

# **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Religion Pacing Guide**

## **\* Chapters 1-4**

An introduction to what Morality is and why it is important to be a moral person, as well as to introduce students to the challenges they will face (or are facing) in the course of their lives.

## **\* Chapters 5-11**

The chapters take the students on a tour of the Ten Commandments and explains exactly how they relate to their everyday life. **\*\**Special Note*\*\*** **Chapter 9** will tackle the subject of sexuality, specifically the fact that human sexuality is a gift from God, but one that is easily misunderstood, misinterpreted, and abused. I will be sending a letter home a few weeks before we begin this chapter to define specifically the things that will be discussed. There will also be family assignments that go home that will challenge families to discuss the issues with each other.

## **\* Chapters 12-15**

These chapters will offer challenges to the students to actually live out the things they have learned, as well as offer them advice and encouragement when they may be dealing with a difficult situation where a moral decision must be made.

## **\*Catechism of the Catholic Church**

After we complete the Morality series, we will begin diving into the Catechism of the Catholic Church, that is, exactly what the Church teaches and believes. We will use the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the McBride Teen Catechism and the YouCat (Youth Catechism) the latter books both do a great job of explaining Church teachings that can often seem confusing and even contradictory to teenagers.