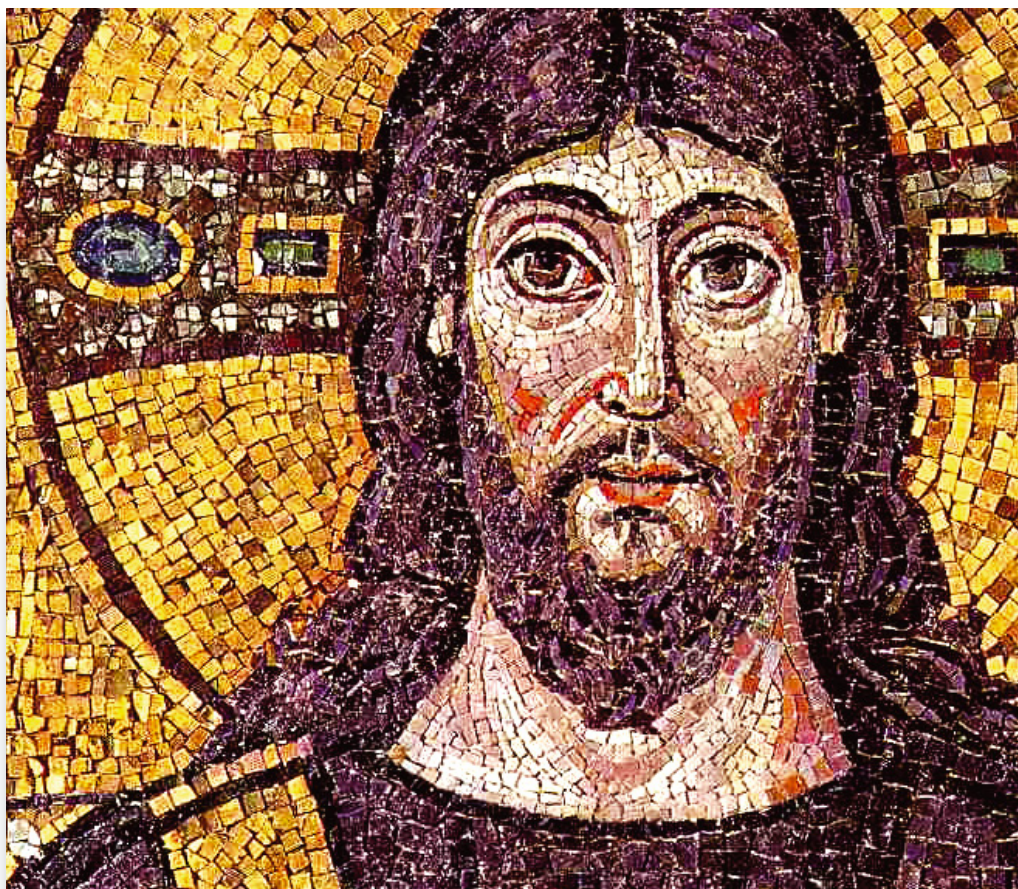


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## *Scope & Sequence*

**CREDO SERIES COURSE I:**

# *God's Word Revealed in Sacred Scripture*

[Framework Course I: The Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture]

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

*The purpose of this course is to give the young people a 'general' appreciation of the Scriptures as the living word of God. Through their study of this course they will encounter the living Word of God, Jesus Christ. They will explore the Bible, authored by God through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, become familiar with the sections of the Bible, and learn how to read the Bible. Particular attention will be given to the four accounts of the Gospel, through which they may grow to know and love Jesus Christ in a more personal way.*

## **BEFORE YOU BEGIN. . . .**

An overview of the Bible and how to look up a Bible reference

## **CHAPTER 1**

### ***God's Desire for Us; Our Desire for God***

#### **FOCUS QUESTION:**

Where do we find meaning in life?

#### **CONTENT SUMMARY:**

Discussion of students' own wants, needs, desires; and where God fits in / The desire for God is universal / Human life is special / Analysis of the Genesis accounts of Creation / Human beings share in God's divine life / God promises us salvation / The desire for God is written on the human heart / Example of St. Augustine of Hippo

#### **KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*Old Testament*

**Genesis** 1:1—2:25 (Creation accounts)

*New Testament*

**Ephesians** 2:10; **1 John** 4:7–8, 10

#### **KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

27, 45, 68, 70, 180, 183, 229

#### **FAITH GLOSSARY:**

faith

#### **LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

St. Augustine of Hippo

## **CHAPTER 2**

### ***God Reaches Out to Us in Many Ways***

#### **FOCUS QUESTION:**

Is it reasonable to believe in God?

#### **CONTENT SUMMARY:**

Belief in God / Evidence for God in the natural world as proclaimed in the Psalms / We can begin to know God through human reasoning / The Five Proofs of St. Thomas Aquinas for the existence of God / The human response to evil and belief in God / Reflections of Mother Teresa of Calcutta / Example of Katharine Drexel

#### **KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*Old Testament*

**Deuteronomy** 32:11; **Psalms** 8:3–9, 18:2; 19:1–4, 23:1–3, 29:7–8; **Wisdom** 13:1–3, 5

*New Testament*

**Romans** 1:20

#### **KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

32, 33, 36, 46–47, 230

#### **FAITH GLOSSARY:**

Transcendence

#### **LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta; St. Katharine Drexel

## **CHAPTER 3**

### ***God's Revelation through the Bible***

#### **FOCUS QUESTION:**

How does understanding the past help us to understand the present and shape our future?

#### **CONTENT SUMMARY:**

The influence of past experiences and of our family on who we are / The Bible as the story of God's action in human history, revealing God's plan for humankind / Abraham and Sarah / Moses / Jesus, the climax of God's

action and Revelation / Poetry, music and song as vehicles for meaning, e.g. the Psalms, Amazing Grace / Example of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*Old Testament*

**Genesis** 12:4, 17:4–7; **Exodus** 3:4–5, 7, 10; **Psalms** 17:8–9, 20:4–5, 22:1, 4–5, 25:6–7, 51:1–2, 139:1–2, 13–14

*New Testament*

**Matthew** 28:19; **Mark** 1:14–15; **Luke** 4:16–19; **John** 13:34, 15:9; **Acts of the Apostles** 1—2; **Colossians** 1:15–20

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

68, 69, 71, 73, 140, 453, 1823, 2021

**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

grace

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

John Newton (Amazing Grace),  
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

**CHAPTER 4**

*The Bible: The Inspired Word of God*

**FOCUS QUESTION:**

What does it mean to be inspired?

**CONTENT SUMMARY:**

Discussion of what we mean by biblical inspiration / What makes the Bible the inspired Word of God? / Where the biblical authors found their inspiration / The Bible continues to speak to us today / How Christians, Muslims and Jews honor their sacred texts / Example of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*Old Testament*

**Psalms** 9:1–2, 9–10, 18; **Isaiah** 40:4–5

*New Testament*

**Luke** 4:16–21; **John** 1:1

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

85, 96, 97, 98, 109, 112, 136, 137

**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

Magisterium; inspiration; inerrancy

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**CHAPTER 5**

*The Bible: God's Living Word for Our Lives*

**FOCUS QUESTION:**

How are major events communicated to us today? – a clue to how to read the Bible

**CONTENT SUMMARY:**

How major events are communicated, presented, interpreted, and the lessons to be learned for how we should read and interpret the Bible / Bible's journey from oral tradition to written word / The development of the canons of the Old Testament and the New Testament / Dead Sea Scrolls / Apocrypha Gospels / The Word of God in the Person of Jesus Christ / Challenges for biblical scholars and translators / St. Jerome / Example of Archbishop Desmond Tutu

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*Old Testament*

**Leviticus** 26:12; **Isaiah** 55:10–11;

**Jeremiah** 1:4

*New Testament*

**Matthew** 28:19; **Mark** 5:41, 15:34; **Luke** 1:1–4, 10:29–37, 12:27–28; **John** 1:1, 14; 6; **1 Corinthians** 10:31, 11:23–26, 13:4–7

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

65, 73, 106, 121, 137, 138, 139, 324

**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

canon of Scripture; Apostolic Tradition

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

**CHAPTER 6**

*The Bible: A Blueprint for Living*

**FOCUS QUESTION:**

How can words make a difference to our lives?

**CONTENT SUMMARY:**

Words can change our lives; reflections of Mitch Albom / The Bible can be a

powerful influence – life-giving words / The Bible is at center of Catholic faith / The Bible in Church teaching, Liturgy, worship / The Lord’s Prayer / *Lectio divina*, plainchant, Psalms, Taizé music and prayer / Example of Jean Donovan

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*Old Testament*

**Psalms** 23:1–2, 27:1, 77:1, 138:3; **Isaiah** 61:1

*New Testament*

**Matthew** 6:9–12; **Acts of the Apostles** 2:42; **Hebrews** 4:12

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

105, 108, 137, 1069, 1110, 1190, 2662, 2774, 2776, 2857, 2798, 2799, 2800

**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

*lectio divina*; Liturgy

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

Jean Donovan

## CHAPTER 7

### *The Bible Is the Book of the Church*

**FOCUS QUESTION:**

How can we know what the Bible means?

**CONTENT SUMMARY:**

Causes of misinterpretation and misunderstanding / The contexts of the Bible – historical, political, faith / We cannot interpret the Bible alone / The Magisterium / Tradition / Unity of Church teaching / Things to remember when reading and interpreting Scripture texts / Analysis of Good Samaritan parable / Example of St. Francis of Assisi

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*New Testament*

**Matthew** 5:38–42, 16:16–19; **Luke** 2:19, 51, 10:25–37, 15:11–32

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

82, 85, 96, 97, 109, 110, 137

**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

Deposit of Faith, Tradition

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

St. Francis of Assisi

## CHAPTER 8

### *Interpreting the Word of God in the Bible*

**FOCUS QUESTION:**

How does the Bible offer wisdom for life?

**CONTENT SUMMARY:**

Words and their meanings / Words of wisdom in the Bible / Wisdom of Solomon / Literary genres / Simile and metaphor in the Bible / Correctly understanding literary genres / Literal versus broader interpretation of Scripture / Three spiritual senses of Scripture: allegorical, moral and anagogical / Scopes trial / Parable of Sower / Example of Oscar Romero

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*Old Testament*

**Genesis** 1—2; **Exodus** 3:1–12, 4:19;

**Joshua** 10:12–14; **1 Kings** 3:9, 17–27;

**Psalms** 23:1, 145:8–9, 13–16; **Song of Songs** 5:10–16; **Isaiah** 11:1–3, 6–9

*New Testament*

**Matthew** 2:13, 20, 5:9, 14–16, 7:12, 13:31;

**Luke** 4:4, 6:49, 8:5–15, 11:28; **John** 1:14, 3:16

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

112, 137, 315, 316, 317, 319, 320

**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

exegesis

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

Archbishop Oscar Romero

## CHAPTER 9

### *The Old and New Testaments—God’s Faithfulness over Time*

**FOCUS QUESTION:**

Why be trustworthy and faithful?

**CONTENT SUMMARY:**

God’s faithfulness and promise to Abraham / The story behind the Old

and New Testaments / Old Testament Covenant fulfilled in Jesus / Who is Jesus? / The Old Testament in the Bible, or the Hebrew Scriptures / How the Old Testament promises came to be fulfilled / Renewal of baptismal promises / Example of St. Stephen

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*Old Testament*

**Genesis** 8, 9:1–7, 9:9–11, 12:1–5, 12:7, 17:5, 17:7, 17:21, 22:17, 22:18; **Exodus** 3:12, 3:15, 6:6–7, 13:14; **Psalms** 23:4, 17:8; **Isaiah** 11:1–2, 2:4, 29:18–19, 35:5–6, 61:1–3

*New Testament*

**Matthew** 3:13–17, 10:21–22, 11:2–19, 16:16, 18:20, 26:56, 28:16–20; **Luke** 22:20, 24:21, 24:25–27, 24:44; **John** 1:14, 14:6, 14:18; **Acts of the Apostles** 6:13–15, 7:60, 11:26; **1 Corinthians** 11:25; **Hebrews** 1:1–2

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

71, 72, 139, 453

**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

hope; covenant

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

St. Stephen, deacon and martyr

**CHAPTER 10**

*The Gospel Is Good News*

**FOCUS QUESTION:**

What is good news?

**CONTENT SUMMARY:**

Jesus most fully and clearly revealed the Good News of God's love / The Gospel is the Good News / The three stages in the formation of the Gospels / Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels / Reflection on 'One Solitary Life' / Example of Chiara Lubich / Focolare

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*New Testament*

**Matthew** 1:1–17, 3:2, 3:16–17, 5:17, 6:9–13,

7:7, 13:52, 14:13–21, 15:32–39, 16:6, 28:16–20; **Mark** 1:1, 1:14–15, 1:14–20, 5:25–26, 6:30–44, 6:50, 8:1–10, 8:34, 12:28–34, 16:6, 16:15; **Luke** 1:1–4, 1:39–66, 6:27, 7:1–10, 7:19–23, 8:43, 9:10–17, 10:27–37, 11:2–4, 13:10–17, 15:1–32, 16:19–31, 18:16, 23:34, 23:43, 23:49; **John** 6:1–15; **1 Corinthians** 15:3–5, 8

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

124, 126, 139, 561, 592, 1982

**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

Gospel

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

Chiara Lubich / Focolare

**CHAPTER 11**

*Jesus and His Message in the Gospels According to Matthew, Mark and Luke*

**FOCUS QUESTION:**

What influences our lives?

**CONTENT SUMMARY:**

Our birth and early childhood / Accounts of Jesus' birth and early childhood in the Synoptic Gospels / Jesus begins his public ministry with his baptism by John / The Temptation of Jesus / Jesus reveals, announces and inaugurates the Kingdom, or Reign, of God / The miracles and parables of Jesus / Living the values of the Kingdom of God / Sermon on Plain and Sermon on the Mount / Example of *Nothing But Nets* campaign

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*Old Testament*

**Exodus** 2:1–10; **Isaiah** 9:6–7, 11:1–9

*New Testament*

**Matthew** 1:1—2:28, 1:22–33, 3:13–17, 4:1–11, 5:3–12, 6:5–17, 9:27–30, 13:34, 14:13–21, 14:22–33, 15:32–39, 22:1–14, 25:1–13; **Mark** 1:2, 1:9–11, 1:12–13, 1:15, 1:21–28, 3:1–6, 5:23–29; **Luke** 1:1—2:52, 2:11, 3:21–22, 3:23–38, 4:1–13, 5:1–11,

5:40–44, 6:18–19, 6:20–23, 6:24–26, 6:27–35, 6:36–42, 6:43–49, 8:1–3, 8:4–15, 8:22–25, 8:40–56, 13:6–9, 14:7–24, 13:11–13, 16:19–31, 18:1–8, 18:35–43, 19:1–10; **John** 1:1–44; **Hebrews** 4:15; **1 John** 4:9, 4:16

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

324, 536, 547, 567, 1725, 1726

**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

Kingdom, or Reign, of God

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

*Nothing But Nets*

## CHAPTER 12

### *The Gospel According to John—Jesus Is God’s Word to the World*

**FOCUS QUESTION:**

How important are symbols in the search for meaning in life?

**CONTENT SUMMARY:**

Use of symbolic language in John’s account of the Gospel / Authorship and content of John’s Gospel, or the Fourth Gospel / The Fourth Gospel’s ‘distinctive’ portrayal and perspective on Jesus / The seven ‘I am’ statements of Jesus / Images of Jesus in John’s Gospel / Example of Maximilian Kolbe

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*Old Testament*

**Exodus** 3:13–14, 12:1–32; **Leviticus** 19:18;

**Deuteronomy** 6:5

*New Testament*

**Matthew** 22:15–22; **Mark** 12:1–12; **Luke**

9–19; **John** 1:1–14, 1:18, 1:29, 1:35–40,

2:1–11, 3:16, 4:5–29, 4:46–54, 5:1–47,

6:1–14, 6:35, 8:12, 9:1–12, 10:9–11, 10:14,

11:25, 13:14–15, 13:23–25, 13:34–35, 14:3,

14:6, 14:16–17, 14:23, 14:27, 15:1, 15:4–5,

15:11–15, 16:13, 16:24, 17:21, 17:24, 18:15–

16, 19:26–27, 20:1–2, 20:6–7, 20:22–23,

20:31, 21:7, 21:20. 21:24

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

454, 479, 480

**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

Hypostatic union

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

St. Maximilian Kolbe

## CHAPTER 13

### *Jesus’ Death and Resurrection Heralds a New Hope*

**FOCUS QUESTION:** Can you believe it? – Always hope!

**CONTENT SUMMARY:**

Jesus’ Last Days / Jesus’ farewell meal and final discourse to the disciples / The arrest, trial and Crucifixion of Jesus / Why was Jesus put on trial? / The Way of the Cross / Jesus is risen! / The Resurrection difference / The Ascension / Example of Mary Magdalene

**KEY SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

*New Testament*

**Matthew** 26:15, 26:33–34, 26:36–58,

26:38–39, 27:32, 27:46, 27:55–56, 28:2–

3; **Mark** 5:21–43, 14:32–42, 14:43–52,

14:53–65, 14:67–68, 14:72, 15:33–34,

15:39, 15:43–47, 16:1–10, 16:12; **Luke**

7:11–17, 8:2, 22:20, 22:39–46, 22:47–53,

22:70–71; 23:5–12, 23:14–16, 23:21,

23:32–43, 23:46, 24:13–43, 24:50–53;

**John** 6:51, 6:54, 6:56, 11:1–44, 12:13, 18:1–

11, 19:19–28, 20:1–28, 20:24–29; **Acts of**

**the Apostles** 1:14, 1:22, 2:1–47; **Romans**

1:16, 3:25, 4:25, 6:4; **1 Corinthians** 1:30,

11:26, 15:3–4, 15:6, 15:14, 15:22, 15:35–50,

15:55; **2 Corinthians** 3:16–18, 4:14;

**Galatians** 2:16–21, 4:4–6, 5:1, 6:15; **1**

**Peter** 1:3

**KEY CATECHISM SOURCES:**

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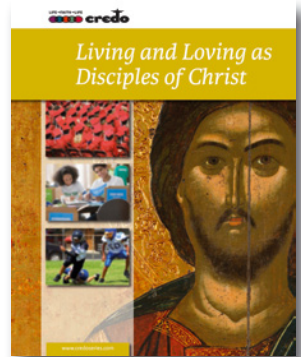
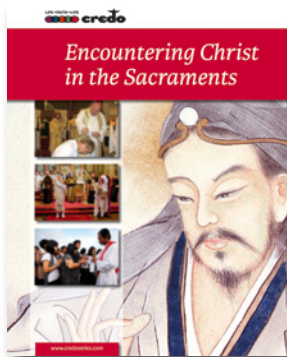
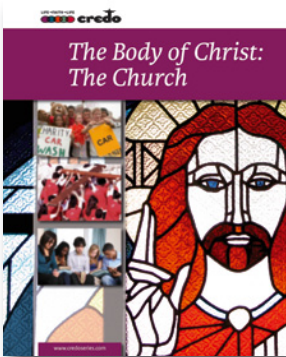
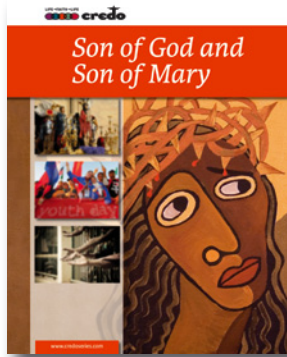
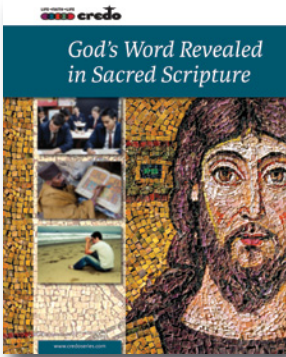
**FAITH GLOSSARY:**

Sacrifice; Paschal Mystery

**LEARN BY EXAMPLE:**

Mary Magdalene

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