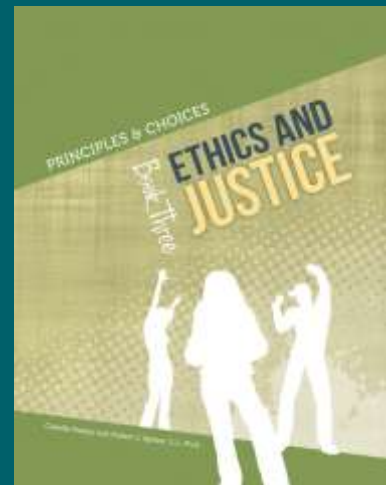
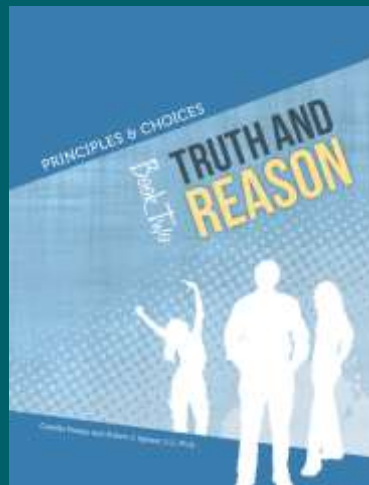
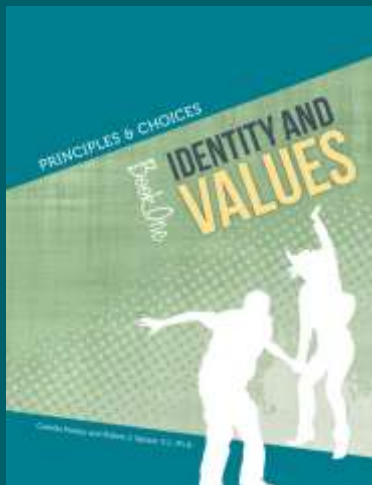


# User's Guide

## Using Principles & Choices

with the Credo Series  
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A PROGRAM OF HEALING THE CULTURE

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

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*Principles and Choices* is a complete 9<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Book Two in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and Book Three in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

The charts on the following pages lay out four options for integrating *Principles & Choices* with *The Credo Series*, published by Veritas. The paragraphs below explain these options in brief.

### Option A:

Each *Principles & Choices* book would follow the indicated chapter in *The Credo 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.

Credo series		Principles and Choices	
<b>Course I: God's Word Revealed in Sacred Scripture</b>		<b>Book One : Identity and Values</b>	
Chapter 1	God's Desire for Us; Our Desire for God		
Chapter 2	God Reaches Out to Us in Many Ways	Option A Option C	All of Book One Chapter 1: The Four Levels of Happiness
Chapter 3	God's Revelation through the Bible		
Chapter 4	The Bible: The Inspired Word of God		
Chapter 5	The Bible: God's Living Word for Our Lives		
Chapter 6	The Bible: A Blueprint for Living		
Chapter 7	The Bible Is the Book of the Church		
Chapter 8	Interpreting the Word of God in the Bible		
Chapter 9	The Old and New Testaments: God's Faithfulness over Time		
Chapter 10	The Gospel Is Good News		
Chapter 11	Jesus and His Message in the Gospels According to Matthew, Mark and Luke	Option C	Chapter 2: Success and Quality of Life
Chapter 12	The Gospel According to John		
Chapter 13	Jesus' Death and Resurrection Heralds a New Hope		
<b>Course II: Son of God and Son of Mary</b>		<b>Book One (continued)</b>	
		Option B	All of Book One
Chapter 1	God Comes to Us		
Chapter 2	The Obedience of Faith: Our Response to God's Invitation		
Chapter 3	The Catholic Church: Our Home within God's Family		

Chapter 4	The Greatest Story Ever Told: The Incarnation of the Son of God		
Chapter 5	The Most Holy Trinity: The Central Mystery of Christian Faith and the Christian Life	Option C	Chapter 3: Love
Chapter 6	God the Father: Loving Creator and Sustainer		
Chapter 7	The Only Begotten Son of God: Jesus Christ, God-with-us		
Chapter 8	God the Holy Spirit: The Spirit of Truth and Love		
Chapter 9	Mary: Mother, Disciple and Evangelist		
Chapter 10	The Son of Mary: Our Exemplar and Model	Option C	Chapter 4: Application to Social Issues
Chapter 11	The Road to New Life in Christ		
Chapter 12	New Life in Christ		
Chapter 13	From Here to Eternity: The Last Things		
		Option D	All of Book One

Credo series		Principles and Choices	
<b>Course III: The Promised One: Servant and Savior</b>		<b>Book Two: Truth and Reason</b>	
Chapter 1	A Good World and a Generous God		
Chapter 2	Reality of Sin and Promise of Salvation		
Chapter 3	God's Commitment, Our Hope		
Chapter 4	The Word Became Flesh		
Chapter 5	Thy Kingdom Come	Option A Option C	All of Book Two Chapter 1: Truth
Chapter 6	Jesus: More than Meets the Eye		
Chapter 7	Victory from the Jaws of Death		
Chapter 8	Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!		
Chapter 9	Bound for Glory: The Ascension, Pentecost and the Assumption		
Chapter 10	Following the Way of Jesus Christ	Option C	Chapter 2: Principles of Reason
Chapter 11	Jesus: The Way to Holiness		
Chapter 12	Lord, Teach Us to Pray		
Chapter 13	Jesus Christ, the Lord of Eternal Life		
<b>Course IV: The Body of Christ: The Church</b>		<b>Book Two (continued)</b>	
		Option B	All of Book Two
Chapter 1	Gathered to Be the People of God		
Chapter 2	Filled with the Holy Spirit		
Chapter 3	God Loves All People		
Chapter 4	Images of the Church		
Chapter 5	The Church's Unity in Christ		

Chapter 6	A Holy Nation, God's Own People	Option C	Chapter 3: Defining the Human Person
Chapter 7	The Church: Catholic and Apostolic		
Chapter 8	One Family of God		
Chapter 9	The Church in the World		
Chapter 10	Called and Chosen		
Chapter 11	Jesus, the Fullness of Grace and Truth		
Chapter 12	The Church: A Wisdom Community		
Chapter 13	The Call to Discipleship: Transforming the World in Christ	Option C	Chapter 4: Application to Social Issues
		Option D	All of Book Two

<b>Credo series</b>		<b>Principles and Choices</b>	
<b>Course V: Encountering Christ in the Sacraments</b>		<b>Book Three: Ethics and Justice</b>	
		Option B	All of Book Three
Chapter 1	A Sacramental People: The Church, the Body of Christ		
Chapter 2	The Seven Sacraments: Encounters with Christ		
Chapter 3	Baptism (Part One): Gateway to New Life in Christ		
Chapter 4	Baptism (Part Two): Living Our New Life in Christ	Option A Option C	All of Book Three Chapter 1: Principles of Ethics
Chapter 5	Confirmation: Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit		
Chapter 6	Eucharist (Part One): The Sacrament of Sacraments		
Chapter 7	Eucharist (Part Two): The Source and Summit of the Christian Life	Option C	Chapter 2: Principles of Justice
Chapter 8	Penance and Reconciliation: Lord Jesus, Renew Your Love in Our Hearts		
Chapter 9	Anointing of the Sick: Encountering Christ the Divine Physician		
Chapter 10	Holy Orders: Sacrament of Service to the Body of Christ	Option C	Chapter 3: Freedom
Chapter 11	Marriage (Part One): Sacrament at the Service of the Family of God		
Chapter 12	Marriage (Part Two): Living the Sacrament of Marriage	Option C	Chapter 4: Application to Social Issues
		Option D	All of Book Three

