

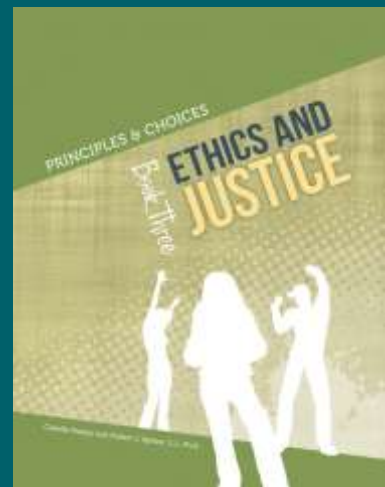
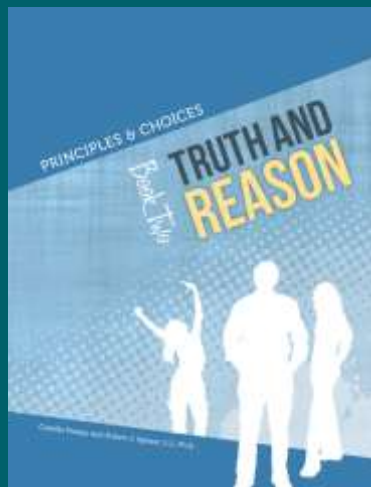
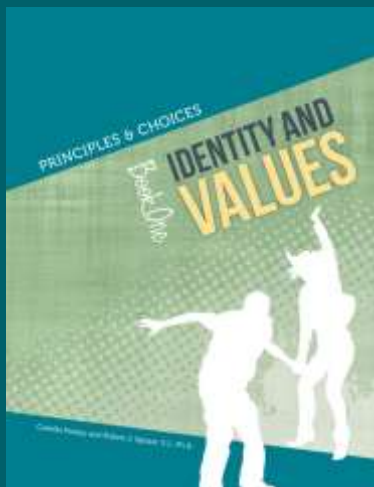
User's Guide

Using Principles & Choices

with the Didache Series

Semester Edition,

published by Midwest Theological Forum



A PROGRAM OF HEALING THE CULTURE
Principles & Choices[™]

Educational tools designed to root students and their teachers in a culture of life.

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Principles and Choices is a complete 9th– 12th grade high school curriculum, which teaches key principles to help students make good choices throughout their lives. The entire curriculum is based on the book *Ten Universal Principles: A Brief Philosophy of the Life Issues*, by Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D.

Principles and Choices uses contemporary, high quality student texts, teacher materials, and multimedia resources. The series is designed for use as a four-week supplement in a core curriculum class based on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age*, 2007 (Curriculum Framework).

There are three books in the *Principles and Choices* series, each with four chapters. We recommend teaching each book in a four-week time frame in each grade – Book One in the 9th grade, Book Two in the 10th grade, and Book Three in the 11th grade.

The charts on the following pages lay out four options for integrating *Principles & Choices* with *The Didache Series*, Semester Edition, published by Midwest Theological Forum. The paragraphs below explain these options in brief.

Option A:

Each *Principles & Choices* book would follow the indicated chapter in *The Didache Series*. By implementing all four chapters in the P&C book consecutively, you will ensure the best continuity for your students' learning. Each chapter should take one week to complete.

Option B:

Present each P&C book at the beginning of the second semester of each grade. This option would require a second-semester pacing adjustment to allow adequate time for the inclusion of a four-week P&C unit. The benefit of this model is student engagement and enthusiasm as they begin a fresh new semester with such a pertinent topic.

Option C:

Integrate P&C within the course of study by breaking apart chapters to coincide with topics from the core curriculum. In order to reinforce and integrate systematic learning, it is suggested that the class perform the one-act play at the end of the semester and/or use the Life in a Flash cards throughout the semester.

Option D:

Present each book at the end of the second semester of each grade. This option would require a second-semester pacing adjustment to allow adequate time for the inclusion of a four-week *Principles & Choices* unit.

The Didache Series, Semester Edition		Principles and Choices	
Course I: Faith and Revelation: Knowing God through Sacred Scripture		Book One: Identity and Values	
Chapter 1	Knowing God Through Natural Revelation, Reason, and Faith		
Chapter 2	Divine Revelation and Supernatural Faith	Option A Option C	All of Book One Chapter 1: The Four Levels of Happiness
Chapter 3	The Church Transmits the Revelation of Jesus Christ Through Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture	Option C	Chapter 2: Success and the Quality of Life
Chapter 4	Sacred Scripture: The Inspired Word of God		
Chapter 5	The Old Testament: God Reveals Himself to His People		
Chapter 6	Jesus Christ: The Fullness of Divine Revelation		
Chapter 7	The Church Transmits God's Revelation		
Course II The Blessed Trinity and Our Christian Vocation		Book One Identity and Values (<i>continued</i>)	
		Option B	All of Book One
Chapter 1	Faith and Revelation		
Chapter 2	Understanding the Trinity		
Chapter 3	God the Father	Option C	Chapter 3: Love
Chapter 4	The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ		
Chapter 5	Jesus Christ—True God and True Man		
Chapter 6	The Holy Spirit, Third Person of the Blessed Trinity		
Chapter 7	The Blessed Virgin Mary: Mother of Jesus Christ, God the Son	Option C	Chapter 4: Application to Social Issues

		Option D	All of Book One
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The Didache Series, Semester Edition		Principles and Choices	
Course III: The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship		Book Two: Truth and Reason	
Chapter 1	In the Beginning		
Chapter 2	Preparing for the Messiah		
Chapter 3	The Promise Is Fulfilled in Christ		
Chapter 4	Redemption and the Paschal Mystery		
Chapter 5	Christ Redeems Through His Church	Option A Option C	All of Book Two Chapter 1: Truth
Chapter 6	Called to Be Another Christ		
Chapter 7	The Call to Evangelization	Option C	Chapter 2: Principles of Reason
Course IV: The Church: Sacrament of Salvation		Book Two (continued)	
		Option B	All of Book Two
Chapter 1	God Prepares the Way for His Church in the Old Testament		
Chapter 2	Jesus Christ Instituted the Church		
Chapter 3	The Story of the Early Church		
Chapter 4	The Church as Sacrament of Salvation		
Chapter 5	The Four Marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic		
Chapter 6	The Church in the Life of the Faithful	Option C	Chapter 3: Defining the Human Person
Chapter 7	The Church as a Communion of Saints	Option C	Chapter 4: Application to Social Issues
		Option D	All of Book Two

The Didache Series, Semester Edition		Principles and Choices	
Course V: Sacraments: Source of Our Life in Christ		Book Three: Ethics and Justice	
Chapter 1	Baptism		
Chapter 2	Confirmation		
Chapter 3	The Eucharist		
Chapter 4	Reconciliation		
Chapter 5	Anointing of the Sick		
Chapter 6	Holy Orders		
Chapter 7	Matrimony		
Chapter 8	The Liturgy: The Church at Worship and Prayer	Option A Option C Option C	All of Book Three Chapter 1: Principles of Ethics Chapter 2: Principles of Justice
Course VI: Our Moral Life in Christ		Book Three (<i>continued</i>)	
		Option B	All of Book Three
Chapter 1	Basis for Morality and Moral Theology		
Chapter 2	Freedom and Conscience	Option C	Chapter 3: Freedom
Chapter 3	Morality in Law and Action		
Chapter 4	Sin and the Commandments		
Chapter 5	The First Three Commandments: Our Obligations to God		
Chapter 6	The Fourth Commandment		
Chapter 7	The Fifth Commandment	Option C	Chapter 4: Application to Social Issues
Chapter 8	The Sixth and Ninth Commandments		
Chapter 9	The Seventh, Eighth, and Tenth Commandments		

		Option D	All of Book Three
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