

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy
21-18 46th St.
Queens, NY 11105

Class: 8th Grade Religion

Teacher: Mr. Cain

Course Description: Welcome to 8th Grade Religion! The 8th Grade Religion curriculum centers on the core themes of morality, prayer, and a review of the Paschal mystery. The course also provides an overview of Church history from late antiquity to the modern church. The class content also explores the nature and value of human relationships and spirituality emulated by various saints within the Catholic Church along with a discussion of the canonization process. Consequently, students will comprehend and apply knowledge of social justice and Christian ethical principles into practical, real-life scenarios in order to reinforce and expand their Catholic identity.

Class Policies/Procedures:

Homework: Homework will be given 2-3 times a week and should take roughly 30 minutes to complete. Homework is graded based on a check system ranging from a check plus or fully completed homework, check minus or incomplete homework to a zero for non-submission of homework. Students can make up homework with excused absences.

Tests: Tests are given every 2 weeks based on content covered in the Diocesan Religion curriculum. Students will be given one-week notification before a test and receive a test review session prior to the test. The format of a test will be discussed in advance. Tests should be signed by a parent.

Projects: A Religion project will be assigned 1-2 times per trimester in order to provide students with the opportunity to explore a topic or theme in Religion in greater depth utilizing creativity and content knowledge acquired from class. A criteria sheet will be distributed to students regarding each assigned project. Students will normally have two weeks to complete a project in 8th Grade Religion.

Class Participation: Students are expected to participate regularly in classroom learning activities, discussions and group work. Questions are always encouraged.

Classroom Conduct: Students will be respectful and courteous to both peers and the instructor during class sessions. Attentiveness to instructions and procedures are essential for a successful, productive learning environment.

Positive Note: Last, but not least, it is an honor to have each student in 8th Grade Religion. If any student is struggling in Religion, I am more than happy to speak to and assist any student in need of additional academic or personal support.

Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to having a great year together!!

Mr. Cain