



The Basic Catholic Doctrine (BCD) Class: Its rationale and Objectives

It is the school desired to equip the students with a sound and well-founded Catholic Doctrine. She believes that a deeper and better knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith can affect the attitudes and behaviors of the students toward themselves, their studies, and their companions. This deep understanding may encourage the students to practice what are demanded of them by their faith.

The school puts this desire into action by way of BCD class. The BCD class serves, as a review on the rudiments of the Catholic Faith. It is also reviews on the guidelines for the devout practice of the faith.

Schedule of the BCD Class

The BCD class is scheduled once a week for one hour each class.

Requirements for the Attendance in the BCD Class

All students, regardless of their religion, are required to attend the BCD class. This is an elective subject that extends from first year through third year.

The students are required to have a notebook for BCD. They should copy the notes, which would supplement the handouts supplied by the teachers. There would be quizzes and long examinations in BCD. The teacher should also give examination to gauge the degree of understanding and retention of the students.

Materials for the BCD Class

The materials are the books and additional readings given by the chaplain that serves as reference materials for the teachers. The other teachers may also show films and utilities posters and other visual aids to enhance the lesson.

Special Considerations

1. All the BCD classes were originally handled by the School chaplain alone. This time, the classes are already handled by lay teachers, chosen by the Academic Director and the chaplain.
2. It has been noted that when the lay teachers handled the BCD classes, participation from the class in question and answer aspect improved. It is good to designate a member of the class to jot down questions, which the teacher was unable to answer during the meeting.

BCD Course Outlines

Basic Catholic Doctrine I

Subject Code : BCD 111

Time Allotment: 12 hours

Description

The subject covers the topics on the Apostles Creed, Laws and Precepts of the Catholic Church, Prayer and Liturgy, and Sanctification of Work.

Subject Outline

Time Allotted

1. The Purpose of Life	1
2. God and His Perfections	2
3. The One Triune God	1
4. The Creation and the Angels	1
5. The Creation and the Fall of Man	1
6. Laws and Precepts of the Church	1
7. Prayer and Liturgy	1
8. Our Father	1
9. Other Vocal Prayers	1
10. Sanctification of Work	2

12 hours

Minimum Level of Competence

Upon the completion of this subject, the students can:

- Explain the purpose of man in this world.
- Enumerate the ways of knowing God.
- Enumerate the perfection of God.
- Enumerate the conditions necessary to make a sin mortal.
- Enumerate the Laws and Precepts of the Church

Basic Catholic Doctrine II

Subject Code : BCD 121

Time Allotment: 12 hours

Description

The subject is the continuation of the classes in Basic Catholic Doctrine I. The subject covers the topics on Rewards and Punishment in the Afterlife, Greatness of God's Mercy, Holy Spirit, Communion of Saints, The Catholic Church, and the Virtues and Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Subject Outline

Time Allotted

1. Rewards and Punishment in the Afterlife.	1
2. The Greatness of God's Mercy.	1
3. The Incarnation.	1
4. Christ's Paschal Mystery	1
5. The Holy Spirit.	1
6. The Catholic Church.	1
7. The Communion of Saints.	1
8. The Call to Holiness.	1
9. The Grace of God in Us.	2
10. The Virtues and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.	2

12 hours

Minimum Level of Expectation

Upon the completion of this subject, the students can:

- Explain the Marks and Attributes of the Church.
- Enumerate the rewards and punishment in the afterlife.
- Explain the Doctrine of the Communion of Saints.
- Explain the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Redemption
- Explain the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

Basic Catholic Doctrine III

Subject Code : BCD 211

Time Allotment: 12 hours

Description

The subject is the continuation of the classes in Basic Catholic Doctrine. It covers the topics on the Seven Sacraments. It also tackles the matter, form, minister, the requirements for the worthy reception of the sacraments and the effects of the sacraments to the recipients.

Subject Outline

Time Allotted

1. Liturgy and the Sacraments in General	2
2. Christian Initiation in Baptism	2
3. Christian Initiation in Confirmation	1
4. Christian Initiation in the Holy Eucharist	1
5. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass	1
6. Holy Communion	1
7. Penance or Reconciliation	1
8. Acts of the Penitent	2
9. Indulgences	1
10.The Anointing of the Sick	1
11.Holy Orders	1
12.Matrimony	1
13.Sacramentals	1

16 hours

Minimum Level of Expectation

Upon the completion of this subject, the students should be able to:

- Enumerate the effects of the worthy reception of the sacraments to the recipient.
- Enumerate the necessary conditions for the worthy reception of the sacraments.
- Explain the necessity of baptism for salvation.
- Enumerate the purpose for which the mass is offered.
- Enumerate the different steps in preparing for confession.

Basic Catholic Doctrine IV

Subject Code : BCD 221

Time Allotment: 12 hours

Description

The subject is the continuation of the classes in Basic Catholic Doctrine. It covers the topics on the Ten Commandments. It focuses on the things we are obliged and forbidden by the commandments.

Subject Outline

Time Allotted

1. Morality and Human Responsibility	1
2. The Moral Law	1
3. Moral Conscience	1
4. Person, Family, and Society	1
5. Commandments of God and Laws of the Church	1
6. The First Commandment	1
7. The Second Commandment	0.5
8. The Third Commandment	0.5
9. The Fourth Commandment	1
10. The Fifth Commandment	1
11. The Sixth and Ninth Commandment	1
12. The Seventh and Tenth Commandment	1
13. The Eighth Commandment	1

12 hours

Minimum Level of Expectation

Upon the completion of this subject, the students can:

- Enumerate the Beatitudes, Spiritual Works of Mercy, and Corporal Works of Mercy
- Enumerate the things we are obliged and forbidden by each of the Ten Commandments.
- Explain why Catholics honor the saints in heaven.
- Apply the Principles of the Ten Commandments to concrete and specific situations.
- Familiarize with the different sins and virtues associated with the commandment.

Basic Catholic Doctrine V

Subject Code : BCD 311

Time Allotment: 12 hours

Description

The subject focuses on the different special issues concerning the Catholic Faith and Society. The students are given the comprehensive view of the issues and the answers to the frequently asked questions regarding the issues.

Subject Outline

Time Allotted

1. Evolution	1
2. Gambling and Betting	1
3. Homosexuality	1
4. Contraception and Abortion	2
5. The Bible and Answers to Fundamental Questions	1
6. Angels	1
7. Devil and Satanism	1
8. New Age Movement	1
9. Marian Apparitions	1
10. Euthanasia	1
11. Masonry	1
12. Drug Abuse and AIDS	1

12 hours

Minimum Level of Expectation

Upon the completion of this subject, the students can:

- Explain the Catholic Church stand on Contraception, Abortion, Homosexuality, Euthanasia, Purgatory, New Age Movement, and Marian Apparitions.
- Familiarize and give a comprehensive answer with the frequently asked questions on the different issues concerning the Catholic Faith and Society.
- Illustrate the evil of Contraception, Abortion, Drug Abuse, and Euthanasia and formulate a Christian approach in fighting against them.

Basic Catholic Doctrine VI

Subject Code : BCD 321

Time Allotment: 12 hours

Description

The subject covers the topics on the virtue of religion and the review of the classes on the Basic Catholic Doctrine Class.

Subject Outline

Time Allotted

1. Religion in General	2
2. Acts of the Virtue of Religion	2
3. Sins against the Virtue of Religion	2
4. Review of the Apostles Creed	2
5. Review of the Sacraments	2
6. Review of the Ten Commandments	2

12 hours

Minimum Level of Competence

Upon the completion of this subject, the students can:

- Explain the definition of Religion from the different points of view
- Explain the necessity of Religion
- Enumerate and explain the acts of the virtue of Religion
- Enumerate and explain the sins against the virtue of Religion
- Enumerate and explain the necessary conditions in receiving the sacraments.
- Apply the principles of the Ten Commandments to real life situations
- Apply the principles in the Apostles Creed to real life situations