

## Theology 12-A Electives Vocations

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### Overview:

This course leads the students toward a deeper understanding of God's call in the life of his people, the Church, and in each of our personal lives. Vocations first explores foundational concepts integral to an understanding of vocation as God's call and our response to that call. Essential components include: exploring the call of the laity and the four states of life: Matrimony, Holy Orders, the consecrated life, and the committed single life. Opportunities will be given to personally reflect on the process of discernment: How do we know God is calling us? How do we choose to respond? The answers to these questions can help one improve their relationship with Jesus Christ by answering God's personal call to us.



### Instructor Information:

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Contact information: Before school I am usually in my classroom 315. I check my BNI email before, during school and before I go home. Please use your Bishop Noll gmail account when sending me email messages.

### Textbook and supplies

#### ***Vocations and the Universal Call to Holiness***

\*\*This textbook is the property of Bishop Noll. You will be expected to keep your book in the same condition in which you received it. Damage or loss of book will result in a \$ charge.

- ***New American Bible*** (Fireside Edition)( Name on front in silver)

Your Bible was given to you as a Freshman. You are expected to bring both books to class every day. Borrowing books from other students is not acceptable.

- Your iPad must be with you DAILY and be fully charged to the best of your ability.

### Grading

Student learning will be assessed in several ways. Traditional grades associated with homework, quizzes (vocabulary /readings) and tests are a part of the course. Additionally,

projects and collaborative work will also factor into the course grade. The final exam grade (20% of the semester grade) will be based on a combination of a project and paper

**The official scale of the Gary Diocese**

A	90 - 100	Excellent Work
B	80 - 89	Above Average Work
C	70 - 79	Average Work
D	60 - 69	Below Average Work
F	0 - 59	Failure

The point system will be used in this class to determine grades. Every assignment, quiz, test, project will be given a point value. The more difficult the work, the more points will be possible.

**BNI Grading Expectations Chart:**

***A = Exceptional. Clearly, effort, care and time went into this assignment. Not only does it show good effort, but the assignment guidelines were followed and the quality and correctness of the work is outstanding. Student has demonstrated mastery of a skill or topic.***

***B = Good job! Nicely done. Time and effort were put into the work. Though good effort was made, the quality or correctness of the assignment is not exactly exceptional. There is room for some improvement. Skill or topic not mastered.***

***C = Average work. The work meets the request of the assignment. The assignment is complete. The quality and correctness look like the majority of the other assignments handed in. There is room for improvement in quality or correctness.***

***D= Below Average. Directions not followed. Quality and correctness very questionable. The assignment appears rushed or that minimal effort was made. Parts of the assignment were not addressed or completed. There is much room for improvement.***

***F= No learning was demonstrated whatsoever. The assignment was not completed. The assignment may have been attempted, but the quality and correctness show that the assignment was not properly attempted with the right materials, time, or amount of effort. An F might also be given if plagiarism or academic dishonesty is evident.***

Remember that Theology is a graduation requirement at Noll.

## Class Work Information

- All work is due at the beginning of class for full credit
- **Late Work**
  - if you were absent, you will be allowed **one** extra day to make up the assignment for each day absent (according to school policy).
  - if you were super busy or forgetful (it can happen) you are allowed ONE emergency late work opportunity. You may turn in your work one day late for a 25% deduction. So your work can only earn you 75% of the total point value. This is a once a quarter opportunity only. Once you have used your late work pass, any additionally missing work will be given a zero. This emergency pass may not be used to turn in work that is more than one day late.

- **Absent from class**

Many reasons: sickness, sports, field trips, school authorized visits, tuition exclusion.

Whatever the reason, you must find out what you missed:

- Contact someone
- check Renweb/Facts on line system
- email me at [lskurks@bishopnoll.org](mailto:lskurks@bishopnoll.org) (I only check this mail when I am at school)  
***\*I will only open email if you use your approved BNI gmail account.***
- Talk to me upon your return

If you are absent for more than one day (no matter what the reason) you must get your book from school so you can do work at home. Contact the Attendance Office for details. Do NOT wait until your return to school, or you may find yourself overwhelmed. If for some reason you are unable to do work at home, you must contact me.

If you are absent on a day *when an assignment is due*: you must send your assignment in during the school day. If you are absent when a project is due; a **picture of your completed assignment must be sent to my email** at the beginning of the school day. Failure to do so will result in a deduction of points for a late assignment.

If you are absent on a quiz or test day: be prepared to take a different (all essay?) makeup the day of your return.

If you are absent the day before a quiz or test: you have all notes on your iPad. You may still have to take your quiz or test. Use your calendar: a successful student should take home their study materials at least two days in advance of a quiz or test.

If you miss Theology class, and show up at school later during the day, you are responsible for any quiz, test, assignment due that day. Students will take missed quizzes or tests that same day, after school if necessary (no exceptions). Assignments must be turned in to me that day.

All makeup work must be made up in a timely fashion. Once we test on a chapter or I have passed back papers, the grade book is closed and all missing assignments will turn to zeros. Always ask for deadlines.

Multiple Absences: BNI school policies will be enforced. In addition, you may be required to complete extra work to make up for the missed class time.

Extreme absences from class may result in a loss of class points resulting in a lowering of the student's grade.

Moral of the story: be in class unless extreme circumstances prevent it.

- **SRT time**

I will be available several times a week during SRT time for extra help, clarifications about assignments and make up work. Come to me before SRT to obtain a pass.

### **Honesty Policy**

When you turn in work of any kind with your name on it, I assume it is your work and your work only. The temptation to copy another's work is great...do not give in to this temptation. You are nothing if your word is not honorable. And if having your good name ruined in front of me (and don't forget about God) isn't enough of a punishment, if caught cheating you will receive a zero as well as a level two detention. No single homework, quiz or test grade is worth all of this. New technology provides new opportunities to cheat....resist it all!

### **Service Component**

The Service Hour program is being run through the Campus Ministry department. Copies of the BNI Service Form is available from the Campus Ministry office, the main office, as well as the Bishop Noll website.

### **Classroom Policies**

All school rules will be enforced in class. There are no warnings for tardies or uniform violations. Detentions will be automatically issued from the classroom.

Students are to take their seats upon entering the classroom, students not seated properly at the bell will be counted as tardy.

Every class will begin respectfully with prayer.

Students are expected to respect the school's and teacher's property. Your job right now is to be the best student possible.....conduct yourself accordingly.

Passes are NOT given to go to lockers or other destinations...come to class prepared.

### **Bathroom passes**

Occasional bathroom passes (no more than once a week) will be issued provided you use your own handbook as your pass. Cell phones MUST be left on my desk while using the bathroom.

### **Technology Policy**

When in class Ms Skurka will instruct students when they are allowed to open and use their iPad.

#### **Prohibited activities**

- **Students are NOT to have it on before class starts.**
- **Airplay at inappropriate times or bumping others off Apple TV**
- **Airdropping documents when not appropriate or not instructed by the teacher**
- **iMessage**
- **Off an in class task or responsibility**
- **Gaming**
- **Shopping**
- **You tube (or any source) movies/sports**

The only music allowed is what Ms Skurka plays (no earphones)

Violations can result in a detention.

### **Phone usage**

School rules dictate the use of cell phones. Anyone who uses their phone or has their phone visible will have it taken in class and it will be turned in to the office. Earbuds are never allowed during the school day.

Please take this syllabus home and have your parents read it.  
Bring back with their signature.

Parent/guardian

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