

Where Do We Go From Here?

The first step in meeting the above challenge is to ask school superintendents, diocesan faith formation directors, and homeschooling educators to review the “7 Essential Modules.” As noted above, the version for 10th through 12th grade can be viewed or downloaded free of charge by going to <https://www.crediblecatholic.com>, and then click on PROGRAMS – the 7 Essential Modules will be the top program. The version for 7th and 8th graders is also available on the same website. If anyone wants additional information, a discussion, or a training course for teachers, please contact our coordinators, Ashley Fox or Janell Whaley at ashley@magiscenter.com and janell@magiscenter.com.

The second step to reversing the trend toward secularism is to contend with the problem of moral relativism. Though confirmation teachers will not have the possibility of doing this in detail, catechetical, Catholic schoolteachers, and homeschooling teachers will have a much better opportunity. A free resource with multiple modules on moral conversion will also be available later in 2021. These modules will give an explanation of the reality of spiritual evil, the necessity for Christ, the Catholic Church, and moral conversion to combat that evil, and a strong justification for the twelve controversial moral teachings of the Catholic Church (premarital sex, cohabitation, homosexual lifestyle, pornography, sex change, artificial birth control, abortion, physician assisted suicide, etc.). The justification of the Church’s position is based on secular studies and surveys showing definitively that acting contrary to the moral norms of Jesus and the Church significantly increases (double, triple, or quadruple) the likelihood and intensity of depression, anxiety, substance abuse, familial tensions, spiritual decline, suicides, marital dissatisfaction, divorce rate, and cultural dysfunction. In other words, following the Church’s teaching leads to a much more spiritually and temporally efficacious, fulfilled, and happy life.

In conclusion, our students have terrific hearts and are open to faith, but they are besieged by secular stimuli of every kind. We have found that if we present the evidence for God, Jesus, the soul, and the foundations of morality to them, most will respond at least partially, and many almost fully to the call of Christ.

