






## The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College

<u>RE</u>	<u>Module 1 and 2</u>	<u>Module 3 and 4</u>	<u>Module 5 and 6</u>
<b><u>Topic Theme and Intent</u></b>	<p>These two branches explore the Catholic understanding of creation, human dignity, and salvation history. In the first branch, students will deepen their knowledge of the Genesis creation accounts, learning how they reveal the nature of God and the unique worth of human life created <i>imago Dei</i> - in the image of God. This understanding forms the foundation for Catholic teaching on the sanctity of life and human vocation. The second branch examines how God's promise of salvation unfolds through Scripture, beginning with the story of the Fall and culminating in Mary's role as the Mother of Jesus. Students will consider the significance of key women in the Old Testament as types of Mary, and how their faith foreshadows the coming of Christ. Through these branches, students will gain insight into Catholic beliefs about dignity, freedom, and the call to live out these truths in relationships and moral decision-making.</p>	<p>These two branches focus on the call to discipleship and the meaning of sacrifice within Catholic belief. Building on earlier learning about creation and salvation, the third branch explores how Jesus called men and women to follow him during his earthly ministry, as shown in Mark's Gospel. Students will consider what it means to be a disciple, the challenges this brings, and how Catholics today live out their vocation in different ways. The fourth branch examines the centrality of Jesus' sacrifice and its roots in Jewish worship, leading to the Christian understanding of redemption and the New Covenant. Students will learn that Christ's death is seen as the perfect and final sacrifice, reconciling humanity with God and shaping Catholic worship and moral life.</p>	<p>In these final branches of Year 9, students will explore the nature and mission of the Church as the community at the heart of Catholic life. The fifth branch focuses on the Church as a communion of believers, united in faith and called to live in relationship with God and one another. Students will learn about the Church's structure, its members, and its role in sustaining Christian life through worship and the sacraments. The sixth branch examines how the Church responds to the challenges of the modern world, beginning with the Second Vatican Council and its call for dialogue and collaboration. Students will consider Catholic teaching on the common good and how organisations such as CAFOD and CSAN put this into action globally and locally. Through these branches, students will understand the Church as both a spiritual family and a living mission, working for justice, peace, and unity in the world.</p>
<b><u>Knowledge</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will understand what the Genesis creation stories reveal about God, human life, and the meaning of being created <i>imago Dei</i>, including Catholic teaching on the sanctity and dignity of life.</li> <li>They will learn how Catholic beliefs about freedom, morality, and vocation shape relationships, marriage, and ethical decisions, including issues such as IVF and end-of-life care.</li> <li>Students will explore how prophecy and promise unfold in Scripture, focusing on key women of the Old Testament, Marian dogmas and titles, and the significance of Mary as the model of faith and hope for salvation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will learn what Mark's Gospel teaches about discipleship, including its challenges, costs, and rewards, and how both men and women responded to Jesus' call.</li> <li>They will understand Catholic teaching on vocation, exploring different ways of living out discipleship today, including marriage, religious life, and the Sacrament of Holy Orders.</li> <li>Students will examine the significance of sacrifice in Catholic belief, tracing its roots in Jewish worship and learning how Jesus' death is understood as the perfect sacrifice that brings redemption and the New Covenant.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will understand the nature and purpose of the Church, including its structure, leadership, and the belief in the communion of saints that unites the Church on earth, in heaven, and in purgatory.</li> <li>They will learn how Catholics express devotion to saints and angels through liturgy, prayer, and cultural practices, and explore the significance of these traditions for Catholic identity.</li> <li>Students will examine Catholic teaching on dialogue and the common good, considering how organisations such as CSAN, SVP, and CAFOD work to promote respect, peace, and justice in the modern world.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Skills</u></b>	<p>Students will develop the ability to <b>Understand, Discern, and Respond</b> through the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Define</b> key theological terms such as <i>imago Dei</i>, sanctity of life, prophecy, and Marian dogmas.</li> <li><b>Describe</b> Catholic beliefs about creation, human dignity, and the role of Mary in salvation history.</li> <li><b>Explain</b> how Scripture and Church teaching inform Catholic views on morality, freedom, and vocation.</li> <li><b>Discuss</b> ethical issues such as IVF and the dignity of life, as well as the significance of Marian titles and prayers.</li> </ul>	<p>Students will develop the ability to <b>Understand, Discern, and Respond</b> through the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Define</b> key terms such as discipleship, vocation, redemption, and New Covenant.</li> <li><b>Describe</b> the role of the apostles and other followers in Jesus' ministry, and the significance of sacrifice in Catholic belief.</li> <li><b>Explain</b> Catholic teaching on the costs and rewards of discipleship, and why Jesus' death is understood as the perfect sacrifice.</li> </ul>	<p>Students will develop the ability to <b>Understand, Discern, and Respond</b> through the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Define</b> key concepts such as communion of saints, common good, interreligious dialogue, and Church authority.</li> <li><b>Describe</b> the nature and purpose of the Church, its structure, leadership, and mission in the modern world.</li> <li><b>Explain</b> Catholic teaching on the unity of the Church on earth, in heaven, and in purgatory, and the role of dialogue in promoting peace and justice.</li> <li><b>Discuss</b> the importance of social action and collaboration with other faiths, using</li> </ul>



## The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evaluate</b> Catholic responses to questions about human dignity and salvation, using sources of wisdom and authority.</li> <li>• <b>Analyze</b> biblical texts allegorically and explore how artistic and devotional practices express Catholic beliefs.</li> <li>• <b>Reflect</b> on how Catholic teaching about creation and Mary influences personal faith and contemporary moral decisions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discuss</b> the challenges faced by early Christians and the relevance of vocation and sacrifice for Catholics today.</li> <li>• <b>Evaluate</b> different responses to the call to discipleship and the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice, using Scripture and Church teaching.</li> <li>• <b>Analyze</b> Gospel passages from Mark and explore how they present discipleship and the themes of mercy and forgiveness.</li> <li>• <b>Reflect</b> on how the example of the apostles and Jesus' sacrifice shapes Catholic life, worship, and personal commitment.</li> </ul>	<p>examples from Catholic organisations such as CAFOD, CSAN, and SVP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evaluate</b> how the Church responds to contemporary challenges and fulfils its mission in light of Vatican II and papal teaching.</li> <li>• <b>Analyze</b> biblical texts and Church documents to understand the theological basis for community, dialogue, and the common good.</li> <li>• <b>Reflect</b> on how Catholic beliefs about communion and mission influence personal responsibility and global citizenship.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Literacy Links</u></b>	<p><b>Reading</b> – Students will engage with Scripture passages, Church documents, and theological texts, developing skills in interpreting biblical language, understanding allegorical readings, and analysing Catholic teachings on creation, dignity, and salvation.</p> <p><b>Writing</b> – Students will produce explanations and evaluations of key doctrines such as <i>imago Dei</i> and the sanctity of life, write analytical responses on Marian dogmas and prophecy, and apply new theological vocabulary accurately in extended answers and essays.</p> <p><b>Oracy</b> – Students will articulate informed opinions on ethical issues (e.g., IVF, dignity of life) and theological concepts through structured class discussions and debates, speaking confidently using precise religious terminology and Standard English in formal and informal contexts.</p>	<p><b>Reading</b> – Students will engage with Gospel texts, particularly Mark, and theological writings on discipleship, vocation, and sacrifice. They will develop skills in interpreting narrative and symbolic language, understanding historical context, and analysing Catholic teaching on redemption and the New Covenant.</p> <p><b>Writing</b> – Students will write explanations and evaluations of the costs and rewards of discipleship, analyse the significance of Jesus' sacrifice, and apply key terms such as "vocation," "redemption," and "New Covenant" accurately in extended responses and essays.</p> <p><b>Oracy</b> – Students will participate in discussions and debates on topics such as the challenges of discipleship and the meaning of sacrifice, articulating informed viewpoints using precise religious vocabulary and speaking confidently in both formal and informal contexts.</p>	<p><b>Reading</b> – Students will engage with biblical texts on the early Church, extracts from Church documents such as <i>Meeting God in Friend and Stranger</i>, and theological writings on the communion of saints and the common good. They will develop skills in interpreting doctrinal language, understanding key concepts, and analysing Catholic teaching on community and mission.</p> <p><b>Writing</b> – Students will produce explanations and evaluations of the nature and purpose of the Church, analyse Catholic approaches to dialogue and social action, and apply vocabulary such as "communion of saints," "common good," and "interreligious dialogue" accurately in extended responses.</p> <p><b>Oracy</b> – Students will articulate informed opinions on issues such as the role of the Church in modern society and the importance of dialogue, speaking confidently and effectively in discussions.</p>
<b><u>Essential Vocabulary</u></b>	Imago Dei, relational, vocational, rational, moral, ethic, sanctity of life, allegorical, typology, salvation, matriarch, prophetess, Annunciation, Magnificat, Immaculate Conception	Disciple, apostle, literal sense, synoptic, martyr, apostolic succession, vocation, ordination, denomination, covenant, sanctuary, atonement, redemption, salvation, Messiah	Purgatory, pilgrim, angel, liturgical, Dominican, worldview, interfaith dialogue, common good, peace, dignity, imago Dei
<b><u>Catholic Social Teaching</u></b>	 <p>Human Dignity - This module explores the Catholic belief that every person is created <i>imago Dei</i> and therefore possesses inherent worth and value. Human dignity means that life is sacred from conception to natural death and must be respected in all circumstances. Students will learn how this principle shapes Catholic teaching on morality, freedom, and ethical issues such as IVF and end-of-life care.</p>	 <p>Participation - These modules focus on the call to discipleship and vocation, which reflect the principle of participation. Catholics believe that every person is invited to take part in the life and mission of the Church, whether through lay roles, religious life, or social action. Participation ensures that all members of the Church contribute to building a community of faith and service, following the example of Jesus and his disciples.</p>	 <p>The Common Good – These modules examine the nature of the Church and its mission in the modern world, which is rooted in the principle of the common good. Catholics believe that society should be organised so that every person can flourish, and this requires respect for the person, social wellbeing, and peace. Students will explore how Catholic organisations like CAFOD and CSAN work to promote justice and solidarity for the benefit of all.</p>