



## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE – THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

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

- 8.1.1 (Creation is a Gift)
  - Propose that creation should be received as a gift and not manipulated, dominated and controlled. *[TOB 13:3-4, 59:3; CCC 358, 373]*
- 8.5.1 (Communion of Persons)
  - Compare how the loving communion of man and woman is like that of the Trinity, a communion of persons who are love and who in giving and receiving are fruitful. *[TOB 9:1-3, 10:4, 14:6, 15:1; CCC 355-357]*
- 8.6.1 (Gift of Self)
  - Give examples of how a person is pure in heart, that is, when he/she perceives and respects others as a gift and seeks to make a gift of him/herself to others. *[TOB 50, 54, 57:3; CCC 2518, 2519]*
- 8.8.1 (Body Reveals the Person)
  - Explain that living out the spousal meaning of the body can be through marriage or virginity for the sake of the Kingdom. *[TOB 15:5, 81:6; CCC 915, 916, 922, 923, 926, 1640, 1646]*
- 8.10.1 (Purity of Heart/Virtue)
  - Evaluate the beatitude: “Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God.” *[cf. Mt.5:8 and TOB 43:5; CCC 2518, 2519, 2530-2533]*
- 8.11.1 (Vocation)
  - Describe the idea of a vocation and how it is the way one makes a total gift-of-self. *[TOB 78, 86; CCC 915-916, 929, 932, 1579, 1603, 1605, 1618-1620]*
- 8.11.2 (Vocation)
  - Compare and contrast the sacrament of marriage and celibacy for the sake of the kingdom. *[TOB 76:6, 78:4; CCC 915, 916, 1603, 1618-1620, 1621]*
- 8.11.3 (Vocation)
  - Explain how God invites, and does not force, when he calls someone to the vocation of married life, consecrated life, or the priesthood, leaving the person free to respond. *[TOB 73:3-4, 76:4, 79:8; CCC 915, 1565, 1578, 1599, 1618, 1625-1628, 2233]*
- 8.11.4 (Vocation)
  - Describe how responding to the call of the consecrated life is a radical imitation of the life of Christ and is done to work for the kingdom of God on earth. *[TOB 75:1, 75:4, 76:3, 79:2, 79:9, 81:4; CCC 915-916, 929, 932, 1579, 1618]*
- 8.11.5 (Vocation)
  - Explain that when God calls a man and a woman to the vocation of marriage, he is inviting them into a special sacrament of his love. *[Ephesians 5 and TOB 87-93; CCC 1601, 1604]*
- 8.12.1 (Eschatological Man- Resurrection)
  - Explain what will happen to the body at the Resurrection. *[cf. TOB 64-72; CCC 997-1001]*



**Essential Questions**

- What is the meaning of human dignity, and how does it relate to our understanding of the body and sexuality?
- How does the vocation of marriage reflect God’s love and plan for humanity, and how is the sacrament of Matrimony tied to the Theology of the Body?
- What is chastity, and why is it an important virtue in living out our relationships according to God’s plan?
- How does the Church’s teaching on the body challenge or support secular culture’s views on love and relationships?
- What does it mean that the body will be resurrected, and how does this shape our understanding of the sanctity and purpose of the body in this life?

**Vital Vocabulary**

- Agape, Beatitudes, Catechism, Celibacy, Charity, Chastity, Conscience, Consecrated, Eros, Fecundity, Grace, Human Dignity, Incarnation, Matrimony, Modesty, Natural Law, Purity, Redemption, Resurrection, Sexuality, Solidarity, Theological Virtues, Vocation, Virtue, Vow

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