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## **Theology 1: Exploring Sacred Scripture**

*Grade 9*

Saint Jerome declares that “ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” This course will empower students with the ability to navigate the rich and diverse texts of the Bible, employing hermeneutics in line with the Tradition of the Catholic Church, from the earliest Church Fathers to leading contemporary scholars. Students will explore the stories of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, from Genesis to Revelation, in an effort to develop a deeper understanding of the individual texts and significant biblical characters, the influence of historical context, and what they teach us about the Person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Special emphasis will be placed upon the development of writing, critical thinking and comprehension skills as students strive to interpret the text in such a way that is meaningful for their own lived faith experience. Upon completion of this course, students will demonstrate their understanding of central biblical themes, including God’s existence, God’s revelation, God’s presence among His people, God’s love, God’s mercy, and the concept of faith as an invitation requiring a response.