

8th Grade Pacing Guide

<u>August/Sept.</u>	<p><u>Chapter 1-2</u> Virtues: Theological Virtues and Cardinal Virtues. What are they and what's the difference? *Students will be assigned a long term research project on the Saints during the months of September and October.</p>	<u>Standards</u>
<u>October</u>	<p><u>Chapter 3</u> True Goodness: What is the source of Goodness and why do we find it so attractive?</p>	<u>Standards</u>
<u>November</u>	<p><u>Chapter 4</u> Happiness: Based on what has been learned about the Virtues and True Goodness, what is happiness and is it something permanent or temporary...or both? *At the end of November we will also be examining 3 mini chapters on Mary, Mother of God, Advent, and Christmas.</p>	<u>Standards</u>
<u>December</u>	<p><u>Chapter 5</u> Sin and Forgiveness. Venial vs. Mortal Sin. What are the repercussions of sin? What is the Power behind forgiveness? *There will be a week-long research project assigned during this chapter.</p>	<u>Standards</u>
<u>January</u>	<p><u>Chapter 6 -7</u> Finding True Freedom. What is Freedom and what should we be using it for? Prayer: Does prayer actually work? How should we be praying and what is its purpose?</p>	<u>Standards</u>

<p><u>February</u></p>	<p><u>Chapter 8</u> Family/Choosing Life: What is the role of Family in the life of a Christian and what does the Dignity of Life and the Human Person have to do with it? *Preparation for the ACRE test will begin this month.</p>	<p><u>Standards</u></p>
<p><u>March</u></p>	<p><u>Chapter 9</u> What role does Sexuality play within a Marriage? What is its connection to Family and the Dignity of all Human Life? How does it allow us, as humans, to partake in God's creation? *Preparation for the ACRE test will continue this month.</p>	<p><u>Standards</u></p>
<p><u>April</u></p>	<p><u>Chapter 10</u> Based on all that has been learned about Family, Life, etc. what connection does this have with the Church's teachings on Social Justice? *During the month of April the ACRE test will be given to all 8th grade students.</p>	<p><u>Standards</u></p>
<p><u>May/June</u></p>	<p><u>Chapter 11-12</u> Truth: What is truth? What is the opposite of Truth and the real consequences of lying, gossiping, perjury, etc? The Power of a Moral Life: What is the great benefit of living a moral life and how does it bring true power?</p>	<p><u>Standards</u></p>