

# Preparing Our Children for the World

## *Not your typical scope & sequence*

Since the June 26, 2015 Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage across the country, we have received a good number of emails and calls from parents about our [online Catholic courses](#). Parents want to know what courses will help their children not only know and appreciate their Catholic faith, but will also prepare them to defend it when challenged.

We offer many courses to help in this area: Formal Logic to help form students' minds, Theology and Philosophy to help form their hearts, and Government to help form them as citizens.

Here is a sample scope and sequence that would be helpful in planning a high school curriculum:

*Note: We offer a wide variety of courses and this recommended scope and sequence can easily be adjusted to fit your student's needs. Of course, you'll also want to include history, science, math, etc.*

### **9th Grade**

- Introduction to Formal Logic
- Advanced Formal Logic
- Defending Our Faith Series
- U. S. Government and Politics
- Pro-Life Boot Camp

### **10th Grade**

- Fallacies and Paradoxes
- Philosophy 101: What Do Philosophers Do and How
- Defending Our Faith Series
- U. S. Citizenship and Civics
- Introduction to Law: Fundamentals of the American Legal System

### **11th Grade**

- Speech and Communications
- Thomistic Philosophy
- Understanding Our Faith Series
- The First Amendment: Five Freedoms
- The Federalist Papers

### **12th Grade**

- Leadership and Communications
- Theology of the Body Series
- Philosophy: Ethics
- Philosophy of God: Natural Theology
- Constitutional Law: Supreme Court Jurisprudence

Again, this is only a sampling. We offer similar courses at the middle school level. We also have an excellent writing program ([Aquinas Writing Advantage](#)) to help your student communicate what they learn. Other courses, taught though a Catholic lens, will also help prepare your student to engage in the public square.

The Supreme Court's decision reminds us of the importance, perhaps more than ever, of sharing the Church's vision of love and morality with others, particularly with our children. It also reminds us of the importance of prayer. Never stop praying.

The good news is we can help our children to confidently, as well as joyfully, witness Catholic values in every part of their lives. We hope that our online courses will help you do just that.