

## **8REL Newsletter – 4.6.21**

Hello 8th Grade Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter weekend!

### Church History

In Religion class, the students will begin discussing Chapter 14, Serving Physical and Spiritual Needs. The Church responded to people's needs during the Early Middle Ages and that response serves as an example for us today. The chapter will discuss the Black Death, the Avignon Papacy, and the Great Schism between the Roman and Orthodox Churches.

They will then move onto Chapter 16, The Protestant Reformation. In the 16th century, the Protestant Reformation, led by Martin Luther and others, challenged the Church. Although it helped the Church address its problems, the Reformation divided the Church. Groups of Christians left the Church and rejected its teachings. Many who remained in the Church, including Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint John of the Cross, sought to reform the Church from within. In this chapter, students will learn about what brought about the Protestant Reformation and how its effects influence us today.

### Second Step

Lessons 10 and 11 focus on goal setting. Students will learn an effective model for planning, executing, and evaluating goals. They will learn how to use the Action Steps to set their own goals. Students will first practice these skills in small groups and then individually as they set personal goals over the next few weeks. Cycling through the goal-setting process helps students see how success comes with personal effort rather than luck or natural talent alone. This can build confidence, optimism, and hope for the future. Increased goal-setting skills and confidence support student success in and out of school.

All materials and assignments can be found on the Religion Google Classroom. Please let us know if you have any questions. Enjoy the beautiful weather!

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