**Religion**

Seventh Grade attends Mass on Wednesday morning along with the Eighth Grade and on Friday morning with the entire school.

Mass participation points will be included in the religion grade. Expectations include, but are not limited to: verbal response to priest in prayer, verbal prayers including Penitential Act and Our Father, active participation in singing, and reverence.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday students will study religion in class. The text used is entitled *The Catholic Connections Handbook for Middle Schoolers* by St. Mary’s Press*.* During class students will keep a journal for notes and thoughts. Tests are given weekly. It is important for the students to review the lesson before the test.

The religion grade will be comprised of 50% test scores and 50% class work, including mass participation, journal entries, class participation, service hours performed\*, classroom assignments, scripture reflection, etc.

\*Junior High Service Hours

Religious formation takes place within community. One expression of our Christian community is being of service to others. Immaculate Conception Junior High students are required to do good works throughout the school year. Service projects can include anything that helps others in need. In addition to performing the 7B School Store assigned duty, participation in the numerous school-wide service opportunities is expected.

Though service to others is to be done without pay, a grade is assigned in recognition of the fact that young people respond to reinforcements and that this is a core value to be practiced during a Christian life.

 **Videos:** *Mother Teresa, Jesus of Nazareth,*

*History Channel’s Visions of Mary*