

FAITH & LIFE

Grade 8. Our Life in the Church

THEME:

The history of the Church—its founding by Christ, its birth in the Holy Spirit, the marks of the one, true Church, the Fathers and the Doctors of the Church, the saints and the role of the religious and laity up to the present. The structure of the Church Jesus planned, the role of the Magisterium, the clergy, the religious and the laity and our own vocations.

SEQUENCE:

Part 1: The Church. Christ's plan for the Church's structure and its necessary attributes; the Church's teaching authority. The early Church: Martyrs, Fathers, Saints and Mary.

Part 2. The Christian in the World. Religious and laity, Holy Orders, Marriage, and family life; call to holiness.

Part 3. The Last Things. Death, Judgment, the end of the world.

AIM:

To help eighth-grade students know and love the Church as Christ's Body, and respond to the teaching of the Magisterium as the sure voice of Jesus, so that young people may be strengthened through their lives in the Church to face the confusion and secularism of modern-day society.