

CETH 10 – A COMMUNITY CALLED CHURCH

1. Christ's Body: The Church (50 hours)

- a. A Community Called Church
 - Definition of Church
- b. History of the Church
 - Overview of major historical people and events of the Church, both the negative (e.g. support of war, role of women) and the positive (e.g. social justice)
 - Using the adaptive dimension, each school may study its own Church's particular history (e.g. Vatican II Council, Reformation, the Great Schism)
 - Ecumenical movements among Churches
- c. Creed of the Church
 - Basic Christian beliefs with a focus on the trinity
 - Examination of past and present Christian creeds
- d. Models of the Church
 - Various models of the Church, both actual and desired models
 - Systemic issues relating to the Church as institution
- e. Encountering the Sacred
 - Symbols
 - Meaning of the Sacraments
 - Brief review of the history of the Sacraments including an explanation of how Sacramental practices have changed
 - Study of how Sacramental traditions are practiced by various Christian Churches
- f. Personal and Communal Practices of Faith
 - Various forms of prayer
 - Scripture's example of prayer including the Lord's Prayer
 - Ritual and celebration on Sunday and Holy Days
 - Optional: liturgical year
- g. Evangelization and Mission
 - Christian responsibility to spread the good news
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2. Living as Christ's Body: Christian Morality (25 hours)

- a. Key Concepts in Morality
 - Study of freedom, law, principles, ends, means, authority, etc.
- b. Moral Development
 - Theories of moral development
- c. Moral Theories
 - Overview of various moral theories
- d. Christian Principles
 - Christian moral principles found in scripture and tradition
- e. Decision Making
 - Conscience formation
 - Christian guidelines for decision making
 - Cultural influences (media, chemical abuse, etc)

- f. Sin and Forgiveness
 - Christian view of sin
 - The complete and generous forgiveness of God (grace)
 - The Christian call to forgiveness
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- 3. Living as Christ's Body: Contemporary Moral Issues (25 hours)
 - a. Reverence for all Created Life
 - Christian teaching of reverence for all created life, using Jesus as a model
 - Scripture passages that speak of reverence for life
 - Application to various issues such as ecology, suicide, euthanasia etc.
 - b. Justice and Peace
 - Christian teaching about justice and peace using Jesus as a model
 - Scripture passages that speak of justice and peace
 - Application to various issues such as poverty, prejudice, unemployment etc.
 - c. Non-Violence
 - Christian teaching about non-violence using Jesus as a model
 - Scripture passages which illustrate healthy, non-violent relationships
 - Application to various issues such as conflict resolution, abuse, war, etc.