

Bishop Noll Institute  
Christian Morality  
Fall, 2017  
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Classroom: 307  
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### **Course Description:**

Christian Morality will focus on four major themes. We will begin with moral choices while deepening the dialogue between right versus wrong. We will then turn to sin and its consequences. In order to study the roots and other essential elements of morality we will center attention on the 10 Commandments. Lastly, we will cap the debate by exploring the meaning and the differences between forgiveness and reconciliation.

### **Materials:**

- “Christian Morality: Our Response to God’s Love” by Brian Singer-Towns ( St. Mary’s Press).
- Bring your Bible (if lost students can purchase it from teacher).

### **Additional materials:**

- Pens - Blue or Black - Theology Notebook.

**Grading Policy:** point system.

You will be evaluated through homework, tests, quizzes, CLASS PARTICIPATION and papers:

- Participation= 5%
- Homework=25%
- Quizzes=20%

- Tests=25%
- Papers=20%
- In-class assignments/group work=5%

### **BNI/Diocesan Grade Scale:**

A = 90 -100%

B = 80 - 89%

C = 70 -79%

D = 60 - 69%

F = 59 % and below

Remember that Theology is a *graduation requirement* at Noll.

### **Classroom Rules and Procedures:**

**We each learn from one another as a classroom community, therefore:**

- 1. Respect self, others, their cultures and the furnishings in Room 307.**
- 2. Raise your hand and ask for permission to speak.**
- 3. NO CELL PHONE USE ALLOWED.**
- 4. Uniform shirts are to be tucked in and worn appropriately.**
- 5. Pay attention and follow directions as given, INCLUDING no eating during class.**
- 6. No cursing or profanity.**
- 7. The period begins when you enter the classroom and take your assigned seat.**
- 8. Have your textbook, homework and prepared materials ready each day.**

9. **It is your responsibility, a factor in your final grade, to participate in class discussion.**
10. **Tardy/late arrival to class is not tolerated/penalties apply for breaking this rule (See BNI Student Handbook).**
11. **If you missed a test or quiz because of an excused absence, you must take the test or quiz ON THE DAY YOU RETURN or receive a ZERO.**
12. **Normally, there is no reason to leave the classroom; the restroom is to be used during the passing periods between classes.**
13. **Students are to remain in their assigned seats until I dismiss the class. The bell does not dismiss students, only the teacher alerts when the class has ended.**
14. **HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS: Homework is an important tool to reinforce and highlight what has been addressed in class and as a preparation for the next day's class. Reading assignments are as important as written assignments. Pop quizzes and announced quizzes serve as a measure of the information retained.**
15. **NO LATE WORK with be accepted, except in the case of an excused absence (See # 11.)**
16. **REMEMBER, YOUR NAME and DATE should be written on all assignments. Without a name=no grade.**

**Absent work:**

If you are absent for one day, you have one day to make up any missed assignment. If you are absent for two days, you have two days to make up that assignment. Otherwise, I expect everyone to be responsible and on time with their own work.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

With the exception of assigned group work, REMEMBER, all of your work MUST BE YOUR OWN work. No exception. PLAGIARISM is not tolerated (See pages 15 and 29 under Level III Detention Offenses in the BNI Student Handbook).

### **Computer Policy:**

1. You are only allowed to use the computer assigned to you.
2. You may not have any picture on your sign-in page except yours.
3. You may not delete any information from anyone else (pics).
4. The only music allowed is what Mr. Castaneda plays (no earphones).
5. Put your computer back according to class rules.
6. You are responsible for any damage done to the computer while in your use.
7. You may only visit assigned sites. Chatting with others is unacceptable. Violations can result in a detention.

**Annual Retreat:** Required. Check Handbook for Details.

**Service Component:** Required. Check Handbook for Details.

### **Fall 2017 Course Calendar**

#### **Week 1**

Wednesday/Thursday Aug. 16-17:

- I. Welcome/Explain and distribute Parent/student Verification and Emergency Forms as well as explain and distribute Student Medical History/Emergency Authorization Forms.
- II. Introduction to course calendar, syllabus, expectations, and student introductions.
- III. Students will take a survey and provide feedback on ideas/projects they would want to see implemented during the course of the year.

Friday, Aug. 18 - - Brief activity of introduction to Christian Morality.

## **Week 2**

Monday, Aug. 21 - - Address/Discuss articles 1 & 2 from Part 1 of Section 1.

Tuesday, Aug. 22 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week.

Wednesday, Aug. 23 - - Address/Discuss articles 3 & 4 from Part 1 of Section 1.

Thursday, Aug. 24 - - Address/Discuss articles 3 & 4 from Part 1 of Section 1.

Friday, Aug. 25 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week.

## **Week 3**

Monday, Aug. 28 - - Address/Discuss articles 5 & 6 from Part 2 of Section 1.

Tuesday, Aug. 29 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week. In addition to **QUIZ 1, over vocabulary and articles 1 through 4.**

Wednesday-Aug. 30 - - Address/Discuss articles 7, 8 & 9 from Part 2 of Section 1.

Thursday, Aug. 31 - - Address/Discuss articles 7, 8 & 9 from Part 2 of Section 1.

Friday, Sept. 1 - - Class time to work on online submission.

**Weekly summary and text reflection due midnight. No. 1**

## **Week 4**

Monday, Sept. 4 - - NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)

Tuesday, Sept. 5 - - Address/Discuss articles 10 & 11 from Part 3 of Section 1.

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week. In addition to **QUIZ 2, over vocabulary and articles 5 through 9.**

Thursday, Sept. 7 - - Address/Discuss articles 12, 13 & 14 from Part 3 of Section 1.

Friday, Sept. 8 - - Address/Discuss articles 12, 13 & 14 from Part 3 of Section 1.

### **Week 5**

Monday, Sept. 11 - Address/Discuss articles 15, 16 & 17 from Part 1 of Section 2.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week. In addition to **QUIZ 3, over vocabulary and articles 10 through 14.**

Wednesday, Sept. 13 - - In class movie

Thursday, Sept. 14 - - In class movie

Friday, Sept. 15 - - In class movie

**Weekly summary and text reflection due midnight. No. 2**

### **Week 6**

Monday, Sept. 18 - - Address/Discuss articles 18, 19 & 20 from Part 2 of Section 2.

Tuesday, Sept. 19 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week. In addition to **QUIZ 4, over vocabulary and articles 15 through 17.**

Wednesday, Sept. 20 - - Address/Discuss articles 21, 22 & 23 from Part 3 of Section 2.

Thursday, Sept. 21 - - Address/Discuss articles 21, 22 & 23 from Part 3 of Section 2.

Friday, Sept. 22 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week.

### **Week 7**

Monday, Sept. 25 - - Address/Discuss articles 24 & 25 from Part 1 of Section 3.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week. **QUIZ 5, over vocabulary and articles 18 through 20.**

Wednesday, Sept. 27 - - Address/Discuss articles 26 & 27 from Part 1 of Section 3.

Thursday, Sept. 28 - - Address/Discuss articles 26 & 27 from Part 1 of Section 3.

Friday, Sept. 29 - - *Bridging Theology and Social Media Day.*

**Weekly summary and text reflection due midnight. No. 3**

### **Week 8**

Monday, Oct. 2 - - Address/Discuss articles 28 & 29 from Part 2 of Section 3.

Tuesday, Oct. 3 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week. **QUIZ 6, over vocabulary and articles 21 through 23.**

Wednesday, Oct. 4 - - Address/Discuss articles 30 & 31 from Part 2 of Section 3.

Thursday, Oct. 5 - - Address/Discuss articles 30 & 31 from Part 2 of Section 3.

Friday, Oct. 6 - - *Bridging Theology and Social Media Day.*

Discuss **Fall TERM RESEARCH PAPER** with details along with the due-date.

### **Week 9**

Monday, Oct. 9 - - NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day )

Tuesday, Oct.10 - - Class-time to prepare for MIDTERM TEST.

Wednesday, Oct. 11 - - Class-time to prepare for MIDTERM TEST.

Thursday, Oct. 12 - - ***STUDENTS TAKE MIDTERM TEST N. 1 covering articles 1 through 31.***

Friday, Oct. 13 - - Weekly summary and text reflection due midnight. No. 4  
**and/or class time to work on research paper.**

### **Week 10**

Monday, Oct. 16 - - Address/Discuss articles 32 & 33 from Part 3 of Section 3.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 - - Class-time *Test review*, which covered Sections 1-2 and parts 1 & 2 of section 3 of the textbook, pages 9-152.

Thursday, Oct. 19 - - Address/Discuss articles 34, 35 & 36 from Part 3 of Section 3.

Friday, Oct. 20 - - Address/Discuss articles 34, 35 & 36 from Part 3 of Section 3.

### **Week 11**

Monday, Oct. 23 - - In class movie

Tuesday, Oct. 24 - - In class movie



Wednesday, Oct. 25 - - In class movie

**Weekly summary and text reflection due midnight. N. 5**

Thursday, Oct. 26 - - FALL BREAK

Friday, Oct. 27 - - FALL BREAK

### **Week 12**

Monday, Oct. 30 - - Address/Discuss articles 37 & 38 from Part 1 of Section 4.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week. **QUIZ 6, over vocabulary and articles 32 through 36.**

Wednesday, Nov. 1 - - Address/Discuss articles 39, 40 & 41 from Part 1 of Section 4.

Thursday, Nov. 2 - - Address/Discuss articles 39, 40 & 41 from Part 1 of Section 4.

Friday, Nov. 3 - - **Class time to work on research paper.**

### **Week 13**

Monday, Nov. 6 - - Address/Discuss articles 42 & 43 from Part 2 of Section 4.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week. **QUIZ 7, over vocabulary and articles 37- through 41.**

Wednesday, Nov. 8 - - Address/Discuss articles 44, 45 & 46 from Part 2 of Section 4.

Thursday, Nov. 9 - - Address/Discuss articles 44, 45 & 46 from Part 2 of Section 4.

Friday, Nov. 10 - - **Class time to work on research paper.**

**RESEARCH PAPER DUE at 10 pm. NO EXTENSIONS ALLOWED.**

## **Week 14**

Monday, Nov. 13 – In- class presentations

Tuesday, Nov. 14 – In -class presentations. **QUIZ 8, over vocabulary and articles 42 through 46.**

Wednesday, Nov. 15 – In- class presentations

Thursday, Nov. 16 – In -class presentations

Friday, Nov. 17 – In- class presentations

**Weekly summary and text reflection due midnight No. 6**

## **Week 15**

Monday, Nov. 20 - - In- class presentations

Tuesday, Nov. 21 - - In- class presentations

Wednesday, Nov. 22 - - NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thursday, Nov. 23 - - NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

Friday, Nov. 24 - - NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

## **Week 16**

Monday, Nov. 27 - - Address/Discuss articles 47, 48 & 49 from Part 1 of Section 5.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 - Address/Discuss articles 47, 48 & 49 from Part 1 of Section 5.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week.

Thursday, Nov. 30 - - Address/Discuss articles 50, 51 & 52 from Part 1 of Section 5.

Friday, Dec. 1 - - Address/Discuss articles 50, 51 & 52 from Part 1 of Section 5.

### **Week 17**

Monday, Dec. 4 - - Address/Discuss articles 50, 51 & 52 from Part 1 of Section 5.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week. **QUIZ 9, over vocabulary and articles 47 through 52.**

Wednesday, Dec. 6 - - Address/Discuss articles 53, 54 & 55 from Part 2 of Section 5.

Thursday, Dec. 7 - - Address/Discuss articles 53, 54 & 55 from Part 2 of Section 5.

Friday, Dec. 8 - In-class group project assignment concerning readings of the week.

**Weekly summary and text reflection due midnight No. 7**

### **Week 18**

Monday, Dec. 11 - - **QUIZ 10, over vocabulary and articles 53 through 55.** In class movie

Tuesday, Dec. 12 - - In class movie

Wednesday, Dec. 13 - - In class movie

Thursday, Dec. 14 - - In class movie

Friday, Dec. 15 - - In class movie

### **Week 19**

Monday, Dec. 18 - - Class-time to prepare for FINAL EXAM.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - - Class-time to prepare for FINAL EXAM.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - - **FINAL EXAM Covering Articles 32 -55.**

Thursday, Dec. 21 - - **FINAL EXAM Covering Articles 32 -55.**

Friday, Dec. 22 - - **FINAL EXAM Covering Articles 32 -55** - Christmas Break Begins.