



Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ Grade 9

Guided by the theme of the Grade 9 course—Discipleship and Culture—students will explore the roots and meaning of discipleship and why Catholics are called to live out their faith following the example of Jesus. Through discussions and reflections on current issues, students will be challenged to explore the connections and disconnections between Catholic beliefs and contemporary culture. They will learn that discipleship is not meant to be a “private practice.” Rather, discipleship is meant to be proclaimed within society and culture through words and actions, giving witness to love, kindness, and inclusion, and a more positive interpretation of life. It is a lifelong journey of mystagogy—always learning, always questioning, and always revisiting in order to know God more deeply. It is an open-ended process, individual to each person.

The Grade 9 Catholic curriculum—Discipleship and Culture—offers teachers and students a cohesive vision of the foundations of Christian belief. The three units explore

Unit 1: How Does God Reveal His Call to Discipleship?

Unit 2: How Does Jesus Model Discipleship?

Unit 3: How Does the Church Support Discipleship?

Religious education holds a vital and fundamental role in the culture and life of a Catholic school. Through this educational framework, students are encouraged to cultivate the knowledge, beliefs, skills, values, and attitudes necessary to foster a relationship with God and the community, centered on the teachings of Jesus Christ. In Catholic schools, students engage in a religious education program sanctioned by the Bishop of the local diocese. This education aligns with the overarching goals and objectives that define quality education; specifically, it aims for the holistic growth and development of each individual across all aspects—physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual.

The home, school, and parish collaborate in fostering the spiritual growth of students. Through the program "Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ," the school aids parents and caregivers in nurturing their children's faith development while helping them recognize that God is integral to their family life and their children's experiences. As emphasized in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, parents are the primary educators of their children.