**Religion 8 – Squire Syllabus – 2016-2017**

The curriculum for eighth grade religion focuses on the purpose, history, teachings, and traditions of the Catholic Church. This course also endeavors to provide the students an understanding of the faith community to which they belong and in doing so, students will also explore ways in which they can live their faith in the world.

Students will be encouraged to make use of Scripture for prayer and will be taught traditional Catholic prayers in an effort to help them develop a more mature prayer life.

The ultimate goal of this and all religion classes is to help the students develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and encourage them to take seriously the sacramental life to which they are called as Confirmed Christians in the world.

Text: *Our Life in the Church,* Faith and Life Series

San Francisco Ignatius Press, 1987, 2005

Catholics United For the Faith Inc. Steubenville.

Chapter 1: Christ’s Abiding Presence

Chapter 2: The Birth of the Church

Chapter 3: The Nature of the Church

Chapter 4: The Teaching Church

Chapter 5: Authority in the Church: Teaching and Governing

Chapter 6: The Visible Hierarchical Church

Chapter 7: The Church Sanctifying: Sacraments of Membership

Chapter 8: The Church Sanctifying: Worship

Chapter 9: Mary—Mother of Our Church
*The Rosary*

Chapter 10: The Communion of Saints

Chapter 11: Saints in Our History: The First Thousand Years

Chapter 12: Saints in Our History: The Second Thousand Years

 *The Second* *Vatican Council & the Church in the Modern World*

Chapter 13: Separated Brethren

Chapter 14: The Universal Call to Holiness

Chapter 15: The Life of Virtue

Chapter 17: Vocations: The Religious Life and the Priesthood

Chapter 18: The Lay Apostolate

Chapter 19: Marriage and the Family

Chapter 20: The Christian in the World

Chapter 21: Law and Conscience

Chapter 22: The Church and the Social Order

Chapter 23: Prayer

Chapter 24: The Sacramental Life

Chapter 25: Death and the Particular Judgment

Chapter 26: The Trumpet Shall Sound: The End of the World

In an effort to provide students an opportunity to investigate the history of their faith, a project is assigned that requires the student to do research on their own on a topic relative to the course and to their Christian life and also corresponds to the current issues surrounding the Catholic Church.