

Ecclesiastical Latin I

2009-2010 Syllabus

Credit

One foreign language credit per year.

Overview

Lumen Christi offers Ecclesiastical Latin as a foundational part of our school culture: with this course, the fundamentals of the Catholic faith come more clearly into focus as the students perfect their Church Latin. Ecclesiastical Latin is the language of all official Roman Catholic documents and the Extraordinary Form of the Mass based on the 1962 Roman Missal. Lumen Christi High School students are privileged to attend Latin Mass three or more times a week.

Our plan is to offer a two pronged approach to Ecclesiastical Latin (EL): completion of ten units per course from our text and participation in at least two Latin Masses per week. The fourth course of Ecclesiastical Latin will offer five units of study and an intensive reading of the Gospels from the Latin Vulgate. Students may work ahead as they complete each part of the EL four course plan.

Text

A Primer of Ecclesiastical Latin. By John F. Collins. (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 1985), Paperback, 485 pages.

From the Text:

“The Ecclesiastical Latin of this text is largely that of Jerome (c. 340-420) and Ambrose (340-397). Both men were masters of classical Latin (the language of Cicero and Vergil, writers of the first century B.C.), but both were men of their own times who wrote to be understood by their contemporaries. EL and classical Latin share the same vocabulary, the same forms, the same syntax. But EL has informal elements—an enduring part of Latin throughout its history—which were excluded by the literary practitioners of classical Latin.”

Grading

- **Tests**—one test based on each unit
- **Homework Per Unit:**
 - 2 Drills per unit
 - 2 Exercises per unit
- **EXAMS:**

There will not be an exam in Ecclesiastical Latin: the lessons are squarely based in completion of units. Each unit may stand alone as a block of learning.
- **Grading Method**—all work is worth points based on the amount of effort required to complete the task. The final grade will be a percentage grade calculated from the points earned divided by the total possible points.

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