

# **FAITH INTEGRATION IN EVERY SUBJECT: PRINCIPLES AND CLASSROOM IDEAS**



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**A free resource for  
#MakingEveryClassCatholic**

# Math & Science: Catholic Principles

- Math and science in a Catholic context always include reflection on the beauty and order of creation.
- Math and science are ways we fulfill our task of stewardship by developing the potential God built into creation.



# Math & Science: Classroom Ideas

- Study great Catholic scientists or mathematicians and their ideas about science/math and faith.
- Consider how vocations in math or science contribute to genuine human flourishing.
- Encourage wonder and awe at the beauty and order of the universe.



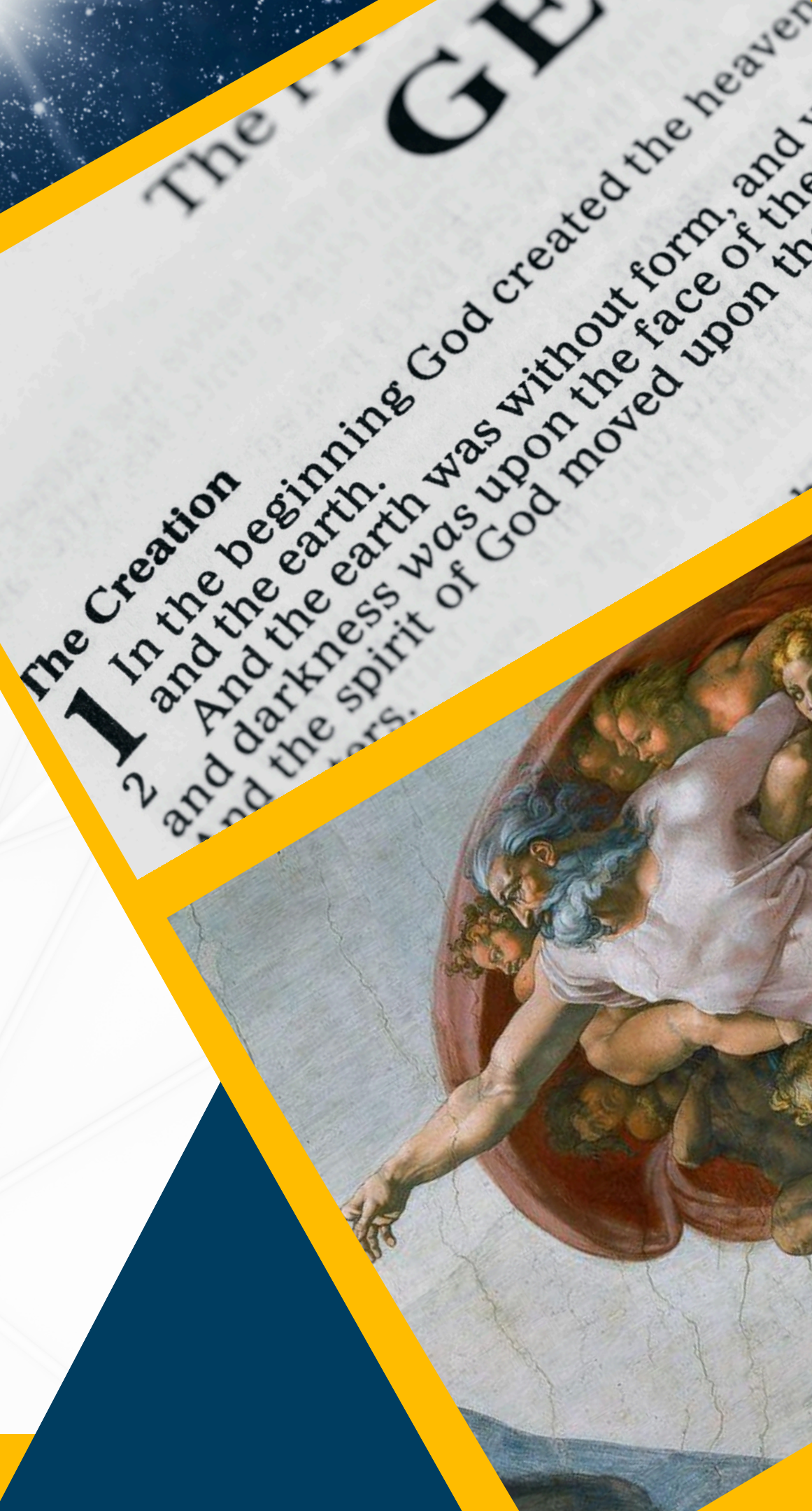
# English Language Arts & Literature: Catholic Principles

- The Biblical story presents creation as the function of language: words create worlds!
- Language is ordered to the communication of truth.
- Grammar, i.e., rules, frees us to be understood.



# English Language Arts & Literature: Classroom Ideas

- Study great works of Catholic literature with an eye to what makes them Catholic.
- Consider the power of words through practical examples. Look at the power of words in the Bible. E.g., “The WORD became flesh.”
- Explore how grammar makes communication possible. Highlight how rules can support freedom.



# Health: Catholic Principles

- Our bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit, created good, and ordered to communion with God and one another.
- Health is never guaranteed; we must consider what it means to live well even when we are not healthy.



# Health: Classroom Ideas

- Explore the life of someone living with injury or illness in a way that highlights the goodness and value of that life despite human frailty.
- Have students engage in practices, e.g., fasting from their phones, and reflect through a journal how their lives are shaped by such practices.
- Discuss what kind of priority health is or should be in our lives.



# Physical Education & School Sports: Catholic Principles

- In both our physical and our spiritual lives, it is our regular practices that shape us.
- Sports provide a great opportunity for the development of virtue.





# Physical Education & School Sports: Locker Room Ideas

- Pray as a team before games. Include prayer for your opponents.
- Consider the role of sport in the development of virtues like discipline, generosity, magnanimity, selflessness, and humility and hold students to high standards in this regard.
- Reflect, like St. Paul, on parallels between athletics and the spiritual life.



# Art & Music: Catholic Principles

- Artistic creativity is one way we are made in God the creator's image and likeness, and creating art is part of our stewardship of creation.
- True art requires humility before reality; art that is not pursuing truth becomes mere propaganda.



# Art & Music: Classroom Ideas

- Explore the idea of God as artist and humans as made in the image of an artist.
- Study great works of Catholic art and music. Ask why Catholicism produces so much good art.
- Consider the role of creativity in understanding ourselves and our vocation.



# Spanish & Other Languages: Catholic Principles

- The incarnation is itself an act of translation: God comes to us and speaks to us in language we can understand.
- As Pentecost teaches us, language is about communion; learning another language is a way of building relationships with others.



# Spanish & Other Languages: Classroom Ideas

- Read scripture and learn prayers in Spanish.
- Consider how different choices in translation highlight different aspects of a passage. How does language shape a worldview and facilitate the encounter with truth?
- Think about what it means to approach someone by learning their language rather than insisting that they learn yours.

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LLENA ERES DE GRACIA,  
EL SEÑOR ES CONTIGO.  
BENDITA TÚ ERES ENTRE  
TODAS LAS MUJERES,  
BENDITO ES EL FRUTO DE TU VIENTRE,  
JESÚS.  
MARÍA, MADRE DE DIOS,  
ORROR NOSOTROS, PECADORES,  
AHORA  
DE NUESTRA MUERTE.



# History: Catholic Principles

- Because God acts in history, real freedom and change are possible; history is the opposite of fate.
- The Bible is the story of losers and underdogs and teaches us to question the narrative of the powerful.



# History: Classroom Ideas

- Look at the stories of saints from the particular time and place you are studying.
- Investigate historical episodes typically used against the Church (e.g., Columbus and the myth of a flat earth, Galileo and the Pope, the Inquisition, etc.) to learn common falsehoods and ask why these episodes have come to be misrepresented.
- Explore the idea of freedom and history, that our decisions have consequences and can make a real difference.



# **Social Studies & Civics: Catholic Principles**

- We are created for life in community, which is an image of the eternal life of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Sin is not only personal, but has a social dimension, and the pursuit of human flourishing means attention to social structures.





# Social Studies & Civics: Classroom Ideas

- Learn what the Church teaches about the value of different political systems.
- Assess different policy proposals in light of Catholic Social Teaching.
- Explore how Catholicism can help us respond to polarization in contemporary culture.



# Business Education: Catholic Principles

- The ingenuity and productivity of business have much to contribute to the common good.
- Private property and profits are not ends in themselves, but means of pursuing higher goods.



# Business Education: Classroom Ideas

- Study alternative business models that have been proposed within the Church, e.g., the Mondragon Corporation, the Economy of Communion.
- Look at the relationship between business and virtue in areas such as customer service, managing employees, ownership, community involvement, lobbying, etc.
- Profit is a legitimate, but not an exclusive, goal of business. Explore how profit relates to the higher goods we pursue in the vocation of business.



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# Industrial Tech: Catholic Principles

- To make good and useful things is part of the task of stewardship of God's good creation.
- Engaging in production should be a humanizing experience.



# Industrial Tech: Classroom Ideas

- Read the creation narratives in the book of Genesis and reflect on what it means to create something. By what standards can we say whether something we have created is “good”?
- Notice the impacts of different forms of production on both the environment and on the human spirit.
- Tools and products can be used for good or for ill. Discuss the relationship between morality and the products of technology.

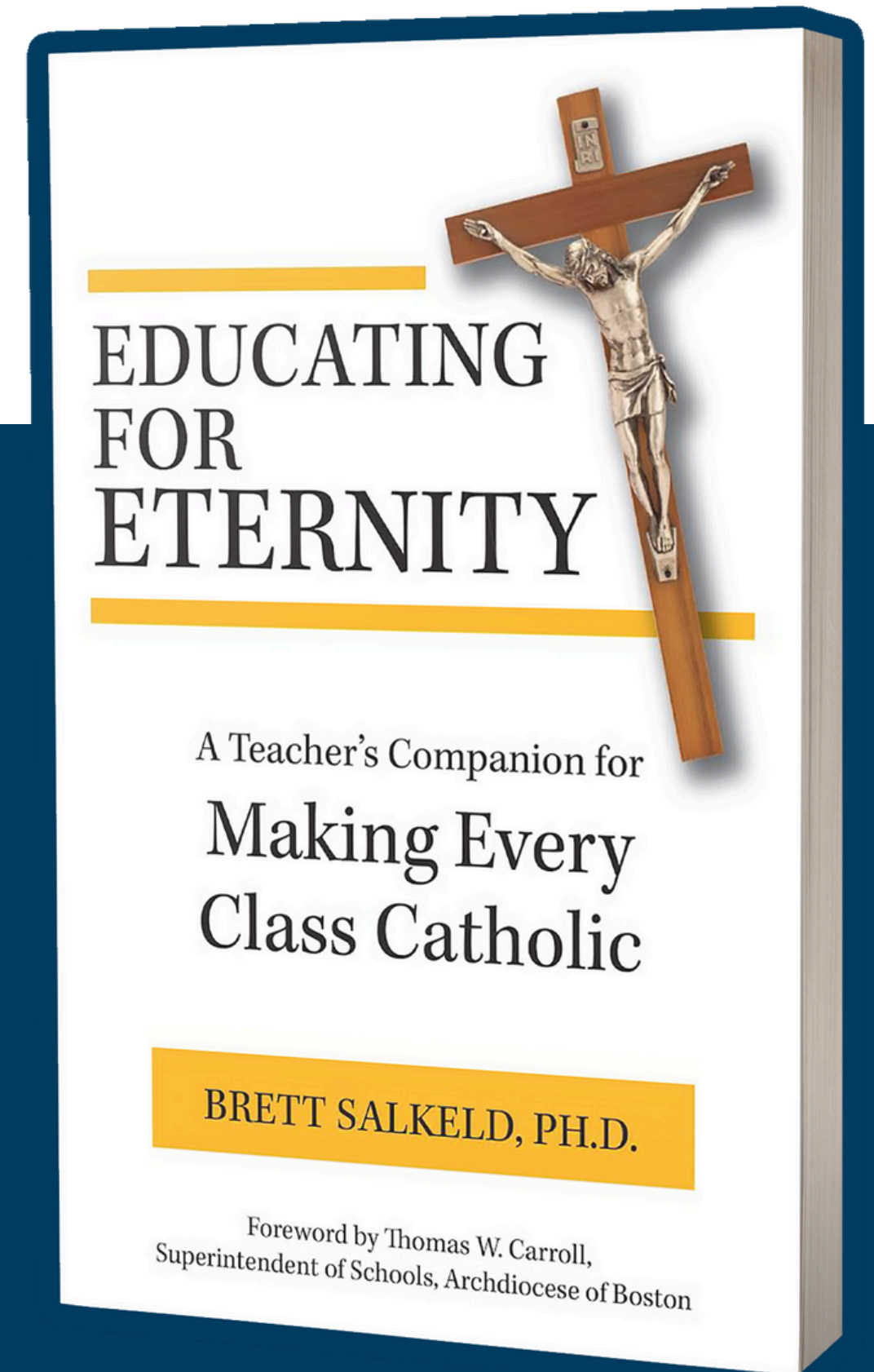


# Educating for Eternity

## A Teacher's Companion for Making Every Class Catholic

An authentic Catholic education does more than prepare workers for the job market or turn out model citizens. It forms people who can change the world — not in spite of their desire for God and their hope for heaven, but because of it. As a Catholic educator, you have a monumental task, but the good news is that you're not alone.

Brett Salkeld, Ph.D., explains the role of Catholic anthropology in education and accompanies Catholic teachers in integrating the Faith into all aspects of the curriculum.



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