekiel,
Prophet in Babylon During the Exile | Ez. 36, 37 |

2) Minor prophets

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| a) Amos,
Prophet of Social Justice | Am. 2:6-8,13-16; 3:1-2;
5:21-24 |
| b) Hosea,
Prophet of the Faithful God | Hos. 2:14-17, 19-23;
11:1-4, 8-11 |

c) Micah,
Prophet of Social Justice

Mi. 2:1-13; 4:1-12; 5:1;6:8

6. Biblical Women

a. Ruth and Naomi
Devoted daughter-in-law

Ru 1:16

b. Tamar
Life preserved

Gn. 38:25, Ru 4:12

c. Rahab
Proclaimed power of God

Jos. 2, 6:20-25

d. Hannah
Dedicated son to God

1 Sm. 1- 2:11, 18-21

II. CHRIST FULFILLS THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Lk. 3:1-22, (719)

Bridge between the Old and New Testament

B. JESUS CHRIST

Fulfillment of Old Testament Promises

Mt. 1:1-17

1. Incarnation

Lk. 1:26-38, (464, 470)

2. Baptism and Public Life

Mk. 1:1-11, Lk. 4:16-21,
(535-36, 556-565)

3. Redemption accomplished by Passion,
Death, and Resurrection

Mk. 15:39, Jn. 20:11-18
(619, 623)

4. Established Church and ascended to
his Father

Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-12,
(659-72)

III. LITURGICAL YEAR

(1168-71)

A. LENT

1. Time of preparation for Easter, forty days
2. From Ash Wednesday to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday
3. Liturgical color is purple for penance, repentance

B. HOLY WEEK

1. Palm Sunday Jn. 12:12-19
2. Triduum
 - a. Holy Thursday Mt. 26:26-35
 Mass of the Lord's Supper Mk. 14:22-31
Lk. 22:14-23
 - b. Good Friday: Liturgical color is red Mt. 27, Mk. 15, Lk. 23
 for the blood of Jesus shed for us.

 Celebration of the Lord's Passion
 - 1) Part 1: Liturgy of the Word
 Special *General Intercessions*
 - 2) Part 2: Veneration of the Cross
 - 3) Part 3: Holy Communion
 - c. Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil
 - 1) Part 1: The Service of Light
 - 2) Part 2: Liturgy of the Word
 Nine readings are provided for
 this special Vigil
 - 3) Part 3: Liturgy of Baptism
 - 4) Part 4: Liturgy of the Eucharist

d. Easter

Sunset of Holy Saturday to sunset of Easter Sunday

C. EASTER SEASON (1168-69)

Sunset of Easter Sunday to sunset of the Solemnity of Pentecost

1. Easter Sunday: liturgical color is white
for glory, joy, innocence
Mt. 28:1-15, Mk. 16:1-8,
Lk. 24:1-12, Jn. 20:1-10
2. Ascension Thursday: liturgical color is white
Marks the end of Jesus' earthly appearances
Mt. 28:16-20
Mk. 16:19-20
Lk. 24:50-53
Acts 1:6-12
3. Pentecost: liturgical color is red
for the Holy Spirit
Acts 2:1-4
 - a. Fifty days after Easter
 - b. The birthday of the Church

D. OTHER CELEBRATIONS

1. Trinity Sunday - Sunday after Pentecost
2. Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ)
Sunday after Trinity Sunday
3. Solemnity of the Sacred Heart
Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost

E. ORDINARY TIME: liturgical color is green for hope, growth, life

F. SAINTS, FEASTS, AND SPECIAL PEOPLE

February	2	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February	3	St. Blase, Bishop and Martyr

March	3	Feast of St. Katharine Drexel, Religious
March	17	Memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop
March	19	Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
April	25	Feast of St. St. Mark, Evangelist
May	1	Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker
May	3	Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles
June	24	Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist
June	29	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
July	6	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
July	14	Memorial of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
July	22	Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene
July	26	Memorial of Saints Joachim and Ann, Parents of Mary

IV. MARY

A. BIBLICAL PLACES AND MARY

1. Ain-Karim

a. Church of the Visitation

b. Church of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist

2. Bethlehem

3. Jerusalem

B. DAYS IN HONOR OF MARY

February	2	The Purification of Mary
February	11	Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes
March	25	Solemnity of the Annunciation
April	26	Our Lady of Good Counsel
May	31	Feast of the Visitation
May (variable)		The Immaculate Heart of Mary
July	16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
August	15	Solemnity of the Assumption

C. PRAYER

1. The *Joyful* Mysteries of the Rosary
2. The *Sorrowful* Mysteries of the Rosary
3. The *Glorious* Mysteries of the Rosary

V. PRAYER

A. DEFINITION

Mt. 7:7-11, (2590-91,
2594-96)

B. KINDS

1. Communal

Lk. 11:39,41-42

a. Sacramental celebrations

Lk. 22:40-46

b. Liturgy of the Hours

1) Purpose

(1174)

2) Content

(1176)

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| 2. Private, personal | Ps. 51, Mk. 6:46 |
| a. Devotions | Ps. 121 |
| 1) Worship of the Eucharist
Outside of Mass | |
| a) Visits to the Blessed Sacrament | |
| b) Benediction | |
| c) Forty Hours | |
| 2) The Stations of the Cross | |
| 3) The Rosary | |
| 4) Novenas | |
| b. Other Forms | |
| 1) Shared Prayer | |
| 2) Guided Meditation | |
| 3) Journal Keeping | |

C. SOURCES OF PRAYER

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| 1. The Word of God | (2653-54) |
| 2. The Liturgy of the Church | (2655) |
| 3. The Theological Virtues | (2656-58) |

VI. SOCIAL JUSTICE

“The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society....

In this time of widespread violence and diminished respect for human life and dignity in our country and around the world, the Gospel of life and the biblical call to justice need to be proclaimed and shared with new clarity, urgency, and energy.”

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Major Themes:

Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Solidarity of the Human Family

Care for God’s Creation

A. AWARENESS OF THOSE WHO SUFFER

1. Participate in Lenten parish / school programs
2. Discuss the ways injustice among human families hurts everyone
3. Discuss the problems people from other cultures face as compared to the ones they face

B. AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK

1. Discuss laws and organizations that help create safe working conditions
2. Discuss purposes of boycotting companies and products
3. Determine ways students can become better stewards of God’ earth