

Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep Implementation of US Bishops' Secondary Framework

Over the last three school years all departments have been working on adopting and unpacking standards. The Religion Department has been working on the following courses (our traditional offerings):

Year I—Scripture (made up of study in Old Testament and Christology)

Year II—Church History (made up of study in Ecclesiology, the development of Church doctrine, Sacraments)

Year III—Ethics and Christian Living (made up of study in Christian morality, social justice, Christian lifestyles)

Year IV—Selectives (Lasallian-Vincentian Leadership, Senior Seminar, Theology of Service, Human Sexuality, World Religions, Living and Dying, Prayer and Spirituality, Christian Themes in Film and Literature; the first three are year-long classes and the rest are semester classes).

Collaborative Learning Teams teaching the first three years have had more success in the development of common standards, assignments, and exams since the fourth year team is made up of teachers of such a wide range of content. The CLT's have either completed or are currently working on unpacked standards for each of the following courses: Scripture, Church History, Ethics and Christian Living. As part of that work, teams have cross referenced the standards to specific elements from the Bishops' Framework (see Church History Standards as an example).

In addition as publishers are completing the task of creating materials for the various levels of the framework the CLT's are reviewing them for adoption. Each team came to the conclusion that more time was needed to make final decisions on textbook changes since the texts are just being released. So far, the Saint Mary's Press texts are under review for the first two years and will likely be adopted. This publisher has been our preferred publisher in the past since we share the Christian Brothers charism with them and "they speak our language". Saint Mary's has texts for other levels slated to be released in 2012.

The way things are looking, by the 2012-13 school year, the following will have taken place:

Year I—Scripture (using the Framework's first two levels of *The Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture* and *Who is Jesus Christ?*)

Year II—Church (using the Framework's second two levels of *The Mission of Jesus Christ* and *Jesus Christ's Mission continues in the World Today: The Church*)

Year III—Ethics (using the Framework's levels of *Life in Jesus Christ*)

We still need to decide whether Sacraments would continue to be covered in Year II or moved to Year III as in the Framework. *Living as a Disciple of Jesus Christ in Society* could be moved into Year III.