

**Grade 8**

**PERSONAL GROWTH II: THE HUMAN COMMUNITY**

**(one sixth)**

- I. The Nature and Purpose of Relationships**
  - A. Created as Relational Beings**
  - B. Love: The Cornerstone of All Relationships**
- II. The Value of Relationships**
- III. Family and Friends in the Human Community**
  - A. The Family in the Plan of God**
  - B. Our Experience of Family**
  - C. Friendship in the Plan of God**
  - D. Our Experience of Friendship**
- IV. Our Relationship with God and Church**
  - A. Loved by God**
  - B. Called into Relationship with God**
  - C. Our Experience of God and Church**
- V. Social Responsibility**

**CHURCH HISTORY**

**(one third)**

- I. The Journey of the Catholic Church from the Time of Jesus to 100 AD**
  - A. The Mission of the Church**
  - B. Significant Members of the Church**
  - C. Struggles and Upheavals of the Church**
- II. The Journey of the Catholic Church Continues from 100 AD to 500 AD**
  - A. The Mission of the Church**
  - B. Significant Members of the Church**
  - C. Struggles and Upheavals of the Church**
- III. The Journey of the Catholic Church Continues from 500 AD to 1000 AD (Early Middle Ages)**
  - A. The Mission of the Church**
  - B. Significant Members of the Church**
- IV. The Journey of the Catholic Church Continues from 1000 Ad to 1500 AD  
(High and Late Middle Ages)**
  - A. The Mission of the Church**
  - B. Significant Members of the Church**
  - C. Struggles and Upheavals of the Church**
- V. The Journey of the Catholic Church Continues from 1500 AD to 1800 AD**
  - A. The Mission of the Church**
  - B. Significant Members of the Church**
  - C. Struggles and Upheavals of the Church**
- VI. The Journey of the Catholic Church Continues from 1800 Ad to the Present Time**
  - A. The Mission of the Church**
  - B. Significant Members of the Church**
  - C. Struggles and Upheavals of the Church**

## **MORALITY**

**(one third)**

### **I. Definition of Morality**

### **II. The Basis of Catholic Morality in the Life and Teaching of Jesus**

- A. Jesus' Relationship with God the Father**
- B. Jesus' Teaching on the Commandments**
- C. Jesus' Teaching on Love**
- D. Jesus' Vision of the Kingdom**
- E. Jesus' Invitation to His Disciples**

### **III. Learning to Choose**

- A. Fundamental Choices**
- B. Definition of Conscience**
- C. The Development of Conscience**
- D. Elements of a Moral Decision**
- E. The Process of Making a Good Moral Choice**
- F. Dealing with Temptation**
- G. Failure to Choose the Good as God Sees It**

### **IV. The Supports for Moral Living**

- A. Personal Prayer and Openness to the Holy Spirit**
- B. The Witness of the Community**
- C. Sacraments as Nourishment and Strength**
- D. The Communion of Saints**

## **PRAYER**

**(one sixth)**

### **I. Relationship**

- A. The Nature of Friendship**
- B. Friendship with God**

### **II. Nature of Prayer**

### **III. Basic Elements of Prayer**

### **IV. Ways of Praying**

### **V. Qualities of Prayer**

### **VI. Distractions in Prayer**

### **VII. People Who Show Us How to Pray**