

**St. Francis Preparatory School**  
**2015 – 2016**

**Course Requirements**

**Social Justice**

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**Course Description and Objectives:**

This semester course offers students and understanding and basic knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching and Thought. Students will gain insight and a better appreciation for the implications of Catholic Social Teaching in the world through the use of Scripture, the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and current issues affecting our world and society.

Students will:

- Study the foundation and Principles of Catholic Social Teaching
- Explore how Catholic Social Teaching and Thought affects contemporary issues in their personal lives and in our world and society.

**Required Texts and Materials:**

1. Readings as assigned.
2. Notebook for class notes and class assignments (with loose leaf paper)
3. Folder for class work, assignments, returned tests, quizzes and handouts
4. Pen (Black ink) and Pencil

**Classroom Expectations and Procedures:**

In order to optimize the learning environment to allow all students to learn, we will maintain an orderly classroom by following the established policies and procedures at all times. Each student is expected to:

- arrive to class on time with all required texts and materials,
- participate in all classroom discussions and assignments,
- exhibit proper behavior, courtesy, and attention,
- respect classmates and the school environment.

Reading assignments from the assigned readings should be completed prior to class.

Students are responsible for taking notes daily, keeping an organized folder for class notes and materials, and completing all homework and in-class work as assigned.

**Homework:**

Each student is expected to complete all assignments by the due date. The goal in this class is for everyone to maintain the A that each student has at the beginning of the year – this can only be done if everyone does his or her part! Let's have a great year together!

**Class Participation:**

In addition to your homework, your class participation grade includes daily prayer assignments, group presentations, individual presentations on assigned material, participating in class discussions and group learning, and staying awake and engaged in class. Each student will have a part in every aspect of the presentation of material and each student is expected to fully participate.

**Tests/Quizzes/Exam:**

Tests will be announced. They will include information from the textbook, class notes, assigned readings, and other material that may be covered in class. Occasional quizzes may be given as needed either announced or not. The Final Exam is cumulative. Please plan ahead and keep your notes from the first day of class until the last day of class.

**Grade Weighting:**

The Religion grade will be calculated according to the following:

Tests/Quizzes	40%
Quarter Project	20%
Homework	20%
Class Participation	20%

***Final Exam: 20% of Semester Grade***

**Absences and Additional Information:**

**It is the student's responsibility to make up all missed assignments, tests, quizzes, notes, etc. resulting from absences or tardies.** For planned absences (sports, vacation, appointments, etc.), students must turn in assignments by the class they are due. Make-up tests are to be scheduled with the instructor before the missed class. For unplanned absences, other than illness, students must make up tests, quizzes, or assignments the day they return. **Students are responsible to check Google Classroom and the SFP Website daily for work and any information pertaining to classwork.** **If any student needs assistance, please contact me to schedule a time to meet.**

**THIS IS TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY THE STUDENT AND IS TO BE KEPT IN YOUR CLASS FOLDER.**

I have read the requirements for this course and have reviewed them for the purpose of understanding the requirements for this school year.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_