



RELIGION TRACK 1 — COURSE CALENDAR 2026–2027

Fall Semester: Catholic Social Principles — Mon · Wed · Fri · Begins August 24

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Mon Aug 24	CSP 1	Intro: Syllabus, expectations & introduction to Catholic Social Principles
Wed Aug 26	CSP 2	Intro: Catholic Action — sanctifying self, restoring society under Christ
Fri Aug 28	CSP 3	Foundations: Human dignity & the final end of man
Mon Aug 31	CSP 4	Foundations: The person is social — individualism, collectivism, common good
Wed Sep 2	CSP 5	Foundations: Rights & duties — natural law, obligations, state in life
Fri Sep 4	CSP 6	The Family: Restoration of marriage — its natural & sacramental ends
Mon Sep 7	NO CLASS	Labor Day
Wed Sep 9	CSP 7	The Family: Duties of husband & wife; complementary roles
Fri Sep 11	CSP 8	Social Virtues: Friendship, loyalty, cliques & belonging
Mon Sep 14	TEST 1 — Through CSP 8	
Wed Sep 16	CSP 9	Work: Pagan & Jewish views; Christ's sanctification of work
Fri Sep 18	CSP 10	Work: A duty & an honor; intro to Rerum Novarum
Mon Sep 21	CSP 11	Moral Responsibility: Accountability — voluntary acts, intention, amendment
Wed Sep 23	CSP 12	Poverty: Historical views; Christ dignified poverty
Fri Sep 25	CSP 13	Poverty: The Church & the poor; our duties to those in need
Mon Sep 28	CSP 14	Riches: Christ's teachings — Luke 6:38, Proverbs 19:17
Wed Sep 30	CSP 15	Riches: Rerum Novarum in detail; stewardship & generosity
Fri Oct 2	CSP 16	Property: False systems — Liberalism, Communism, Socialism
Mon Oct 5	TEST 2 — Through CSP 16	
Wed Oct 7	CSP 17	Property: Capitalism's flaws; private property & its social use
Fri Oct 9	CSP 18	Property: Luke 11:41; Quadragesimo Anno; Summa II-II q.66; Divini Redemptoris
Mon Oct 12	NO CLASS	Columbus Day
Wed Oct 14	CSP 19	Property: Subsidiarity & Distributism — is there a good social system?
Fri Oct 16	CSP 20	Social Justice: Commutative, distributive, legal & social justice
Mon Oct 19	CSP 21	Social Justice: Just wages, cooperation, profit sharing; duties of employers & workers
Wed Oct 21	CSP 22	Charity: Justice vs. charity; the right order of love
Fri Oct 23	CSP 23	Social Virtues: Truth & the right to a good name; gossip & social media
Mon Oct 26	CSP 24	Social Virtues: Fraternal correction & difficult conversations; Matthew 18
Wed Oct 28	TEST 3 — Through CSP 24	
Fri Oct 30	CSP 25	Social Virtues: Anger & conflict — righteous anger, meekness, peacemaking
Mon Nov 2	CSP 26	Social Virtues: Forgiveness, reconciliation & trust
Wed Nov 4	CSP 27	Social Virtues: Apology, restitution & repairing harm
Fri Nov 6	CSP 28	Social Virtues: Boundaries, manipulation & enabling; cooperation in sin
Mon Nov 9	CSP 29	Christian Society: The Social Kingship of Christ; Church & State
Wed Nov 11	CSP 30	Authority: Man as a social creature; kinds of authority
Fri Nov 13	CSP 31	Authority: Divine origin, ends & limits; duties of rulers & subjects
Mon Nov 16	CSP 32	Authority: Obedience, appeal & unjust commands — obey, question, resist, refuse
Wed Nov 18	TEST 4 — Through CSP 32	
Fri Nov 20	CSP 33	Liberty: Internal & external necessity; free will & moral freedom
Mon Nov 23	CSP 34	Liberty: Liberty vs. license; Libertas; the French Revolution & the USA
Wed Nov 25	CSP 35	Law: Human & natural law; justice, conscience & fear
Fri Nov 27	NO CLASS	Thanksgiving
Mon Nov 30	CSP 36	Law: The common good — eminent domain case study

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Wed Dec 2	CSP 37	Law: The common good — capital punishment case study
Fri Dec 4	CSP 38	Culture: Education, media habits, algorithms & digital life
Mon Dec 7	CSP 39	Patriotism: Duties of citizens — voting, participation, Catholic Action
Wed Dec 9	CSP 40	Patriotism: Americanism — legitimate patriotism vs. condemned errors
Fri Dec 11	CSP 41	Synthesis: Catholic social case lab & a personal rule of social life
Mon Dec 14	TEST 5 — Through CSP 41	
Wed Dec 16		<i>Semester Review / Make-Up Work</i>
Fri Dec 18	FINAL EXAM — Comprehensive	

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Spring Semester: Apologetics — Mon · Wed · Fri

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Fri Jan 8	APO 1	Faith & Reason
Mon Jan 11	APO 2	The Existence of God I
Wed Jan 13	APO 3	The Existence of God II
Fri Jan 15	APO 4	Chance & Evolution
Mon Jan 18	APO 5	The Human Soul
Wed Jan 20	APO 6	The Obligation of Religion
Fri Jan 22	APO 7	The One True Religion
Mon Jan 25	APO 8	Christ as Redeemer
Wed Jan 27	APO 9	Christ as God I
Fri Jan 29	APO 10	Christ as God II
Mon Feb 1	TEST 1 — Units 1–10	
Wed Feb 3	APO 11	The Jews & the New Testament
Fri Feb 5	APO 12	Historicity of the New Testament
Mon Feb 8	APO 13	Formation of the Church
Wed Feb 10	APO 14	Marks & Attributes of the Church
Fri Feb 12	APO 15	The Sacraments in Scripture
Mon Feb 15	NO CLASS	Presidents Day
Wed Feb 17	APO 16	Mary & the Saints
Fri Feb 19	APO 17	Nominalism & Luther
Mon Feb 22	APO 18	Kantian Ethics
Wed Feb 24	APO 19	Liberalism
Fri Feb 26	APO 20	Modernism
Mon Mar 1	TEST 2 — Units 11–20	
Wed Mar 3	APO 21	Existentialism
Fri Mar 5	APO 22	Preparation for Vatican II
Mon Mar 8	APO 23	Vatican II (Part I)
Wed Mar 10	APO 24	Vatican II (Part II)
Fri Mar 12	APO 25	The Aftermath
Mon Mar 15	APO 26	Religious Liberty
Wed Mar 17	APO 27	Ecumenism
Fri Mar 19	APO 28	Collegiality
Mon Mar 22	APO 29	Infallibility
Wed Mar 24	APO 30	The Hermeneutic of Continuity
Fri Mar 26	NO CLASS	Holy Week / Easter Break
Mon Mar 29	NO CLASS	Holy Week / Easter Break
Wed Mar 31	NO CLASS	Holy Week / Easter Break
Fri Apr 2	NO CLASS	Holy Week / Easter Break
Mon Apr 5	TEST 3 — Units 21–30	
Wed Apr 7	APO 31	Sedevacantism
Fri Apr 9	APO 32	Benedict & the Conclave
Mon Apr 12	APO 33	Canonizations
Wed Apr 14	APO 34	The New Mass: The Process
Fri Apr 16	APO 35	The New Mass: Sacrifice & the Old Mass

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Mon Apr 19	APO 36	A Heretical Pope?
Wed Apr 21	APO 37	The Gates of Hell
Fri Apr 23	APO 38	Come On In
Mon Apr 26	APO 39	Reason
Wed Apr 28	APO 40	Who to Trust
Fri Apr 30	APO 41	Final Advice
Mon May 3		<i>Flex Unit: Mormonism</i>
Wed May 5		<i>Flex Unit: Eastern Orthodoxy</i>
Fri May 7		<i>Flex Unit: Islam</i>
Mon May 10		<i>Flex Unit: Transgenderism</i>
Wed May 12		<i>Open Forum — Ask Me Anything</i>
Fri May 14		<i>Open Forum — Ask Me Anything</i>
Mon May 17		<i>Open Forum — Ask Me Anything</i>
Wed May 19		<i>Semester Review</i>
Fri May 21	TEST 4 / FINAL EXAM	

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