

## **RELIGION DEPARTMENT**

### **Graduation Goals:**

Students will be able to:

- Appraise and evaluate religious truth found in scripture in light of their personal spiritual journey and vocational choices
- Examine responsibilities of a mature covenant with God
- Examine and recognize the power of the Holy Spirit to foster active participation in the life of the faith community
- Discern and question moral responses to personal and social problems rooted in the life, message, death and resurrection of Jesus
- Analyze vocational and lifestyle choices in light of Jesus' message of love, justice and non-violence

### **Introduction to Catholicism and Christ in Scripture**

011 Year 1.0 Freshman

The first semester of this course provides Catholic and non-Catholic students alike a thought-provoking exploration of the fundamentals of the Catholic faith, including such topics as the Mass, Sacraments, Church, Faith and Catholic Dogma. This semester will also introduce the Bible and examine God's Revelation in the Old Testament. The second semester will examine the fulfillment of God's Revelation in the New Testament and explore the question, "Who is Jesus?" We will also study Catholic teaching on human sexuality and relationships.

### **Christ: Mission, Church and Sacraments**

021 Year 1.0 Sophomore

Students will get to know Jesus Christ in this exploration of the Paschal Mystery, the basis of all Christian belief in God's sacrifice of himself for us. We will explore how Christ remains present in the Church and in the Sacraments.

### **Social Justice**

031 Year 1.0 Junior

By examining general themes such as the Christian view of humanity, the value of life, the formation of conscience, as well as the problems of our times, students become familiar with the values of the Gospel, the teachings of the Church, and the crises we face today as individuals and society. Upon reflection, the student is then challenged to make responsible moral choices and live a life committed to the Christian values of love, peace and justice. Centering on the consistent ethic of life and the dignity of all human beings, this course proclaims the right to life and promotes the quality of life. The connection of faith with everyday life is incorporated by service in the soup kitchen.

### **Christian Vocations**

044 Semester .5 Senior

In this course, students will apply concepts of Christian vocation to their own lives, including career choice, marriage, family, consumer choices, and responsible citizenship. This course will also assist students in attaining a mature understanding of Catholic Christianity.

### **World Religions**

045 Semester 0.5 Senior

Students will compare and contrast elements of Christianity, including liturgy, creed, prayer and morality, to other faith traditions, such as primal religions, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism.

### **Peer Ministry**

046 Semester .5 Juniors, Seniors

Selected students will engage in direct ministry to the Carroll community that will enable them to bring to life the themes of Christian vocation and community central to all religion courses at Carroll

. **Approval:** Students will be chosen by the campus ministry team through an application and interview process in the spring of their junior year.