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 are in the last semester of your underclassman year, I will expect *a greater level of maturity* from your prayer. You should be ready for prayer at *all* times.
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**, Deacon Mike must be notified and sign-off in advance. If not using a Christian-based song, the purpose for selecting the piece must be made clear to Deacon Mike in advance, as well to the class in the course of presenting.
* If copies need to be made for the class, please notify Deacon Mike in advance, although projecting an image is preferable to minimize costs.
* As always, 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**

* Since this is a class on Christian Morality, we’ll be focusing on how our conscience is challenged constantly in guiding us towards right decisions.
* One of the ways the Church encourages us in this process is to be assured that we never walk alone – God is *always* there to help us, to *encourage* us, to quietly *inspire* us.
* However, many of us need more tangible structure in our life. Therefore, this 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.