Final Performance Tasks for Unit 5

The following is a list of the enduring understandings for unit 5. Demonstrating your grasp of one or more of these understandings will be essential to successfully completing your chosen final performance task. Please see the descriptions below to understand the specific elements that will be required for each option.

* Sacred Scripture plays an essential role in the Church’s sacramental and liturgical celebrations.
* Sacred Scripture has nourished and inspired people of faith through many centuries.
* Catholics view the Word of God as integral to an individual’s life of faith as it offers support, guidance, and challenge.

Option 1: Three Prayer Expressions

Throughout the course of this unit, you have learned about Sacred Scripture and the life of faith. As a way to integrate the enduring understandings of this unit, you are encouraged to explore different ways of praying with Sacred Scripture and keep a journal of your experiences. As part of this final performance task, you will need to engage in at least three expressions of prayer. After all of the experiences, write a three- to four-page reflection paper that responds to the following:

* Compare and contrast the three different prayer experiences.
* What was each prayer experience’s relationship to Sacred Scripture? How was it used, and is there a basis for the prayer in Scripture?
* Which prayer experience did you find most nourishing?
* Which prayer experience did you find most challenging?
* In particular, you will need to demonstrate an understanding of the three enduring understandings of this unit.

Option 2: Plan a Liturgy of the Word

For this performance task, you are to imagine that you have been invited by your pastor to plan a Liturgy of the Word. The plan should include details about the elements listed below (i.e., Why did you choose a particular song? How does it relate to the readings?). You should also include a brief summary of each reading, general intercessions, and a brief reflection based on the readings of the day.

Gathering Song

Greeting

Opening Prayer

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Reflection

General Intercessions

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song of Sending Forth

Write a two-page reflection paper on what it was like to actually plan a liturgy. Include what was easy and what was difficult about the experience, as well as the significance of this experience in relationship to your life of faith. Be sure to demonstrate how the enduring understandings of the unit relate to this performance task.