PRAYER-ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERS

**PRAYER**

* **Prayer-Accountability partners** will lead prayer each day unless otherwise directed.
* The structure of prayer will follow these guidelines:

1. Both partners will **participate** *equally*.
2. Since you have achieved Sophomore status, I will expect *a greater level of maturity* from your prayer. You should be ready for prayer at *all* times, scheduled or otherwise.
3. Be diverse in choosing your **prayer style** … of which there are many … and avoid repeating what others have done.

* Whether or not your prayer includes other aspects (such as videos or music), it *must* always include both **prayer intentions** and the **prayer itself**.
* Prayer will always begin with **soliciting petitions** from the class, since it’s important that we join our prayers in community.
* As for the prayer itself, *rote prayers are to be used only sparingly*, and *only* with the prior permission for Dcn. Mike. Instead, we will focus on either **created** or **spontaneous prayer**.
* If you plan to use **videos or music**, Dcn. Mike must be notified and approve in advance. If not using a Christian-based song, the purpose for selecting the piece must be made clear to Dcn. Mike in advance, as well to the class in the course of presenting.
* If copies need to be made for the class, please notify Dcn. Mike in advance, although projecting an image is preferable to minimize costs.
* You are encouraged to **solicit the participation of the class** in the prayer since we are praying as a community.
* On **Fridays**, assigned partners will do an *exegesis* of the coming Sunday’s readings. They will proclaim the readings, give the class a brief ‘homily’ on your interpretation of the readings, and then lead the class in a closing prayer focused on the theme of the readings.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

* In the first semester, we learn that God assured us from the very beginning of Creation that we will never walk alone in this world. As such, the Church encourages to be Christ to one another – to support each other on the journey through life. And as we walk with each other, God is *always* there to help us, to *encourage* us, to quietly *inspire* us.
* In the second semester, we will focus on *Christian Morality*, and we’ll be focusing on how our conscience is challenged constantly in guiding us towards right decisions.
* However, many of us need more tangible structure in our life. Therefore, each semester we will walk alongside a partner who will encourage us to make good decisions, and will hold us accountable when we don’t.
* You are encouraged to choose your partner wisely; someone who knows you and will be honest with you; someone who will *never* hurt you, and who cares about you as a person.
* Once you choose that person, you will spend some time talking about your common roles and expectations, and then will be asked to **sign a pledge of accountability** that will guide you during this semester (and hopefully beyond), both in-and-outside the classroom.
* Your accountability partner will also serve as your prayer partner, acknowledging the truth that neither of you are walking alone in your life’s journey .. God is the third-ply of the cord of your relationship.
* Deacon Mike will always be there to help arbitrate, facilitate, or guide you through this process during the semester, either in-or-outside the classroom.