



7th GRADE – THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

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

- 7.1.1 (Creation is a Gift)
 - Explain that even after the Fall, creation remains a good gift and is not totally corrupted; it is able to be redeemed. [*cf. TOB 32:3, 86; CCC 410-412, 422, 1045-1048*]
- 7.1.2 (Creation is a Gift)
 - Provide examples of rightly ordered desire, given by God, and disordered "desire." [*TOB 48:4; CCC 374-379, 400, 2514-2516, 2517-2520, 2528-2531, 2541, 2543-2544, 2546, 2548-2549, 2555, 2557*]
- 7.5.1 (Communion of Persons)
 - Propose how a "communion of persons" involves the loving gift-of-self (i.e. the Trinity, but also the unity of the Church, the family and the unity of man and woman). [*cf. TOB 8:4, 9:1-3, 10:1, 15:1; CCC 813, 1644 - 1647, 2205*]
- 7.6.1 (Gift-of-Self)
 - Evaluate actions for self-mastery and describe how actions of self-mastery free one to make a full gift-of-self. [*TOB 15:1-4, 32:6; CCC 2339, 2340, 2343, 2346*]
- 7.7.1 (Body-Soul Unity)
 - Explain the body-soul unity in the human person from the standpoint of the "language of the Body." [*TOB 9:4, 10:1, 14:6, 15, 16:1-2, 23:4-5, 123:4-5, 125: 1-2, 127:4; CCC 2518, 2521-2524*]
- 7.8.1 (Body Reveals the Person)
 - Describe how the body itself communicates that the human being is a gift just by the fact that it exists. [*TOB 14:4; CCC 357, 364*]
- 7.9.1 (Historical Man – Fall and Redemption)
 - Point out that as a result of original sin man experiences concupiscence and needs to bring emotions and desires into harmony with what is truly good. [*TOB 26:5, 31:3, 31:6, 32:3, 33:1-2, 51:5-6, 54; CCC 397, 400, 405, 1707, 1865, 1949, 2514-2520, 2534-2535, 2549*]
- 7.10.1 (Purity of Heart/Virtue)
 - Explain how Christ does not accuse but instead appeals to the human heart to be pure. [*TOB 45:5, 46:5-6, 49:7; CCC 2517-2519*]
- 7.10.2 (Purity of Heart/Virtue)
 - Describe what 'life according to the Spirit' is and how following the law of God leads to true freedom and happiness. [*TOB 15:1, 45:1, 51:5-6, 53:4-5, 54:2-4; CCC 30, 736, 1731, 1824, 1828-1832, 2514-2516, 2548*]
- 7.11.1 (Vocation)
 - Evaluate how love, as a power, is a participation in the love of God himself: How it is total. How it is faithful. How it is fruitful. How it is generous. [*TOB 127:1; CCC 2331, 2335, 2360, 2364-2369*]



Essential Questions

- How does understanding creation as a gift shape our view of human dignity and our relationship with God and others?
- In what ways can the choices we make about desires, purity, and virtue lead us toward true freedom and happiness?
- How does the unity of body and soul in the human person reflect God's intention for us to live in communion with Him and others?
- How does participating in God's love with one another and oneself transform our interpersonal and intrapersonal relationship(s)?
- How do the concepts of the Fall, original sin, and redemption help us understand the ongoing need for healing and the call to live according to God's plan?

Vital Vocabulary

- (Disordered) Desire, (Rightly Ordered) Desire, (The) Fall, Communion of Persons, Concupiscence, Corrupt, Fruitfulness, Harmony, Historical Man, Purity, Redemption, Self-Mastery, Virtue, Vocation

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