

# **Senior Capstone:**

## ***Catholicism and the Role of Government***

You will be analyzing a current problem within American politics. You will explain what the current administration believes should be done to solve the problem. Additionally, you will explain why they believe this will be a good solution. You will then look at the same problem, but this time through the eyes of the Roman Catholic Church. What is their position on this issue and why? Finally, you will tell me your position on the problem. What do you think can be done to address the problem and why do you believe that is the best solution?

### **Possible Issues:**

- Abortion
- Gay Marriage
- Gay Rights
- Right to Organize
- Illegal Immigration
- Health Care Reform
- Birth Control
- War Policy
- Tax Reform
- Adoption Rights
- Death Penalty
- Foreign Aid
- Sanctions
- Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
- Support for Israel
- Drug Use
- Theft
- Global Warming
- Treatment of Sex Offenders
- Internet Censorship
- Right to Assemble
- Free Speech
- Hate Groups and Racism
- Euthanasia
- Women's Rights
- Voting Rights

**Your Issue:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Issue:**

- What is the issue you are discussing?
- Who are key players on this issue?
- What do Democrats/Republicans think about the issue?
- What are the facts on the issue?
- What is the Trump Administration's position on the issue?
- Why does Trump believe this is the best solution to the issue?

### **The Catholic Position:**

- What does the Catholic Church believe about this issue?
- Why does the Church believe what it believes?
- What has the Church published about this issue?
  - Papal documents
  - Council teachings
  - Documents from the Magisterium
- Did Christ state his position on the issue?
- Has the Church always held this position or did their position change over time?
- Can this position go together with the position taken by the Trump White House?

### **Your Opinion:**

- What do you believe should be done to fix the problem you mentioned?
- Why do you believe this would solve the problem?
- Do the facts help or hurt your solution?
- Has this solution been tried before?
- Has anyone else proposed the same solution as you are?
- Is your position in line with the position of Trump?
- Is your position in line with the position of the Catholic Church?
- How could you solve the problem right now?

### **Requirements:**

- APA format
- 8-10 pages, double spaced. (Not including cover page or works cited)
- 10 sources minimum
- All information must be factual and accurate
- Due May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 AM