



6th GRADE – THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Cardinal Newman Standards for Christian Anthropology Based on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body Teachings

- 6.1.1 (Creation is a Gift)
 - Exhibit wonder and awe at the generosity of God in the gifts of His abundant and beautiful creation. *[TOB 2-3, 13:2; CCC 293-295, 341]*
- 6.1.2 (Creation is a Gift)
 - Explain how creation is a good gift created from nothing. *[TOB 13:4; CCC 296-298]*
- 6.2.1 (Original Solitude)
 - Define "original experience" as the most basic human experiences all humanity has in common: original solitude, original unity, original nakedness. *[TOB 4:4, 11:1]*
- 6.2.2 (Original Solitude)
 - Explain how original solitude means the experience of man's being alone-with-God; his unique relationship to God. *[TOB 6:2; CCC 374-375]*
- 6.2.3 (Original Solitude)
 - Differentiate how man, as the pinnacle of creation, is both similar and dissimilar from God. *[TOB 6-7, 9:2-3; CCC 339-344, 355-358]*
- 6.3.1 (Original Unity)
 - Define "original unity" as the experience of man's unity-in-difference; the unique relation between male and female. *[TOB 9:1; CCC 369-373]*
- 6.3.2 (Original Unity)
 - Identify the two ways of being human, male and female. *[TOB 8:1, 10:1; CCC 369-372]*
- 6.3.3 (Original Unity)
 - Discuss why it is a good thing that God created man as male and female. *[TOB 9:3, 13:3, 14:1, 16:1-2; CCC 371-372]*
- 6.4.1 (Original Nakedness)
 - Define "original nakedness" as experiencing the true and clear vision of the person; as gift and in God's image. *[TOB 13:1; CCC 337, 339, 377]*
- 6.4.2 (Original Nakedness)
 - Exhibit the virtue of reverence for God, his creation, and other people by treating them with respect and honor, for God is all good and his creation is a good gift. *[TOB 14:4, 15:4, 119-120, 132:1; CCC 2096-2097, 2415-2418, 2479]*
- 6.5.1 (Communion of Persons)
 - Explain how man, in the image of the Trinity, learns about himself through a gift of himself. *[TOB 8:4, 9:1-3, 10:1, 15:1; CCC 355-357, 1889; Gaudium et Spes 24:3]*
- 6.6.1 (Gift-of-Self)
 - Explain gift-of-self as thoughts, words or actions that place oneself at the service of others and seek the true good of the other. *[cf. TOB 14:2; CCC 1609, 1667, 1889, 1914, 1926]*
- 6.7.1 (Body-Soul Unity)
 - Describe how the body-soul unity reveals man's special dignity. *[TOB 18:4, 19:3-5, 23:5, 56-57:3; CCC 2518, 2520-2524]*



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- 6.8.1 (Body Reveals the Person)
 - Explain how the human body is a visible sign (a "sacrament") of God's invisible love. *[TOB 19:4; CCC 355-356, 364]*
- 6.8.2 (Body Reveals the Person)
 - Describe how the human body is the "temple of the Holy Spirit" (1Cor 6:15) and why it is necessary to "glorify God in your body" (1Cor 6:20). *[TOB 57:2; CCC 2516, 2519]*

Essential Questions

- How does the gift of creation reveal God's generosity and love for humanity?
- What does it mean to be made in the image of God, and how does that influence our dignity and relationships with others?
- How do the concepts of original solitude, original unity, and original nakedness help us understand the human experience?
- Why is the human body considered a visible sign of God's invisible love, and how does this affect the way we treat our bodies and others?
- How does the unity of the body and soul reveal our special dignity, and how can we live in a way that honors that dignity?

Vital Vocabulary

- Body-Soul Unity, Creation, Dignity, Humanity, Original Experience, Original Nakedness, Original Solitude, Original Unity, Temple (of the Holy Spirit), Trinity, Unity-in-Difference

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