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Dear Pastors, Principals, Parish Faith Formation Directors, Teachers and Catechists:

As primary teacher and chief catechist in the Diocese of Raleigh, I promulgate this newly revised Religion Curriculum as a visible sign and support of my role in carrying out the mission of Jesus Christ.

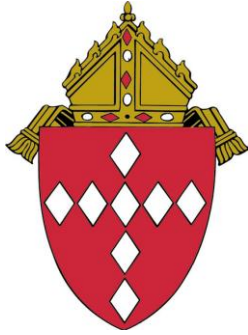
I ask every teacher and catechist in the Catholic elementary schools and parish religious education programs within the Diocese to use this Religion Curriculum as a systematic and complete guide, along with the textbooks you have selected from the *Conformity Listing* approved by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. In conjunction with this curriculum, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *National Directory for Catechesis* should be used as important references and sources of sound doctrine. Both these documents give us an extraordinary opportunity to renew our efforts in catechesis and the important work of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

Because catechesis is a responsibility of the entire faith community (GDC, No. 220), this mission of the Church is entrusted to every baptized Catholic. In particular, I ask that you strongly encourage all parents to renew their commitment to teach the faith diligently in the home. The parish must support them as they reinforce Gospel truths and values and serve as shining witnesses to the Catholic faith.

I take this opportunity to thank those committee members and reviewers who shared their expertise and knowledge of the faith to produce these guidelines. In addition, I am grateful to you and all those individuals who sacrifice their time and share their talents in order to hand on the faith to future generations. I pray that they realize the importance of this vital ministry in the Church and that Christ the Teacher bless them with zeal and enthusiasm to carry out the sacred mission entrusted to them.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh



DIOCESE OF RALEIGH RELIGION CURRICULUM

INTRODUCTION

“Catechesis aims to bring about in the believer an ever more mature faith in Jesus Christ, a deeper knowledge and love of his person and message, and a firm commitment to follow him.” (*National Directory of Catechesis*, No. 19)

This revised Curriculum serves as the framework for religious instruction in all Catholic elementary schools and parish religious education programs in the Diocese of Raleigh. The goal is to assist all students to grow in an understanding of their faith as Roman Catholics and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

“Faith must be known, celebrated, lived, and expressed in prayer. Catechesis comprises six fundamental tasks, each of which is related to an aspect of faith in Christ.” (*National Directory of Catechesis*, No. 20) The Diocesan Religion Curriculum is rooted in these six fundamental tasks: Knowledge of Faith, Liturgical Education, Moral Education, Teaching to Pray, Education for Community Life, and Missionary Initiation.

The format for each grade begins with **Focus** topics to offer the teacher/catechist guidance in the key concepts to be covered. Each of the six tasks is delineated into two components: **Essential Concepts**, which are the broad categories repeated in every grade; and, **Core Content** that indicates specific knowledge students will recognize, know or be able to articulate at their grade level. It is important to recognize that certain elements of our faith are revisited in greater depth at each grade level of the Curriculum.

Related **Scripture** passages and references for the *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* provide the teacher/catechist with background knowledge and a deeper comprehension of the content. The **Vocabulary** identifies words or terms that will assist the student to better understand the concepts.

Finally, the **Appendix** offers supplementary information on the Blessed Virgin and Saints as well as the Sequence of Prayers and Precepts. Definitions and explanations of the vocabulary can be found in the **Glossary**, which references the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and also indicates the grade a student is expected to be able to articulate and use terms.

RELIGION Kindergarten

Focus: God's Love; Jesus; Holy Spirit; the Holy Family; Sacrament of Baptism; Creation

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 ~ Knowledge of Faith				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
1.1 Trinity God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit	1.1.a Recognize God the Father is the First Person of the Blessed Trinity 1.1.b Recognize that God the Father created the universe 1.1.c Recognize that God the Father created human beings 1.1.d Know that Jesus called God the Father, his Father, "Abba/Daddy" 1.1.e Recognize that God the Son, Jesus Christ, is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity 1.1.f Know that Jesus grew up in a family; Mary is the Mother of Jesus; St. Joseph is the foster father of Jesus 1.1.g Know Jesus' family is called the Holy Family 1.1.h Know Jesus is the Savior of all people 1.1.i Recognize that God the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity 1.1.j Know that the Holy Spirit lives within us and gives us the gift of grace	Gen 1:1-31; 2:1-25 Lk 1:26-38; 2:1-20; 2:41-52 Mt 1:18-2:15; 3:13-17 Rom 8:26-27	232-33 237-39 430 683 731	Bible Creation Church
1.2 Revelation • Scripture • Tradition	1.2.a Understand the Bible is the story of God's love for us 1.2.b Understand that the Church also helps us to know what to believe		27 52 81 105 289	
1.3 Creed	1.3.a Understand that a creed tells what we believe 1.3.b Understand that sharing our creed tells others what we believe		166-67 198-99 270 422 464	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 ~ Liturgical Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
2.1 Liturgy	2.1.a Know that at Mass we worship and thank God	Acts 2:42-47		Baptism Mass Sacrament Saint Worship
2.2 Liturgical Year	2.2.a Talk about Sunday as the Lord's Day 2.2.b Talk about Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter	Mt 28:16-20 Mk 16:1-8 Lk 24:1-12, 50-53 Jn 20:1-10 Acts 1:6-12; 2:1-4	524 1095 1163 1168	
2.3 Liturgical Prayer	2.3.a Understand the Mass as the perfect way that Catholics pray together to worship God 2.3.b Begin to understand that at Mass the community gathers and remembers the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper 2.3.c Know that the priest was chosen by God and leads us in prayer at Mass			
2.4 Sacraments	2.4.a Know that the seven sacraments are signs of God's love 2.4.b Recognize that each sacrament is celebrated in a special way 2.4.c Know that in the Sacrament of Baptism the water and the words used are important 2.4.d Know the words said at Baptism: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" 2.4.e Know that we become members of the Church at Baptism	Mt 28:16-20 Lk 3:21-22 Eph 4:1-6	694-701 1117 1212-13 1229-43	
2.5 Sacramentals	2.5.a Know that sacramentals are holy objects and actions 2.5.b Recognize several examples of sacramentals: holy water, crucifix, Blessed candles, Sign of the Cross, anointing with oil			
2.6 Saints	2.6.a Know that saints are special, holy people who love God 2.6.b Present saints representing ethnic and cultural groups in the parish 2.6.c Talk about the patron saint of the parish		1667-76	
2.7 Mary	2.7.a Know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus 2.7.b Know Mary's birthday is September 8	Lk 1:26-38, 46-56 Jn 19; 25-27	461 490-91 495-96 966 971-72	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 ~ Moral Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
3.1 Made in God's Image	3.1.a Recognize that human beings are made in God's image	Gen 1:27 Lk 15:11-32 Col 1:15 2 Cor. 4:4	1700-07	Sin Grace
3.2 Formation of Conscience	3.2.a Know the difference between right and wrong 3.2.b Talk about actions that are loving and good 3.2.c Develop an awareness of our need to be sorry when we choose an action that hurts someone or something		1723 1833	
3.3 Virtues	3.3.a Discuss how saying a kind word to someone or doing a good deed is a way to show God's love		1803 1805-09 1996	
3.4 Sin	3.4.a Talk about actions that we know hurt God, others, and ourselves		1849-50 1874	
3.5 Commandments	3.5.a Know that God gave us guides to help us know how to live good lives 3.5.b Talk about the Ten Commandments as rules God gave us to follow	Mt 22:34-40 Mk 10:17-20 Lk 10:25-28	1724 2052 2055	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 ~ Teaching to Pray				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
4.1 Prayer in Christian Life	4.1.a Know that prayer is talking to God 4.1.b Identify Church as a special place to pray 4.1.c Talk about how to show respect in Church	Mt 6:5-15	2559-65 2699 2708 2709	Prayer
4.2 Forms of Prayer	4.2.a Talk about different ways to pray: alone, with classmates, with family 4.2.b Recite simple prayers			
4.3 Memorized Prayer	4.3.a Recite the following prayers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sign of the Cross ○ Glory Be to the Father ○ Hail Mary ○ Our Father, The Lord's Prayer 	Mt 6:9-14 Lk 1:28, 42;11:1-4	2676-77 2759 2761 2763	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 ~ Education for Community Life				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
5.1 Life and Mission of Church	5.1.a Recognize that the parish is the place where God's people gather to worship and serve others 5.1.b Know the name of the local parish		1180-81	Parish Vocation
5.2 Community	5.2.a Recognize family is the first community 5.2.c Recognize that family and friends make up a parish/school community	Col 3:18-21 Acts 2:42-47 Jn 1: 7		
5.3 Catholic Social Teachings	5.3.a Know that every person has God-given rights 5.3.b Talk about ways people are different from other creatures 5.3.c Participate in age appropriate service projects to help other people 5.3.d Know that creation is a gift from God 5.3.e Recognize our responsibility to care for the gift of creation 5.3.f Practice the care of personal belongings, classroom, school building, and parish grounds 5.3.g Participate in celebrations of the environment, such as, the blessing of Animals, Earth Day and others	Gen 1:1-18; 2:1-25	355-58 369-73 1700-06 1711 2415-18	
5.4 Vocations	5.5.a Talk about the word vocation 5.5.b Know that God wants all people to love and serve him		1 873 931	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6 ~ Missionary Initiation				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
6.1 Evangelization	6.1.a. Understand that the Church has a mission given to her by Jesus Christ 6.1.b Know that by Baptism we are called to join in this mission		737-39 782	
6.2 Ecumenism	6.2.a Know that God loves all people 6.2.b Talk about friends and other people who worship in other Christian communities		816 818 1700-07	

RELIGION Grade 1

Focus Concepts: God the Father-Creation; God the Son-Jesus Christ; God the Holy Spirit; Sacraments of Initiation

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 ~ Knowledge of Faith				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
1.1 Trinity: God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit	1.1.a Identify God the Father as the First Person of the Trinity 1.1.b Understand God is the Creator of Heaven and Earth 1.1.c Identify Jesus, God the Son, as the Second Person of the Trinity 1.1.d Discuss Jesus' life on earth 1.1.e Know that God the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity 1.1.f Know that we receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism 1.1.g Understand that the Holy Spirit is a helper, guide, and dwells within us	Gen 1:1-31; 2:1-25 Lk 1:26-38; 2:1-20; 2:41-52 Mt 1:18-2:15; 3:13-17 Rom 8:26-27	232-33 237-39 430 683 731	Adam and Eve Angel Apostle Bible Church Creation Disciple God
1.2 Revelation • Scripture • Tradition	1.2.a Know that the Bible is the story of God's love for us 1.2.b Know that the Church also helps us to know what to believe		27 52 81 105 289	Jesus Lord Magi Nativity/Christmas Scripture Soul Trinity
1.3 Creed	1.3.a Identify key phrases in the Apostles' Creed: the Father almighty, Jesus, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit 1.3.b Recognize the Church believes in one God		166-67 198-99 270 422 464	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 ~ Liturgical Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
2.1 Liturgy	2.1.a Experience Mass as a celebration of God's love for us and the primary way to worship God	Acts 2:42-47		Advent Advent Wreath Baptism Confirmation Easter Eucharist Genuflect Heaven Holy Communion Holy Week Icon Lent Mary, Our Mother Mass Miracle Palms Religion Sacrament Sacramentals Sacraments of Initiation Saint Sunday Worship
2.2 Liturgical Year	2.2.a Identify the following: Sunday as the Lord's Day, Ordinary Time, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter 2.2.b Recognize the names of other important days in the Easter Season: Ascension, Pentecost	Mt 28:16-20 Mk 16:1-8 Lk 24:1-12, 50-53 Jn 20:1-10 Acts 1:6-12; 2:1-4	524 1095 1163 1168	
2.3 Liturgical Prayer	2.3.a Foster participation in the liturgy by becoming familiar with key responses in the Mass			
2.4 Sacraments	2.4.a Recognize the seven sacraments as special signs of God's love 2.4.b Recognize the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist 2.4.c Know the effects, symbols, words, actions and minister of Baptism	Mt 28:16-20 Lk 3:21-22 Eph 4:1-6	694-701 1117 1212-13 1229-43	
2.5 Sacramentals	2.5.a Understand the meaning of sacramentals 2.5.b Recognize some sacramentals used by the Church: holy water, crucifix, candles, blessed medals, rosary		1667-76	
2.6 Mary	2.6.a Recognize some titles of Mary: Mother of Jesus, Mother of God, Mother of the Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Mary, Our Mother 2.6.b Identify special days in honor of Mary 2.6.c Participate in May devotions	Lk 1:26-38, 46-56 Jn 19:25-27	461 490-91 495-96 966 971-72	
2.7 Saints	2.7.a Understand that saints are holy people 2.7.b Know days in honor of special saints: Saint Patrick, Saint Nicholas 2.7.c Know the patron saint of the parish			

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 ~ Moral Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
3.1 Made in God's Image	3.1.a Recognize that human beings are created in God's image 3.1.b Recognize that human beings want what is good and choose what makes them happy	Gen 1:27 Lk 15:11-32 Col 1:15 2 Cor. 4:4	1700-07	Grace Sin
3.2 Formation of Conscience	3.2.a Understand that we make choices to love God and others 3.2.b Distinguish between right and wrong thoughts and actions 3.2.c Develop an awareness of our need to be sorry for our wrongful thoughts and actions		1723 1833	
3.3 Virtues	3.3.a Discuss how to choose actions that are good		1803 1805-09 1996	
3.4 Sin	3.4.a Understand that sin is failing to love God, other people, and ourselves		1849-50 1874	
3.5 Commandments	3.5.a Recognize that the Great Commandment asks us to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind and our neighbor as ourself 3.5.b Know that the Ten Commandments are the explanation for the Great Commandment	Mt 22:34-40 Mk 10:17-20 Lk 10:25-28	1724 2052 2055	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 ~ Teaching to Pray				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
4.1 Prayer in Christian Life	4.1.a Know a simple definition of prayer 4.1.b Know what it means to pray 4.1.c Know different types of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, sorrow, and asking	Mt 6:5-15	2559-65 2699 2708 2709	Jesus Prayer Lord's Prayer Praise Prayer
4.2 Forms of Prayer	4.2.a Know various prayer expressions including the Jesus Prayer and choral prayer			
4.3 Memorized Prayer	4.3.a Recite the following prayers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sign of the Cross o Our Father (Lord's Prayer) o Hail Mary o Doxology (Glory be...) o Simple Grace before and after meals o Simple Morning Offering o Prayer to Guardian Angel o Simple aspirations 4.3.b Recognize and pray the Rosary as a prayer to God through the intercession of the Blessed Mother 4.3.c Know that the fourteen Stations of the Cross represent events from Jesus' suffering and death	Mt 6:9-14 Lk 1:28, 42;11:1-4	2676-77 2759 2761 2763	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 ~ Education for Community Life				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
5.1 Life and Mission of Church	5.1.a Recognize that the parish is the gathering of God's people to worship and serve 5.1.b Recognize the name of the local parish		1180-81	Community Family Forgiveness Parish Pastor Respect
5.2 Community	5.2.a Recognize the family is the basic and first community 5.2.b Recognize that family and friends comprise a parish/school community 5.2.c Experience how communities work together to help many people	Col 3:18-21 Acts 2:42-47 Jn 1: 7		
5.3 Catholic Social Teaching	5.3.a Know that every person has God-given rights 5.3.b Understand that responsibilities are responses to rights 5.3.c Identify right and wrong actions and thoughts 5.3.d Develop an awareness of what it means to be poor 5.3.e Participate in age appropriate service projects 5.3.f Understand that work in school is an expression of one of God's gifts 5.3.g Know that all work deserves respect 5.3.h Understand that every person must have a sense of responsibility for all people 5.3.i Appreciate creation as a gift from God 5.3.j Recognize our responsibility to care for the gift of creation 5.3.k Cultivate appreciation for all levels of creation 5.3.l Practice care of personal belongings, classroom, school building, and parish grounds 5.3.m Participate in celebrations of the environment such as the blessing of Animals, Earth Day, and others	Gen 1:1-18; 2:1-25	355-58 369-73 1700-06 1711 2415-18	
5.4 Vocations	5.4.a Know the meaning of vocation 5.4.b Know that everyone has a vocation and that each person's vocation is lived out in different ways of life		1 873 931	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6 ~ Missionary Initiation				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
6.1 Evangelization	6.1.a Understand that the Church has a mission given to her by Jesus 6.1.b Know that through Baptism we are all part of this mission 6.1.c Discuss ways to live out this mission in our lives		737-39 782	
6.2 Ecumenism	6.2.a Know that God loves all people 6.2.b Understand that people express their belief in God in many different ways 6.2.c Talk about friends and other people who worship in other Christian communities		816 818 1700-07	

RELIGION Grade 2

Focus Concepts: Blessed Trinity; Sacraments; Mass

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 ~ Knowledge of Faith				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
1.1 Trinity God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit	1.1.a Identify three persons in one God as the Trinity 1.1.b Know that there is One God in three persons 1.1.c Know the Trinity is the Central Mystery of our faith 1.1.d Know that all life comes from God 1.1.e Know that Jesus is Son of God and Son of Mary; Incarnation 1.1.f Know the name Jesus means Savior; Jesus died to save us 1.1.g Understand Jesus promises to remain with us always through his presence in the Eucharist 1.1.h Know God the Holy Spirit lives within us, gives us the gift of grace and helps us make right choices	Gen 1:20-31 Mt 28: 16-20 Mk 1:9-11 Lk 3:21-22 Rom 8:26-27	234 243 253-55 423	Blessed Sacrament Christ New Testament Old Testament
1.2 Revelation • Scripture • Tradition	1.2.a Know that the Bible is the story of God's love for us 1.2.b Know that the Church helps us to know what to believe	Eph 1:7-10 Rom 1:19-20	51-52 287-88	
1.3 Creed	1.3.a Recite parts of the Creed as choral prayer		242-45	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 ~ Liturgical Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
2.1 Liturgy	2.1.a Understand the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation 2.1.b Know and understand the composition of the Liturgy 2.1.c Know the roles of those present at Mass, vestments worn by the celebrant, and vessels used at Mass 2.1.d Understand the Mass and Eucharist: as a memorial; as an act of thanks and praise; as a sacrifice; as a source of grace; as a source and sign of unity 2.1.e Recognize the connection with the Last Supper and the celebration of Mass 2.1.f Distinguish between table bread and the Eucharistic bread	Mt 26:25-29 Jn 6:32-58 1 Cor 10:16-18; 11:23-27 Jn 17:20-21	1099-1100 1349-55 2042 2177	Altar Amen Anointing of the Sick Assembly Confession Crucifix Gospel Homily Host Liturgy of the Word Liturgy of the Eucharist Ordinary Time Penance Real Presence Reconciliation Resurrection
2.2 Liturgical Year	2.2.a Celebrate Jesus Christ and learn to follow him by using readings of Ordinary Time 2.2.b Understand Paschal Triduum as the three day remembrance of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection	Mt 26:26-35; 27; 28 Mk 14:22-31; 15; 16 Lk 22:14-23; 23; 24 Jn 12:12-19; 20	1168	
2.3 Liturgical Prayer	2.3.a Know and articulate responses during the Mass			
2.4 Sacraments	2.4.a Know sacraments as instituted by Christ 2.4.b Know there are seven sacraments; their symbols and frequency of reception 2.4.c Articulate the Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist 2.4.d Articulate the Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick 2.4.e Articulate the Sacraments at the Service of Communion: Holy Orders, Matrimony 2.4.f Know that Jesus gave his life for us; therefore, we receive reconciliation and forgiveness	Mt 3:11-17 Lk 3:1-10 Jas 5:14-16 Heb 5:1 Gen 1:26-27	1084 1114 1116 1123 1322-24	
2.5 Sacramentals	2.5.a Know the definition of sacramentals 2.5.b Know that sacramentals are holy actions: laying on of hands, genuflecting, sign of the cross 2.5.c Know that sacramentals are holy objects: blessed ashes, blessed medals, blessed candles		1667-76	
2.6 Mary	2.6.a Know titles of Mary: Mother of God, Mary Our Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe 2.6.b Know days in honor of Our Lady 2.6.c Understand devotions honoring Mary	Lk 1:26-38, 46-56 Jn 19:25-27	461 490-91 495-96 966 971-72	
2.7 Saints	2.7.a Know some days that celebrate saints 2.7.b Know the patron saint of the parish		828 956-57 1195	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 ~ Moral Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
3.1 Made in God's Image	3.1 a Understand that God gave us an intellect and free will		1700-07	Absolution Commandment Conscience Contrition Examination of Conscience Free will Intellect Introductory Rite Sanctifying Grace Temptation
3.2 Formation of Conscience	3.2.a Identify conscience as God's gift to distinguish between right and wrong 3.2.b Understand the meaning of examination of conscience 3.2.c Participate in the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation	Lk 15:11-32 Lk 19:1-10	1776-77 1783-85 1789	
3.3 Virtues	3.3.a Recognize that God's help enables us to grow in virtue and grace 3.3.b Know that virtue is a choice	Phil 4:8	1803 1805-09 1833-34	
3.4 Sin	3.4.a Distinguish the difference among temptation, accident and sin 3.4.b Define sin 3.4.c Understand sin is a choice 3.4.d Recognize that God's help enables us to avoid sin 3.4.e Identify ways to make up for sin 3.4.f Know that God forgives our sins	Gen 3:5-6	1849-50 1874 1996	
3.5 Commandments	3.5.a Develop an understanding of the Law of Love 3.5.b Know the Ten Commandments are laws given to us by God to help us respect and love one another	Lk 10:25-28	1724 1962-65	
3.7 Works of Mercy	3.7.a Show kindness to our neighbors	Lk 10:29-37	2447	
3.8 Precepts of the Church	3.8.a Discuss meaning of regular reception of Sacraments 3.8.b Discuss reasons for regular reception of Sacraments		2041-42	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 ~ Teaching to Pray				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
4.1 Prayer in Christian Life	4.1.a Know types of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, forgiveness and petition 4.1.b Know the Stations of the Cross 4.1.c Identify the Mysteries of the Rosary 4.1.d Know that daily prayer is part of Christian life	Mt 6:5-15	2626-29 2631 2634 2637 2639	Blessing Psalm
4.2 Forms of Prayer	4.2.a Recognize the Rosary as a prayer to Our Lady 4.2.b Know how to pray the Rosary 4.2.c Understand the idea of spontaneous prayer 4.2.d Review prayer known as aspiration 4.2.e Review and continue to use forms of prayer from Grade 1		1674 2676 2708	
4.3 Memorized Prayer	4.3.a Recite the following prayers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grace before and after Meals ○ Act of Contrition ○ Simple Act of Faith, Hope and Love 4.3.b Review and continue to use memorized prayers from Grade 1			

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 ~ Education for Community Life				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
5.1 Life and Mission of Church	5.1.a Recognize the name of the local parish 5.1.b Recognize that the parish is the gathering of God's people to worship and serve 5.1.c Understand that the pastor leads the local parish 5.1.d Understand that a bishop leads a diocese 5.1.e Understand that the Pope leads the Catholic Church 5.1.f Realize that by Baptism, each person is called to be part of the Church	Mt 22:37-40 Mt 4:18-20	1180-81 1655-58 2204 2685	Bishop Catholic Diocese Pope Vocation
5.2 Community	5.2.a Recognize that the family is the basic and first community 5.2.b Recognize that family and friends comprise a parish/school community 5.2.c Recognize the parish is a community of families 5.2.d Recognize family as the domestic church 5.2.e Experience how communities work together	Col 3:19-21 Lk 3:11 Acts 2:42-47 1 Jn 1:7	1198-99	
5.3 Catholic Social Teaching	5.3.a Know that every person has God-given rights 5.3.b Understand that responsibilities are responses to our God-given rights 5.3.c Identify ways human beings are different from other creatures 5.3.d Identify right and wrong actions and thoughts 5.3.e Develop an awareness of what it means to be poor 5.3.f Participate in age appropriate service projects 5.3.g Understand work in school is an expression of one of God's gifts 5.3.h Know that all work deserves respect 5.3.i Understand that every person must have a sense of responsibility for all other people 5.3.j Appreciate creation as a gift from God 5.3.k Recognize the responsibility to care for the gift of creation 5.3.l Cultivate an appreciation for all levels of creation 5.3.m Practice care of personal belongings, classroom, school building, and parish grounds 5.3.n Participate in celebrations of the environment such as the blessing of Animals, Earth Day, and others	Gen 1:27	355-58 369-73 1700-06 1711 2415-18 2447	
5.4 Vocations	5.4.a Know the meaning of vocation 5.4.b Know that a vocation is a gift from God 5.4.c Know that everyone has a vocation which is lived out in unique ways in life 5.4.d Understand that one must pray to know one's vocation 5.4.e Identify the three main vocational calls in life: single, married, priests or consecrated religious		1 825 873 931	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6 ~ Missionary Initiation				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
6.1 Evangelization	6.1.a Understand the Church has a mission given to her by Jesus Christ 6.1.b State the mission of the Church 6.1.c Know that we are all called by Baptism to participate in this mission 6.1.d Explore ways that we live this mission of the Church in our own lives 6.1.e Demonstrate an understanding of being sent from Mass to share God's love with others	Mt 28:18-20 Mk 16:13	737-39 782	
6.2 Ecumenism	6.2.a Understand that all people are made in the image and likeness of God 6.2.b Know that God loves all people 6.2.c Understand that people express their belief in God in different ways 6.2.d Identify some of the ways that Jesus showed acceptance and tolerance during his life on earth 6.2.e Understand that Jesus calls all to live the values he gave us in the Gospels	Gen 1:27 Lk 15:11-32 Col 1:15 2 Cor 4:4	1700-07	

RELIGION Grade 3

Focus Concepts: The Trinity; Sacraments; God’s Law; Christian Community

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 ~ Knowledge of Faith				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
1.1 Trinity God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit	1.1.a Know that the Trinity is the Central Mystery of our faith 1.1.b Know that the Trinity is a community consisting of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit 1.1.c Understand that God creates freely and out of love 1.1.d Identify some characteristics of God: almighty, all knowing, all merciful, all just, all present 1.1.e Know the name Jesus means Savior; Jesus died to save us 1.1.f Know various names given to Jesus 1.1.g Know the Holy Spirit is the Paraclete promised by Jesus 1.1.h Know the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles at Pentecost 1.1.i Understand the Holy Spirit is called upon during Eucharistic Prayer to make the gifts and the people holy	Gen 1:20-31 Mt 28:16-20 Mk 1:9-11 Lk 3:21-22 Rom 8:26-27	234 296 432 436 737	Apostolic Epiclesis Holy Kingdom of God One Paraclete Prophet
1.2 Revelation • Scripture • Tradition	1.2.a Identify Scripture and Tradition as ways God revealed himself to us	Eph 1:7-10 Rom 1:19-20	80 84 104-05 109	
1.3 Creed	1.3.a Identify the four marks of the Church: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic 1.3.b Understand there is eternal life after death	Gen 2:17; 3:3; 3:19 Rom 6.23 2 Tim 1:9-10	948 988 1021-41 1047	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 ~ Liturgical Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
2.1 Liturgy	2.1.a Understand liturgy as the public worship of the Church	Acts 2:42-47	1069-70 1088	Ambo Baptistry Book of Gospels Communion of Saints Feast Holy Orders Matrimony Liturgical colors Liturgy Memorial Missal Oil of sick Paschal candle Pew Presider chair Processional cross Sanctuary Solemnity Tabernacle Worship
2.2 Liturgical Year	2.2.a Recognize the Holy Days of Obligation in the United States 2.2.b Know liturgical colors; green, red, purple, white 2.2.c Develop an appreciation of entering more deeply into the Paschal Mystery through participation in the liturgical year		1168 2042 2177	
2.3 Liturgical Prayer	2.3.a Know and recite the Confiteor			
2.4 Sacraments	2.4.a Know and articulate the effects, symbols, ordinary minister, how the sacraments are celebrated and responsibilities flowing from receiving the Sacraments of Initiation 2.4.b Know and articulate the effects, symbols, ordinary minister, how the sacraments are celebrated and responsibilities flowing from receiving the Sacraments of Healing 2.4.c Know and articulate the effects, symbols, ordinary minister, how the sacraments are celebrated and responsibilities flowing from receiving the Sacraments at the Service of Communion		1229 1234-43 1272-74 1421 1533-34	
2.5 Sacramentals	2.5.a Know the sacramentals used in celebration of the Sacraments		1667-1673	
2.6 Mary	2.6.a Know titles of Mary: Mother of God, Mother of Church, Mary as model for all believers, the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe 2.6.b Know the solemnity and feast days in honor of Our Lady 2.6.c Know the Rosary is a prayer to God the Father through the intercession Our Lady 2.6.d Know the titles of the Mysteries of the Rosary	Lk 1:26-38, 46-56 Jn 19:25-27	461 490-96 966 971-72 2678	
2.7 Saints	2.7.a Know the days to honor saints are ranked/celebrated in different degrees: solemnity, feast, memorial 2.7.b Know various saints and special people 2.7.c Recognize belonging to the Communion of Saints 2.7.d Know the feast of the parish patron saint		828 956-57 1172-73 1195	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 ~ Moral Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
3.1 Made in God's Image	3.1.a Realize what it means to be made in God's image	Gen 1:1-2; 4	1700-07 1731 1930	Healing Justice Original Sin Parable Responsibility/Duty
3.2 Formation of Conscience	3.2.a Understand how to form one's conscience 3.2.b Recognize the need to act responsibly 3.2.c Expand understanding of forgiveness and healing 3.2.d Participate in the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation	Lk 15:11-32 Lk 16:19-31	1750 1776-77 1784-85 1789	
3.3 Virtues	3.3.a Recognize the Theological Virtues given at Baptism		1812-30 1840	
3.4 Sin	3.4.a Explain that sin is a choice 3.4.b Explain how to avoid sin		1849-50 1874-76	
3.5 Commandments	3.5.a Know the Scripture story of God and Moses 3.5.b Recognize that the Ten Commandments, as given by God to Moses, as a covenant with God's people 3.5.c Understand the first three commandments express our fundamental duties to God 3.5.d Understand the last seven commandments express our fundamental duties to our neighbor 3.5.e Understand the Great Commandment of Love as given by Jesus 3.5.f Realize the Great Commandment is a summary of the Ten Commandments 3.5.g Demonstrate an understanding that the Ten Commandments serve as a guide to living as disciples of Jesus	Ex 20:2-17 Deut 5:6-21 Mt 22:34 Mk 10:17-20 Lk 10:25-28	1724 1949-51 1962-65 2056-63	
3.6 Beatitudes	3.6.a Read and discuss the Beatitudes	Mt 5:3-12 Lk 6:20-23	1716-19 1721-24	
3.7 Works of Mercy	3.7.a Give examples of how to work for justice and peace		2447	
3.8 Precepts of the Church	3.8.a Recognize the Precepts of the Church as Laws of Church 3.8.b Recognize how the Precepts help us grow in love of others 3.8.c Identify how the Precepts guide community		2041-43 2045	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 ~ Teaching to Pray				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
4.1 Prayer in Christian Life	4.1.a Realize the need for prayer daily 4.1.b Encourage familiarity with prayers of praise, thanksgiving, forgiveness, petition 4.1.c Write simple Prayers of the Faithful 4.1.d Pray as a family (domestic church)	Mt 6:5-15	2559-65 2697 2626-29 2631 2634 2637 2639	Aspirations Communal Prayer Domestic Church Private Prayer
4.2 Forms of Prayer	4.2.a Recognize the Rosary as a prayer to Our Lady 4.2.b Know how to pray the Rosary 4.2.c Know the Mysteries of the Rosary 4.2.d Understand the idea of spontaneous prayer 4.2.e Review prayer known as aspiration 4.2.f Differentiate between private and communal prayer 4.2.g Review and continue to use forms of prayer from Grades 1-2		2678 2708	
4.3 Memorized Prayer	4.3.a Recite the following prayers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Apostles' Creed o Confiteor 4.3.b Review and continue to use memorized prayers from Grades 1-2		194	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 ~ Education for Community Life				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
5.1 Life and Mission of Church	5.1.a Understand the birth and growth of the Church 5.1.b Understand the composition of the Church today: family, parish, diocese, universal church, communion of saints 5.1.c Understand membership in the Catholic Church, through Sacraments of Initiation, and living lives of service as disciples of Jesus	Acts 1:6-12; 2:1-16, 40-47		Deacon Priest
5.2 Community	5.2.a Recognize parish is basic unit of Church 5.2.b Recognize how, as Church, each of us is the light of the world 5.2.c Articulate attitudes needed to live in a community	Lk 3:11 Acts 2:42-47 Col 3:18-21 1 Jn 1:7	1198-99	
5.3 Catholic Social Teaching	5.3.a Begin to appreciate responsibility and to act responsibly 5.3.b Recognize that individuals have rights 5.3.c Recognize that groups have rights 5.3.d Identify some causes for poverty 5.3.e Participate in age appropriate service projects 5.3.f Identify different types of work in a community 5.3.g Know that all work deserves respect 5.3.h Identify ways in which we can help others 5.3.i Demonstrate how families, schools, parishes express responsibility for each other 5.3.j Appreciate creation as a gift from God 5.3.k Encourage choices showing respect for all creation 5.3.l Recognize responsibility to care for the gift of creation 5.3.m Practice care of personal belongings, classroom, school building, and parish grounds 5.3.n Participate in celebrations of the environment such as the blessing of Animals, Earth Day and others	Gen 1:1-18; 2:1-25	355-58 369-73 1700-06 1711 2415-18 2447	
5.4 Vocations	5.4.a Know the meaning of vocation 5.4.b Know that a vocation is a gift from God; a call to holiness is a way of responding to God 5.4.c Know that everyone has a vocation which is lived out in unique ways in life 5.4.d Understand that one must pray to know one's vocation 5.4.e Identify the three main vocational calls in life: single, married, priests or consecrated religious		1 825 873 931	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6 ~ Missionary Initiation				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
6.1 Evangelization	6.1.a State the Church's mission as given to her by Jesus Christ 6.1.b Identify attitudes that help to better understand the mission of the Church 6.1.c Articulate ways to live out this mission in our own lives 6.1.d Discuss how one's choices demonstrate how to live the mission of the Church			Kingdom of God Mission
6.2 Ecumenism	6.2.a Understand that all people are made in the image and likeness of God 6.2.b Know that God loves all people 6.2.c Understand that people express their belief in God in different ways 6.2.d Recognize different Christian and non-Christian traditions 6.2.e Identify ways to show respect for the various faith traditions			

RELIGION Grade 4

Focus Concepts: God the Father; Jesus Christ Our Redeemer; Commandments; Grace; Sin; Virtue; Conscience; Beatitudes; Works of Mercy

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 ~ Knowledge of Faith				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
1.1 Trinity God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit	1.1.a Know that all of creation is a gift from God, the Creator 1.1.b Know that God calls us to be in relationship with him 1.1.c Articulate that Jesus is our Redeemer 1.1.d Recognize the forgiveness of sins through the power of the Holy Spirit 1.1.e Review persons and functions of the Trinity: God as Creator; Son as Redeemer; Holy Spirit as Sanctifier		253-255	Belief Creed Evangelist Steward Truth
1.2 Revelation • Scripture • Tradition	1.2.a Realize God revealed himself out of love for his people 1.2.b Know God revealed the covenant to Moses on Mount Sinai 1.2.c Know that Jesus Christ reveals the meaning of New Covenant and fulfills God's promises 1.2.d Know the names of the four evangelists who wrote the gospels		2059-60 2056 139 515	
1.3 Creed	1.3.a Reinforce the Creed as a statement of beliefs		14 187	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 ~ Liturgical Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
2.1 Liturgy	2.1.a Understand that Sunday is the Lord's Day and we participate in Mass to worship, praise and thank God 2.1.b Recognize that Mass is a time to hear Scriptures proclaimed and live out mysteries of our faith		1168-73 2177	Advent Wreath Apparition Ash Wednesday Canonization Consecration
2.2 Liturgical Year	2.2.a Review the concept of Ordinary Time 2.2.b Know and understand the seasons of the Liturgical Year, their significance, and the liturgical color 2.2.c Know the celebrations of Holy Week 2.2.d Recognize the significance of liturgical celebrations including: Trinity Sunday, the Feast of Body and Blood of Christ and the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart	Mt 1:18-2:23 Jn 12:12-19 Mt 26:26-35 Mt 27	524 525-30 563 1095 1995 1168-69	Immaculate Conception Liturgical Year Paschal Mystery Relic Triduum
2.3 Liturgical Prayer	2.3.a Recognize the Eucharistic Prayers used at Mass			
2.4 Sacraments	2.4.a Understand the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation 2.4.b Understand that contrition is the most important act of the penitent 2.4.c Know that contrition is sorrow for sin and the intention of sinning no more 2.4.d Know that contrition is a gift of God and a prompting of the Holy Spirit 2.4.e Know and recite an Act of Contrition 2.4.f Celebrate in communal penance services	Jn 20:14-23	1451-54	
2.5 Sacramentals	2.5.a Review meaning of sacramentals 2.5.b Incorporate sacramentals into daily life		1667-1679	
2.6 Mary	2.6.a Review and articulate various titles of Mary: the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, example of faith, example of holiness, Our Lady of Notre Dame 2.6.b Celebrate days in honor of Mary 2.6.c Know some approved apparitions of Blessed Virgin: Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal 2.6.d Become familiar with litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Lk 1:26-38 Lk 1:39-56	273 2030	
2.7 Saints	2.7.a Review how saints, feasts, and special people are celebrated in different degrees: solemnity, feasts and memorials 2.7.b Celebrate the feast day of the parish patron saint		828	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 ~ Moral Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
3.1 Made in God's Image	3.1.a Realize the obligation of being made in God's image by taking care of my body as the "temple of the Holy Spirit"	Gen 1:26-31	225 356-6 1702	Beatitudes Cardinal Virtues Corporal Works of Mercy Covenant Evil Hell Idol Immortality New Covenant Purgatory Reverence Satan Spiritual Works of Mercy Ten Commandments Theological Virtues Truth Venial sin
3.2 Formation of Conscience	3.2.a Know the definition of conscience 3.2.b Know that conscience enables one to assume responsibility for choices 3.2.c Understand one must always form and follow one's conscience 3.2.d Realize the formation of conscience is a life-long task, assisted by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Church 3.2.e Know how to examine one's conscience using the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes and Works of Mercy 3.2.f Participate in the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation		1776-85 1454	
3.3 Virtues	3.3.a Recognize the Cardinal Virtues as ways of living Christian life 3.3.b Recognize Theological Virtues as ways of living as disciples of Jesus 3.3.c Recognize the Holy Spirit as a support for virtue		1803, 1805-09, 1812, 1814-16, 1822-24, 2088, 2093, 2095, 2098	
3.4 Sin/Grace	3.4.a Know and understand original sin and its effects 3.4.b Know and understand that personal sin can be mortal or venial 3.4.c Know and understand grace and its effects 3.4.d Understand God's forgiveness	Gen 2:17, 3: 1-11 Rom 3:23	2003-04, 1996, 386, 1440, 388,- 89, 1849-51, 1872-73	
3.5 Commandments	3.5.a Know and understand the Ten Commandments are the Word of God 3.5.b Know that commandments show the covenant with God and duties to neighbor 3.5.c Know that the full meaning of the commandments is revealed in Jesus in the New Covenant 3.5.d Recite the Ten Commandments and be able to rephrase in age-appropriate language	Ex 20:2-17 Deut 5:6-21	2084-2141 (1) 2142-67 (2) 2168-95 (3) 2197-2257 (4) 2258-2330 (5) 2331-2400 (6) 2401-63 (7) 2464-2513 (8)	
3.6 Beatitudes	3.6.a Know and understand that the Beatitudes are the heart of Jesus' preaching and express the vocation of all the faithful 3.6.b Recite and describe how to practice the eight Beatitudes in life 3.6.c Recognize the Beatitudes as a way of life modeled by Jesus	Mt 5:3-12 Lk 6:20-26	1716-17	
3.7 Works of Mercy	3.7.a Know and understand the Corporal Works of Mercy 3.7.b Recite and describe how to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy 3.7.c Know and understand the Spiritual Works of Mercy 3.7.d Recite and describe how to practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy	Mt 25:35-40	2447	
3.8 Precepts of the Church	3.8.a Recognize Precepts as Laws of the Church 3.8.b Recognize how Precepts help one grow in love of others 3.8.c Articulate examples of how to practice Precepts in daily life		2041-2043	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 ~ Teaching to Pray				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
4.1 Prayer in Christian Life	4.1.a Know that Abraham and Moses are models of prayer in the Old Testament 4.1.b Know that Jesus and Mary are models of prayer in the New Testament 4.1.c Understand the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father", is a summary of the whole Gospel 4.1.d Articulate how and when to pray	Gen 12:4 Ex 3:1-10 Mt 6:9-13 Lk 11:2-4	2568 2570-72 2575-77 2598-2599 2602	Decade Litany Liturgy of the Hours Magisterium Meditation Morning Prayer Rosary
4.2 Forms of Prayer	4.2.a Know and use aspirations with the common response of "pray for us" 4.2.b Review and continue to use forms of prayer from Grades 1-3 4.2.c Lead a communal prayer service		2700-2719	
4.3 Memorized Prayer	4.3.a Know and recite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hail, Holy Queen ○ Angelus ○ Regina Coeli 4.3.b Review and continue to use memorized prayers from Grades 1-3			

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 ~ Education for Community Life				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
5.1 Life and Mission of Church	5.1.a Understand that the role of the Church is a guide for the formation of one's conscience throughout life			Solidarity
5.2 Community	5.2.a Recognize and understand the purpose of Catholic Charities			
5.3 Catholic Social Teaching	5.3.a Acknowledge the unique importance of each person 5.3.b Articulate why we have a duty to treat others as we wish to be treated 5.3.c Distinguish between the terms poor and vulnerable 5.3.d Become aware of the needs of the poor in local area 5.3.e Write to a legislator about issues affecting the poor and vulnerable 5.3.f Describe the importance of work and how it is a participation in God's life 5.3.g Demonstrate an understanding of respect for all work and workers 5.3.h Recognize the dignity of all work 5.3.i Understand that one is responsible for caring for others 5.3.j Give examples of people who suffer 5.3.k Participate in parish/school collections of food, clothing, toys, etc. 5.3.l Participate in Catholic charitable outreach 5.3.m Understand what it means to be a good steward of God's creation 5.3.n Describe and demonstrate how not to waste food and natural resources 5.3.o Practice care of personal belongings, classroom, school building, and parish grounds 5.3.p Discuss stewardship and practice in age-appropriate ways		1884 2239 2407-2408	
5.4 Vocations	5.4.a Know and articulate the meaning of vocation 5.4.b Pray to discern one's vocation 5.4.c Pray for an increase in vocations to the permanent diaconate, priesthood, and consecrated religious life 5.4.d Pray for the diocesan seminarians by name 5.4.e Pray for faithfulness in one's vocation		1583 1533 1962 914	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6 ~ Missionary Initiation				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
6.1 Evangelization	6.1.a Understand that the mission of the Church is evangelization 6.1.b Realize we are all called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by the way we live and act	Mk 16:15-18	848-849	Ecumenism Evangelization Steward Stewardship
6.2 Ecumenism	6.2.a Know the definition of ecumenism		818 1271	

RELIGION Grade 5

Focus Concepts: Sacraments; Sacraments of Christian Initiation; Sacraments of Healing; Sacraments at the Service of Communion; Mass

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 ~ Knowledge of Faith				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
1.1 Trinity God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit	1.1.a Deepen awareness that God the Father created whole world 1.1.b Name Jesus as God the Son and Savior who is both human and divine 1.1.c Pray for guidance to God the Holy Spirit 1.1.d Articulate the names and roles of the three persons in one God		252 254 267	Annunciation Incarnation Judgment Mystical Body of Christ
1.2 Revelation • Scripture • Tradition	1.2.a Identify sacraments as events that reveal God's grace 1.2.b Understand that God desires to reveal Himself to us		51-64 116 1127	
1.3 Creed	1.3.a Realize that Jesus will come again to judge the living and dead 1.3.b Review Creed as statements of beliefs and as a tool for understanding faith		186 188	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 ~ Liturgical Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
2.1 Liturgy	2.1.a Know the four principal parts of the Mass 2.1.b Know and define vessels used at Mass 2.1.c Know and define vestments used at Mass 2.1.d Know and define liturgical books 2.1.e Know and define liturgical environment for Mass 2.1.f Know and define special ministers at Mass 2.1.g Appreciate and participate in worship of Eucharist at Mass and devotions outside Mass such as Exposition and Benediction	Lk 22:14-20	2042 2181-82	Alb Cassock Catechumens Chalice Charism Chasuble Chrism Ciborium Cincture Concluding Rite Degrees of Holy Orders Exposition/Benediction Laying on of hands Monstrance Mystery Oil of Catechumens Paten Patron Saint RCIA ~ Rite of Christian Initiation Rite Stole Seal of Confession Vow
2.2 Liturgical Year	2.2.a Articulate the names and colors of the liturgical year 2.2.b Celebrate and participate in various seasons of the liturgical year		1163-78	
2.3 Liturgical Prayer	2.3.a Recognize the Eucharistic Prayers used at Mass			
2.4 Sacraments	2.4.a Define each of the seven sacraments 2.4.b Distinguish Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and at the Service of Communion 2.4.c Know the rite, ministers and effects of each sacrament 2.4.d Recognize the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 2.4.e Recognize the degrees of Holy Orders	Mk 1:9-12 Mk 14:22-26 Jn 2:1-12 Act 2:1-21	1214-1284 Baptism 1285-1321 Confirmation 1322-1419 Eucharist 1420-1498 Penance 1499-1532 Anointing of Sick 1533-1600 Holy Orders 1601-1666 Matrimony	
2.5 Sacramentals	2.5.a Know the definition and effects of a sacramentals 2.5.b Review how sacramentals assist in understanding reverence/call to Holiness 2.5.c Incorporate sacramentals into daily life: rosaries, medals, crucifixes, blessed ashes, blessed palms, and use of holy water		1667-1679	
2.6 Mary	2.6.a Articulate the titles and symbols of Mary 2.6.b Celebrate days in honor of Mary; pray Marian prayers			
2.7 Saints	2.7.a Distinguish special days according to degree: solemnity, feasts and memorials 2.7.b Realize that saints come from all walks of life 2.7.c Recite information about your patron saint and the saint of your Parish 2.7.d Recognize the particular charism of religious communities within a parish 2.7.e Celebrate the feast day of the parish patron saint		828	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 ~ Moral Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
3.1 Made in God's Image	3.1.a Understand that being made in God's image has an obligation to care for my entire being: body, mind and emotions 3.1.b Recognize that moral life is a spiritual worship		2047	Mortal Sin
3.2 Formation of Conscience	3.2.a Recognize how formation of conscience is a vital part of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation 3.2.b Recognize that examination of conscience is part of every Mass 3.2.c Participate in Sacrament of Reconciliation		1776-85 1454	
3.3 Virtues	3.3.a Review the theological and moral virtues 3.3.b Seek ways to practice the virtues 3.3.c Explain the effects of making virtuous choices		1803, 1805-09, 1812, 1814-16, 1822-24, 2088, 2093, 2095, 2098	
3.4 Sin	3.4.a Realize that sin offends God and neighbor 3.4.b Explain consequences of making sinful choices	Gen 2:17, 3:1-11 Rom 3:23	2003-04, 1996, 386, 1440, 388,- 89, 1849-51, 1872-73	
3.5 Commandments	3.5.a Name the Ten Commandments and describe situations that would breach a commandment			
3.6 Beatitudes	3.6.a Name the Beatitudes and describe how to practice them in daily life	Mt 5:3-12 Lk 6:20-26	1716-17	
3.7 Works of Mercy	3.7.a Practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in daily life	Mt 25:35-40	2447	
3.8 Precepts of the Church	3.8.a Recite the Precepts of the Church 3.8.b Give an explanation as to why the Precepts can help us worship more fully as a community		2041-2043	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 ~ Teaching to Pray				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
4.1 Prayer in Christian Life	4.1.a Describe what it means to pray 4.1.b Recognize different kinds of prayer 4.1.c Cultivate appropriate attitude for prayer and the value of silence in prayer 4.1.d Write an original prayer 4.1.e Compose and lead a communal prayer service	Gen 12: 4 Ex 3:1-10 Mt 6:9-13 Lk 11: 2-4	2568 2570-72 2575-77 2598-2599 2602	Adoration Novena Precepts of the Church Stations of the Cross Supplication Thanksgiving
4.2 Forms of Prayer	4.2.a Become familiar with the Jesus Prayer, praying in common, song and gesture, meditation 4.2.b Compose Prayers of the Faithful for classroom use and to use at Mass			
4.3 Memorized Prayer	4.3.a Be able to recite the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary o Seven Sacraments o Precepts of the Church 4.3.b Review prayers learned in Grades 1-4 4.3.c Understand the meaning of a novena			

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 ~ Education for Community Life				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
5.1 Life and Mission of Church	5.1.a Identify the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ on earth 5.1.b Appreciate that the Kingdom of God is within us		774 776-77 779 787-96	Priesthood of the Faithful
5.2 Community	5.2.a Recognize cultural and ethnic heritage 5.2.b Discuss ways to show respect for all members of a community 5.2.c Recognize that the family is the domestic Church		1655-58 2204 2658	
5.3 Catholic Social Teaching	5.3.a Discuss ways to peacefully resolve peer conflicts 5.3.b Discuss how every right has a corresponding responsibility 5.3.c Participate in Lenten parish/school programs 5.3.d Discuss ways to alleviate problems of hunger, disease, poverty 5.3.e Discuss ways to show respect for the work of others 5.3.f Determine ways to show appreciation for jobs of those in the local community 5.3.g Evaluate how homework and home/classroom responsibilities help build respect for the value of work 5.3.h Brainstorm ways to express forgiveness 5.3.i Identify challenges to achieve solidarity 5.3.j Understand what it means to be a good steward of God's creation 5.3.k Describe and demonstrate how not to waste food and natural resources 5.3.l Practice care of personal belongings, classroom, school building, parish grounds 5.3.m Participate in parish/school projects for service to the community 5.3.n Discuss stewardship and practice in age-appropriate ways	Gen 1:1-31; 2:1-4	1905 1906	
5.4 Vocations	5.4.a Discuss the meaning of vocation and how God helps us to know our vocation 5.4.b Recognize God's call to be ordained: deacon, priest, bishop 5.4.c Recognize the call to be consecrated God in the religious state 5.4.d Recognize God's call to be lay faithful 5.4.e Pray for the diocesan seminarians by name	Gen 12:1-9 Is 6:1-8		

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6 ~ Missionary Initiation				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will.....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
6.1 Evangelization	6.1.a Take opportunities to share faith with others 6.1.b Practice Catholic faith by attending Mass weekly and view this as an opportunity to evangelize	Mk 16:15-18	848-849	Hospitality Martyr
6.2 Ecumenism	6.2.a Develop an appreciation for people of other Christian communities 6.2.b Develop an appreciation for interreligious dialogue 6.2.c Celebrate Church Unity Octave Week in mid-January		818 1271	

RELIGION Grade 6

Focus: The Bible; Old Testament (Choosing Special People, Moses, Exodus and the Covenant); Old Testament (Joshua, Judges, Kings, Important Queens, Prophets, Biblical Women); Christ fulfills the Old Testament

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 ~ Knowledge of Faith				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
1.1 Trinity God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit	1.1.a Realize God made a covenant with his people as seen in the Old Testament 1.1.b Explore how God communicates with us through the scriptures 1.1.c Review God as creator with a loving plan for creation 1.1.d Understand that Jesus fulfills the promises made in the Old Testament 1.1.e Realize Jesus is always present with the Father 1.1.f Understand that God used the Holy Spirit to inspire the human writers of the Sacred Scriptures found in the Bible.	Lk 2:22-38 Jn1:1-18	105-107 268-270 279-281 295	Canon of the Scripture Inerrancy Inspiration, Divine Pentateuch Revelation Salvation Torah
1.2 Revelation • Scripture • Tradition	1.2.a Explore how God's plan of salvation is revealed in Scripture 1.2.b Learn and articulate how the "Word of God" is the revealed Scripture and also Jesus is the "Word made flesh" 1.2.c Know the names of the 46 books and categories of the Old Testament 1.2.d Know the meaning of the term Deuterocanonical 1.2.e Understand the importance of knowing scriptural stories 1.2.f Understand covenant relationship of Old Testament is part of foundation of the Christian faith 1.2.g Articulate that during Creation humans were made in God's image, male and female 1.2.h Reflect on the Commandments given to Moses as guidelines to moral living and freedom 1.2.i Recount the story of the Journey to the Promised Land 1.2.j Explore the books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth to find examples of faithfulness and trust in God 1.2.k Understand the authors of the Historical Books sought to find the meaning behind the facts 1.2.l Explore the stories of a covenant people who sometimes choose or fail to choose the right relationship with God as they strive to be his people 1.2.m Understand the Wisdom Books capture the meaning of human life 1.2.n Know that the Prophetic books express judgments on moral behavior of God's chosen people 1.2.o Understand that the Church formed the Canon of the Scripture with the guidance of the Holy Spirit (Inspiration and Inerrancy) 1.2.p Understand that by apostolic tradition the Church discerned which books are included in the Bible	Jn 1:1-18 Gen 1:26-28 Ex 20:2-17 Deut 5:6-21	120 133 205 397-400	
1.3 Creed	1.3.a Understand when Creed states we believe in God, the Father almighty that this is the one God of the Old Testament; the promise of the Old Testament fulfilled in the messiah who has come in the person of Jesus		190 199 204	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 ~ Liturgical Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
2.1 Liturgy	2.1.a Recognize the cycle of readings in liturgy as a tool for understanding Scripture 2.1.b Understand the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist as parts of the Mass 2.1.c Describe the relationship between the Passover meal, the Last Supper and the Liturgy of the Eucharist	Lk 22:14-20 Mt 26:26-30 Mk 14:22-26 Ex 12:1-20	1323 1348-1358	Jesse Tree Passover Symbols
2.2 Liturgical Year	2.2.a Understand the liturgical year as a call to repentance, reflection and conversion which is evidenced in the books of the Old Testament 2.2.b Understand how the date for Easter was determined		1171 1438	
2.3 Sacraments	2.3.a Know that the Sacrament of Penance calls us to examine our moral choices 2.3.b Explain what it means to live a life based on the sacraments		1440-1442 1455 1210	
2.4 Sacramentals	2.4.a Use sacramentals as a means to deepen our faith	Jn 1:29	1176-1177	
2.5 Liturgical Prayer	2.5.a Recognize Psalms as liturgical prayers 2.5.b Know various kinds of Psalms 2.5.c Know the significance of Jesus as the "Lamb of God" 2.5.d Know the Liturgy of the Hours is comprised of Psalms from the Old Testament	Lk 1:26-38	494 2674	
2.6 Mary	2.6.a Understand Mary as the first disciple 2.6.b Recognize titles of Mary as she is celebrated throughout the liturgical calendar			
2.7 Saints	2.7.a Give examples of saints who lived out their covenant relationship with God 2.7.b Celebrate the feast day of the parish patron saint		1667	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 ~ Moral Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
3.1 Made in God's Image	3.1.a Understand the message of the creation stories in the Bible 3.1.b Understand that living a moral life bears witness to the dignity of a human person 3.1.c Understand living a moral life is a spiritual worship	Gen 1:26-31 Gen 2:7-25	1706 279-280 287-288	Atonement Commission Decalogue Mercy Omission Prejudice Social Sin
3.2 Formation of Conscience	3.2.a Explain how practice of the Ten Commandments is part of moral living 3.2.b Understand that we are called to reflect on our moral choices 3.2.c Practice examination of conscience 3.2.d Explain consequences of not following the Ten Commandments	Ex 20:2-17 Deut 5:6-21	2070-2071	
3.3 Virtues	3.3.a Understand that human beings have a moral stance in God's creation 3.3.b Apply gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit 3.3.c Explain how leading a virtuous/moral life has a communal impact	Mt 25:31-46	288 299 1905-1906	
3.4 Sin	3.4.a Understand that sin damages our ability to live within a covenant 3.4.b Recognize and give examples of sin as a poor use of free will 3.4.c Compare examples of the Israelites' unfaithfulness to how we sin today		1440 1849	
3.5 Commandments	3.5.a Know the difference between the Catholic and Protestant version of the Ten Commandments 3.5.b Understand and practice the Ten Commandments		2074	
3.6 Beatitudes	3.6.a Describe concrete ways to practice the Beatitudes	Mt 5:3-12 Lk 6:20-26	1717-1717	
3.7 Works of Mercy	3.7.a Explain how the Works of Mercy are examples of loyalty to God's call to a relationship of love with Him	Mt 25:35-40	2447	
3.8 Precepts of the Church	3.8.a Name and explain how to follow the Precepts of the Church		2040-2043	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 ~ Teaching to Pray				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
4.1 Prayer in Christian Life	4.1.a Understand the Psalms as prayers that formed part of the prayer life of Jesus and the Apostles 4.1.b Describe ways to prepare for prayer 4.1.c Review prayers in the Old Testament 4.1.d Recognize Moses as a great intercessor 4.1.e Recognize canticles in the Bible 4.1.f Discuss how prayer is a covenant relationship with God	Psalm 23 Psalm 27:1-6 Mic 6:8 Lk 1:46-55 Lk 1:68-79 Lk 2:29-32		Luminous
4.2 Forms of Prayer	4.2.a Apply the ACTS model (adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and supplication) to the Psalms and identify where these types of prayer are evident		2625 2644	
4.3 Memorized Prayer	4.3.a Recite the following prayers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary o Memorare o Prayer of St Francis 4.3.b Compose and memorize a prayer 4.3.c Review and continue to use memorized prayers from Grades 1-5			

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 ~ Education for Community Life				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
5.1 Life and Mission of Church	5.1.a Review that we are called to be part of the Church	Jn 15:11-17	1604 396	Clergy Dogma Infallibility Laity Tithe
5.2 Community	5.2.a Cite examples of God calling Israel to be a special community 5.2.b Explore the meaning of family and community in the Old Testament 5.2.c Review the Catholic Church as a worldwide, apostolic community	Gen 9:9-17 Gen 22:1-18	1961-1962	
5.3 Catholic Social Teaching	5.3.a Discuss how the prophets called people to live God given rights and responsibilities 5.3.b Discuss why leaders in the Old Testament had a responsibility to act morally 5.3.c Explore the story of Ruth and Naomi as an example of caring for the poor and vulnerable 5.3.d Reflect on the story of Cain and Abel to understand that we are our brother's keeper 5.3.e Express appreciation to public service workers in written letters 5.3.f Express opinions and concerns in written letters to public service workers 5.3.g Discuss the special place of human beings as stewards of God's creation 5.3.h Understand the meaning of stewardship 5.3.i Discuss stewardship and the practice of stewardship in age-appropriate ways 5.3.j Participate in parish/school projects for service to the community 5.3.k Practice care of personal belongings, classroom, school building, and parish grounds		1965	
5.4 Vocations	5.4.a Explore how Old Testament prophets resisted and then responded to God's call 5.4.b Discuss the meanings of vocations including: ordained; consecrated; lay faithful 5.4.c Discuss how God helps us to know our vocation		1877-1879	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6 ~ Missionary Initiation

ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will....	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
6.1 Evangelization	6.1.a Give examples of how Christians can be “prophets” in society			God’s Providence
6.2 Ecumenism	6.2.a Explore and explain the special place of the Jewish people in salvation history 6.2.b Identify that through Baptism, all Christians are accepted as brothers and sisters in Christ			

RELIGION Grade 7

Focus: New Testament; Jesus; Jesus the Christ; Jesus is Lord; Liturgy and Worship; Liturgical Life of the Church

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 ~ Knowledge of Faith				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
1.1 Trinity God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit	1.1.a Know that God the Father seeks to share life with his creation 1.1.b Know that God is the Father of Jesus 1.1.c Discuss how God guides his creation through Divine Providence 1.1.d Know the covenants with Noah and Abraham as signs of God's promise of faithfulness 1.1.e Recite John 3:16 and understand this act of Love by God the Father who fulfills his covenant through Jesus 1.1.f Explore and discuss the life of Jesus in the Gospels 1.1.g Reflect on the message of Jesus' life and ministry 1.1.h Understand the role of the Holy Spirit as part of the Holy Trinity 1.1.i Know that God guides his creation through the Holy Spirit	Jn 1:1-3 Jn 3:16	52 53 302	Gifts of the Holy Spirit Fruits of the Holy Spirit Pentecost Tradition
1.2 Revelation • Scripture • Tradition	1.2.a Know and list the twenty-seven books in the New Testament 1.2.b Understand the books of the New Testament are separated into four categories: Gospels, Acts, Letters and Revelation 1.2.c Explain the meaning of "synoptic" and how the synoptic Gospels differ from the Gospel of John 1.2.d Compare and contrast the Infancy Narratives in Matthew and Luke 1.2.e Understand the role of John the Baptist as precursor to Jesus 1.2.f Use the Gospels to understand Jesus' ministry as one who teaches, forgives, and heals in the name of the Father 1.2.g Use cross references and footnotes to compare different Gospel accounts of events in the life of Jesus 1.2.h Find examples of the seven sacraments being celebrated and/or instituted in the Gospels 1.2.i Understand the purpose of parables in the ministry of Jesus 1.2.j Understand and compare the accounts of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus found in the Gospels 1.2.k Review and understand the appearances of Jesus after his resurrection found in the Gospels and in Acts 1.2.l Understand the term "tradition" as it is used in the Catholic Church 1.2.m Identify the role of the Magisterium in authentic interpretation of Scripture and Tradition 1.2.n Identify the "Catholic Letters" in the New Testament	Lk 1:26 - 2:52 Mt 1:18 - 2:22; 26:36; 28:20 Mk 14:32 - 16:19 Lk 22:39 - 24:53 Jn 18:1 - 21:25 Acts 1:1-12	85-88 1114-1115 1992	
1.3 Creed	1.3.a Locate early forms of creeds in the scriptures 1.3.b Review and recite Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed	Acts 3:13-21 1Cor 15:3-6	185-197	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 ~ Liturgical Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
2.1 Liturgy	2.1.a Review and understand that the synoptic Gospels make up the Cycles A, B and C of the readings during Sunday Mass and the use of John's Gospel annually 2.1.b Define Lectionary, Sacramentary and Book of Blessings		1190	Benediction Body of Christ Book of Blessings Easter Vigil Fast Holy Days of Obligation Transubstantiation Synoptic Gospels
2.2 Liturgical Year	2.2.a Identify the liturgical seasons and the cycle of readings in the Catholic Church		1168-1173	
2.3 Liturgical Prayer	2.3.a Identify the principal parts of the Mass as well as prayers and actions in each part 2.3.b Identify and review different Eucharistic prayers 2.3.c Discuss and use prayers from the Book of Blessings			
2.4 Sacraments	2.4.a Explore the institution of the Eucharist in the Gospels 2.4.b Discuss how Jesus impacts our lives today 2.4.c Articulate how sacraments help us live a life of faith	Lk 22:14-20 Mt 26:26-30 Mk 14:22-26	1356-1358 1367	
2.5 Sacramentals	2.5.a Discuss and use sacramentals to encourage faith in Jesus 2.5.b Recognize the scriptural roots of some sacramentals we use today	Lk 1:41-45	1667 1674-1675	
2.6 Mary	2.6.a Discuss the stories of Mary in the Gospels and what they reveal about Jesus. 2.6.b Discuss the titles of Mary: the New Eve, Handmaid of the Lord, Mother of Christ	Lk 1:26-56; 3:34-35; 3:41-52 Jn 2:1-12; 19:25-27	411 510	
2.7 Saints	2.7.a Identify St. Peter as the first Pope 2.7.b Explore the lives and witness of the apostles and early Church Fathers 2.7.c Celebrate the feast day of the parish patron saint			

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 ~ Moral Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
3.1 Made in God's Image	3.1.a Discuss how we are created in God's image 3.1.b Discuss how we are called to know God and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by the way we live and act	Gen 1:26-31 Gen 2:7-25	279-280 287-288	Abstinence Cardinal Virtues Celibacy Holiness Theological Virtues Vice Virtue
3.2 Formation of Conscience	3.2.a Utilize the Beatitudes as a tools for conscience formation	Mt 5:1-12 Lk 6:20-26	1716-1717 1723	
3.3 Virtues	3.3.a Review the definitions of the Cardinal and Theological Virtues 3.3.b Find and articulate scriptural example of the Cardinal and Theological Virtues		1805 1813	
3.4 Sin	3.4.a Discuss Jesus' reaction to sin and sinners in the Gospels 3.4.b Identify the communal impact of sin and compare it to the communal impact of moral/virtuous actions		943	
3.5 Commandments	3.5.a Discuss how the Ten Commandments are a guide for moral living	Ex 20:2-17 Deut 5:6-21	2067 2072	
3.6 Beatitudes	3.6.a Describe concrete ways to practice Beatitudes in every day life	Mt 5:1-12 Lk 6:20-26	1716-1717 1723	
3.7 Works of Mercy	3.7.a Find scriptural examples of Jesus practicing the Works of Mercy 3.7.b Find present day organizations and people who are examples of living out the Works of Mercy			
3.8 Precepts of the Church	3.8.a Recite the Precepts of the Church 3.8.b Explain how the Precepts of Church help us live a moral, Christian life		2040-2043	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 ~ Teaching to Pray				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
4.1 Prayer in Christian Life	4.1.a Understand how and when Jesus prayed 4.1.b Know Jesus hears prayers 4.1.c Discuss challenges and obstacles in prayer 4.1.d Discuss the Our Father as a summary of faith and a model for Christian prayer		2729	Lectio Divina
4.2 Forms of Prayer	4.2.a Identify the four movements of Lectio Divina 4.2.b Employ the Lectio Divina model for reflection using: the Letter of James, Peter 1-2, John 1-3 and Jude			
4.3 Memorized Prayer	4.3.a Recite the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicene Creed ○ Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary ○ Psalm 23 ○ Canticles of Mary, Zachary, Simeon (Liturgy of Hours) 4.3.b Understand the meaning of the seven petitions of the Our Father 4.3.c Compose and memorize a prayer 4.3.d Review and continue to use memorized prayers from Grades 1-6	Lk 1:46-55 Lk 1:68-79 Lk 2:29-32	2803-2806	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 ~ Education for Community Life				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
5.1 Church	5.1.a Review images of the Church 5.1.b Review how the Old Testament covenant between God and Abraham is the covenant Jesus completes as he institutes a New Covenant 5.1.c Review the structure of the Church and identify how this structure originates through Jesus with the Apostles	Lk 24:25-27; 44-49	751-757 759-766 811	Catholic Charities Catholic Relief Services Food Bank Habitat for Humanity
5.2 Community	5.2.a Discuss the Holy Family as the model for all families 5.2.b Discuss how the life of Jesus calls us to live in community 5.2.c Discuss why the Apostles had a special responsibility in the Church	Acts 6:1-7	1878 2204	
5.3 Catholic Social Teaching	5.3.a Discuss the duty and ways to serve other people, especially those in most need 5.3.b Participate in service projects that involve giving of time and talent to others 5.3.c Practice care of personal belongings, classroom, school building, and parish grounds	Mt 25:40	1932	
5.4 Vocations	5.4.a Distinguish between diocesan priests and religious community priests 5.4.b Pray to discern one's life vocation		2566	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6 ~ Missionary Initiation				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
6.1 Evangelization	6.1.a Identify and recite the great commission given us by Jesus 6.1.b Discuss how to invite others to share in communion with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit	Mt 28:19-20	839-842 850	
6.2 Ecumenism	6.2.a Identify the bond of unity of all Christians through Baptism			

RELIGION Grade 8

Focus: The Church (Concepts, Marks, Development); Liturgy; Sacraments and Sacramentals; Dignity of Human Person; Human Freedom; Commandments, Virtue, Sin

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 ~ Knowledge of Faith				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
1.1 Trinity God the Father God the Son God the Holy Spirit	1.1.a Understand that God is everlasting love 1.1.b Identify and describe how the Church continues the mission of Jesus 1.1.c Explore how the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen and animate the Church	Jn 3:16; 14:15-20;8:19 Mt 28:18-20 Mk 16:14-16 Acts 1:8; 2:1-13	767 797	Ascension Assumption Encyclical Epistle Ex Cathedra
1.2 Revelation • Scripture • Tradition	1.2.a Know that the Acts of the Apostles give insight into the early Church 1.2.b Identify God's plan for humanity by citing examples throughout Church history	Acts 2:42-47; 15:1-21		Faith Heresy Incarnation Monastic
1.3 Creed	1.3.a Compare the Apostles' Creed to Nicene Creed			Parousia Redemption
1.4 Church	1.4.a Reinforce the four marks of the Church: one, holy, catholic, apostolic 1.4.b Recognize there is a universal, "catholic" call to salvation by God, through Jesus; recognize that the Bible and the history of the Church contain accounts of humanity faithfully responding and failing to respond to God's call 1.4.c Demonstrate a basic understanding of Church history through an overview of Early Church Acts; Council of Jerusalem; Paul's Journeys; growth and change through the ages 1.4.d Identify the purpose and contributions made to the life of the Church through ecumenical councils include Council of Trent; Second Vatican Council; Constantinople; and Ephesus 1.4.e Explore moments of transition in the life of the Church to include: 1054 Schism; Avignon Papacy; Mendicant Orders; Reformation; Infallible statements of the Church 1.4.f Explore the role of Religious Orders through the ages: Hermits, Monks, Monastics, Mendicants, Missionaries 1.4.g Demonstrate how the Church's stance on the sanctity of life is consistent with scripture and tradition, including opposition to abortion and capital punishment. 1.4.h Begin to understand the purpose of papal encyclicals 1.4.i Explore the history of the Catholic faith in North Carolina and the history of one's parish 1.4.j Recognize how each person helps shape Church history 1.4.k Identify examples of the Church striving to live out the great commission throughout history	Acts Chapters 8-28 Jn 15:15	768-770 811 813 815 817 823 830- 831 836 844 857 883-885 2068 2074	Vatican II

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 ~ Liturgical Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
2.1 Liturgy	2.1.a Discuss the meaning of full, active and conscious participation in the liturgy 2.1.b Demonstrate full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy 2.1.c Discuss various liturgies in the Church: funeral, ordination, dedications, benediction		1082 1098	Benedictus Canticles Evening Prayer Morning Prayer
2.2 Liturgical Year	2.2.a Recognize the liturgical year as a tool for building an informed conscience		1438 1168 1173	
2.3 Liturgical Prayer	2.3.a Discuss how liturgy expresses diversity and maintains unity today 2.3.b Experience praying the Liturgy of the Hours		1175 1178	
2.3 Sacraments	2.3.a Explore ways to more fully participate in the sacramental life of the Church 2.3.b Note changes in the form of celebration for the sacraments through history 2.3.c Critique how the Church has been the custodian of sacraments	Eph 1:18-21	1146-1148	
2.4 Sacramentals	2.4.a Discuss aspects of an appropriate liturgical environment 2.4.b Use sacramentals to augment prayer life		1667 1674-75	
2.5 Mary	2.5.a Celebrate devotional days in honor of Mary 2.5.b Recognize and discuss the moral example of the Blessed Mother 2.5.c Recognize symbols of Mary in art 2.5.d Know the patronal Church of the United States: National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. 2.5.e Know the oldest Church in the western world dedicated to honor Mary: Basilica of St. Mary Major, Rome	Lk 1:26-38	667-669	
2.6 Saints	2.6.a Research and present examples of virtuous living and discipleship in the lives of saints 2.6.b Appreciate how the lives of the saints throughout the ages fostered the growth of the Church 2.6.c Celebrate the feast day of the parish patron saint		2030	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 ~ Moral Education				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
3.1 Made in God's Image	3.1.a Apply the concept of being made in God's image to the response to God's call through vocation 3.1.b Identify personal talents and gifts as given for the common good of all	Gen 1:26-30 Rm 12:3-8 1Cor12:12-26	1700	Abortion Adultery Capital sins Cardinal virtues Discipleship Morality
3.2 Formation of Conscience	3.2.a Acknowledge that God made human beings with freedom to act responsibly when confronted with moral choices 3.2.b Discuss morality of human acts 3.2.c Realize the freedom we have results in the responsibility to choose wisely and to form our conscience 3.2.d Participate in the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation 3.2.e Identify and discuss how a conscience is a function of reason that allows one to be responsible for one's actions	Gen 3: 1-13 Gen 22:1-18	1704 1749 1776-1778 1781	
3.3 Virtues	3.3.a Demonstrate the use of virtuous living as a way to build a habit of grace 3.3.b Recite and demonstrate ways to practice Cardinal Virtues 3.3.c Recite and demonstrate ways to practice Theological Virtues	Rm 12:9-13	1813 1814 1817 1822 1827	
3.4 Sin	3.4.a Explain examples in the history of the Church that demonstrate how sin separates us from a good relationship to God, and inhibits us from responding to the call to salvation by God, through Jesus 3.4.b Recognize sin as both an offense against God and an offense against reason 3.4.c Know the definitions of each of the seven capital sins	Mt 9: 10-13 Mt 18:15-20	844 1849 1850	
3.5 Commandments	3.5.a Understand and explain the Ten Commandments as the moral law that was given to Israel	Ex 20:2-17 Deut 5:6-21	2067 2072	
3.6 Beatitudes	3.6.a Use examples from the Beatitudes to explain the moral guidance given to us by Jesus		1716 1723	
3.7 Works of Mercy	3.7.a Review the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy as ways to form conscience 3.7.b Explain how the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy are ways to follow the example of Christ in our lives			
3.8 Precepts of the Church	3.8.a Demonstrate how the Precepts impact a Christian life and find nourishment in the liturgy and celebration of sacraments 3.8.b Demonstrate ways of living out the Precepts of the Church 3.8.c Cite examples of how the Precepts provide strength to the Church			

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 ~ Teaching to Pray				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
4.1 Prayer in Christian Life	4.1.a Relate how the Lord's Prayer can be a reminder of, and a tool to form, a Christian moral conscience. 4.1.b Attend one of the following: Benediction; Stations of the Cross; adoration 4.1.c Explore prayer as the living relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit	Lk 11:1-4 Mt 6:9-15	1785 2793 2826	
4.2 Forms of Prayer	4.2.a Explore contemplation as form of prayer 4.2.b Discuss sources for prayer 4.2.c Discuss the four movements of Lectio Divina 4.2.d Use Lectio Divina prayer form to reflect on God's Word	Lk 11:5-13	2708-2709 2626	
4.3 Memorized Prayer	4.3.a Recite the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary 4.3.b Compose and memorize a prayer 4.3.c Review and continue to use memorized prayers from Grades 1-7			

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 ~ Education for Community Life				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
5.1 Life and Mission of the Church	5.1.a Know meaning of God's people as priest, prophet, and king 5.1.b Identify the role of a bishop to teach, govern, and sanctify the Church 5.1.c Identify key points in the history of both one's parish and of the diocese		1780	Empathy Gratitude Outreach
5.2 Community	5.2.a Identify how family activities can support growth in understanding of prayer, scripture and faith in Jesus as God's only Son and our Savior 5.2.b Discuss attitudes and challenges of Jesus to live a life in community with his disciples	Jn 6:45-66	1655-1656	
5.3 Catholic Social Teaching	5.3.a Understand and use the language of Catholic Social Teaching cross-curricular 5.3.b Know and discuss how to incorporate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into our lives 5.3.c Apply the concept of Life and Dignity of the Human Person to the formation of a moral conscience 5.3.d Recognize humans have rights that should be protected and responsibilities that must be met 5.3.e Discuss causes for vulnerability: age, race, disability, etc. 5.3.f Discuss how a disciple should respond to one who is vulnerable 5.3.g Consider moral implications for the rights of workers: strikes, poor working conditions, etc. 5.3.h Apply the concept of the dignity of the worker to the moral mandate to work for the benefit of the community 5.3.i Discuss the special place of human beings as stewards of God's creation 5.3.j Understand meaning of stewardship 5.3.k Discuss stewardship and practice in age-appropriate ways 5.3.l Practice care of personal belongings, classroom, school building, and parish grounds	Lk 10:25-37 Mt 25:45-51 Lk 21:1-4	1692 1698 1781 2203	
5.4 Vocations	5.4.a Know that we are called to participate in the life of the Church and to discern our vocation 5.4.b Name and discuss the three vocations: ordained; consecrated; lay faithful 5.4.c Discuss how God helps us to know our vocation 5.4.d Identify the religious groups and orders in North Carolina			

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6 ~ Missionary Initiation				
ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS	CORE CONTENT ~ Students will...	SCRIPTURE	CCC	VOCABULARY
6.1 Evangelization	6.1.a Know that Jesus commanded the disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations" 6.1.b Identify the need to profess one's faith	Mt 28:19-20	767 1229	Lumen Gentium
6.2 Ecumenism	6.2.a Discuss the difference between ecumenical dialogue and inter-religious dialogue		818-821	

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TITLES OF MARY	Grade(s)		SOLEMNITIES OF MARY	Grade(s)
Mother of Jesus	1	January 1	Mary, Mother of God	1 - 8
Mother of God	1,2,3	August 15	Assumption of the BVM	1 - 8
Mother of the Church	1,3,8	December 8	Immaculate Conception of BVM	1 - 8
Mary, Our Mother	1,2	March 25	Annunciation/Incarnation	1 - 8
Mary as Model of All Believers	3			
The Immaculate Conception (Patroness of the United States)	3,4		FEASTS	
Our Lady of Guadalupe	3	February 2	Presentation of the Lord/ Purification of Mary	4 - 8
Example of Faith	4	May 31	Visitation	2 - 8
Example of Holiness	4	September 8	Birth of Mary	1 - 8
Our Lady/ Notre Dame	4	December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	1 - 8
Titles from Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM)	4		MEMORIALS**/OPTIONAL MEMORIALS	
AUTHENTICATED APPARITIONS		February 11	Our Lady of Lourdes**	3 - 8
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Guadalupe, Mexico		Variable	Immaculate Heart of Mary	4 - 8
Our Lady Lourdes, Lourdes, France		May 13	Our Lady of Fatima	3 - 8
Our Lady of Fatima, Fatima, Portugal		June 27	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	7 - 8
		July 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	6 - 8
MARY IN ART (SYMBOLS)		August 22	Queenship of Mary**	3 - 8
Fleur-de-lis – a stylized lily	8	September 15	Our Lady of Sorrows**	4 - 8
Heart pierced by a sword	4 - 8	October 7	Our Lady of the Rosary**	4 - 8
Virgin – with long flowing hair	4,8	November 19	Our Lady of Divine Province	7 - 8
Mother of God – snake underfoot	8	November 21	Presentation of Mary**	7 - 8
Queen of Heaven and Earth – crown with twelve stars, robed and surrounded by angels, and crescent moon under her foot.	4,8	November 27	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	7 - 8

SAINTS

SOLEMNITIES

March 19	St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
June 24	Birth of St. John the Baptist
June 29	Saints Peter and Paul

FEASTS

January 6	The Epiphany (or Sunday between January 5 th and 8 th)
January 25	The Conversion of St. Paul
April 25	St. Mark, Evangelist
May 3	Saints Philip and James, Apostles
May 14	St. Matthias, Apostle
July 3	St. Thomas, Apostle
July 25	St. James, Apostle
August 6	The Transfiguration
September 14	The Triumph of the Cross
September 21	St. Matthew, Apostle
September 29	Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels
October 18	St. Luke, Evangelist
October 28	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
October 28	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
November 30	St. Andrew, Apostle
December 26	St. Stephen, First Martyr
December 27	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
December 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

MEMORIALS

January 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
January 5	St. John Neumann, Bishop
February 3	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
March 3	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
March 17	St. Patrick, Bishop
April 29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor
May 10	St. Damien of Molokai, Priest
July 1	Blessed Junipero Serra, Priest
July 14	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
July 22	St. Mary Magdalene
July 26	Saints Joachim and Ann, Parents of Mary
July 31	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of Society of Jesus
August 4	St. John Vianney, Curé of Ars, Priest
October 1	St. Therese of Lisieux, Virgin and Doctor
October 2	Guardian Angels
October 4	St. Francis of Assisi, Founder of Franciscan Order
October 15	St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor
October 19	Saints Isaac Jogues and Companions, Priests and (North American) Martyrs
October 22	Blessed John Paul II
November 2	All Souls Day
November 3	St. Martin de Porres, Religious
November 13	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
December 6	St. Nicholas, Bishop
December 9	St. Juan Diego

MEMORIZED PRAYERS AND PRECEPTS

Grade 1

Sign of the Cross
Our Father (Lord's Prayer)
Hail Mary
Doxology
Prayer to Guardian Angel
Simple Grace before and after Meals
Simple Morning Offering

Grade 2

Grace before and after Meals
Act of Contrition
Simple Acts of Faith, Hope and Love

Grade 3

Apostles' Creed
Confiteor

Grade 4

Angelus
Hail, Holy Queen
Regina Coeli
Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ten Commandments

Grade 5

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
Seven Sacraments:
 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist
 Sacraments of Healing: Penance, Anointing of the Sick
 Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders, Matrimony
Precepts of the Church

Grade 6

Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary
Memorare
Prayer of St. Francis

Grade 7

Nicene Creed
Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary
Spiritual Works of Mercy
Corporal Works of Mercy
Holy Days of Obligation
 January 1 – Mary, Mother of God
 Moveable – Ascension Thursday
 August 15 – Assumption
 November 1 – All Saints
 December 8 – Immaculate Conception
 December 25 – Birth of Jesus Christ
Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Psalm 23

Grade 8

Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary
Theological Virtues
Cardinal Virtues
Capital Sins
Principles of Catholic Social Teaching
 1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
 2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation
 3. Rights and Responsibilities
 4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
 5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
 6. Solidarity
 7. Care for God's Creation

Glossary of Terms

Term	Grade	Explanation
Abortion	8	The act of deliberately destroying an unborn child. (CCC 2271-2272)
Absolution	2	The prayer for the forgiveness of sin prayed by the priest over the penitent in the Sacrament of Penance. (CCC 1441-1442, 1449)
Abstinence	7	People over the age of fourteen are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent as a means of corporate penance. (CCC 1434, 2043)
Adam and Eve	1	The first parents of the human race created in God's own image and likeness; God gave them charge of all creation. (CCC 369-379, 399)
Adoration	5	One of the purposes of prayer; the act of reverence given to God alone as Creator. (CCC 2096-2097)
Adultery	8	The act of marital infidelity. (CCC 2380-2381)
Advent	1	The beginning of the Church year that is a time of four weeks of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas; from the Latin word for "coming". (CCC 524)
Advent Wreath	1	An evergreen wreath with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolize the coming of Christ, the Light of the World.
Alb	5	The white robe the priest and deacon wear at Mass; from the Latin word for white and symbolic of purity; the garment of the baptized.
Altar	2	The table used for the celebration of Mass. (CCC 1182)
Ambo	3	The stand from which the Scriptures are proclaimed in Church; also called the lectern or pulpit.
Amen	2	The word used to conclude a prayer that means, "It is so".
Angel	1	A spiritual being, who is in heaven; from the Greek word for messenger. (CCC 328-336)
Annunciation	5	A liturgical solemnity commemorating the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she was to be the mother of the Son of God; first Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. (CCC 484)
Anointing of the Sick	2	A Sacrament of Healing given to a member of the faithful who is seriously ill or elderly, or preparing for surgery. (CCC 1511-1513)
Apparition	4	An appearance of a heavenly being (Christ, Mary, an angel or a saint) to people on earth.
Apostle	1	A title given to those chosen and sent by Jesus to preach the Gospel. (CCC 75-76)
Apostolic	3	One of the four marks of the Church that means the roots of the Church can be traced to the apostles; also the charge of the Church to bring the good news of salvation to the world. (CCC 857)
Ascension	8	Term given to the end of Jesus' earthly appearances forty days after his Resurrection; the second Glorious Mystery of the Rosary. (CCC 660-667)
Ash Wednesday	4	First day of Lent, a day of prayer, fasting and abstinence; the faithful receive ashes on their forehead as a sign of repentance.
Aspiration	3	A brief prayer such as "My Lord and my God".

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Assembly	2	A gathering of the baptized to give praise and worship to God.
Assumption	8	The dogma which recognizes that the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven body and soul when her earthly life was finished; the fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary. (CCC 966)
Atonement	6	Jesus freed all people from their sin by his suffering and death on the cross. (CCC 616)
Baptism	1	The first of the seven sacraments; the Sacrament of Initiation that forgives sins, unites the person to Christ, and incorporates that person into the Church. (CCC 1213, 1226-1228, 1239-1240)
Baptistry	3	The location of the baptismal font in the Church.
Beatification	8	The step toward being recognized a saint, canonization; a declaration by the pope that a deceased person lived a holy life is worthy of public veneration on a limited (not universal) basis; persons who are beatified are called "Blessed".
Beatitudes	4	The teachings of Jesus given in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-11); fundamental attitudes for living as a faithful disciple. (CCC 1716-1719)
Belief	4	What is held to be true in a person's heart.
Benediction	7	A devotion of the Church that honors Jesus Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament.
Benedictus	8	The Canticle of Zachariah in Luke 1:67-79; used in Morning Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours.
Bible	1	The written revelation of God's love for His people, also called Sacred Scripture; it is divided into the Old and New Testament. (CCC 105-108, 120-127)
Bishop	2	The highest of the three degrees of the sacrament of ordination; the bishop is appointed by the Pope to be the leader and teacher of a particular diocese. (CCC 886)
Blessed Sacrament	2	Jesus' presence in the consecrated bread or host, reserved in the tabernacle, for adoration and to be given to those receiving the Anointing of the Sick.
Blessing	2	A prayer to place a person, place, or thing under the care of God. (CCC 1671-1672)
Body of Christ	7	The human body of Christ on earth; the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species; the Church whose head is Christ and members are the faithful. (CCC 467, 1374, 787-789)
Book of Blessings	7	The portion of the Roman Ritual, which contains the blessings of persons, place, and things, that was published by the Holy See in 1984.
Canon of Scripture	6	The complete list of sacred books of the Bible officially recognized by the Church as the inspired word of God. (CCC 120)
Book of Gospels	3	A book used at Mass from which the Gospel for each Sunday is proclaimed.
Canonization	4	Process whereby someone who has died is declared a saint in heaven. (CCC 828)
Canticles	8	A special hymn of praise found in the Bible and used in liturgical services especially the Liturgy of the Hours.

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Capital Sins	8	Often referred to as the “deadly sins”: pride, greed, lust, anger, envy, gluttony, sloth. (CCC 1866)
Cardinal Virtues	8	Four pivotal human virtues of the intellect and will: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. (CCC 1833-1838)
Cassock	5	Buttoned floor length robe worn by clergy; priests“ are black or white, bishops“ are magenta, cardinals“ are red, the pope’s cassock is white.
Catechumen	5	A person who is preparing for Baptism.
Catholic	2	One of the four marks of the Church that means it is universal; the Church has been sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole human race. (CCC 830-831)
Catholic Charities	7	A world-wide organization within the Church that works to help those in need.
Catholic Relief Services	7	An organization that meets the needs of crisis victims throughout the world; a special collection is taken up annually to support this international effort.
Celibacy	7	The choice to remain unmarried for the sake of the kingdom of heaven in order to give oneself entirely to God and to the service his people. (CCC 1579)
Chalice	5	The cup, made of precious material, used by the priest at Mass to hold the wine that will become the Blood of Christ. (CCC 1574)
Charism	5	A specific gift or grace of the Holy Spirit given to individuals, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. (CCC 799-801)
Chasuble	5	The outer vestment worn by the priest at Mass; the color reflects the liturgical season, solemnity, or feast; a deacon wears a dalmatic.
Christ	2	A title of Jesus meaning the Anointed One. (CCC 436-440)
Church	1	The people of God, the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit. (CCC 763-766)
Ciborium	5	The covered container for the consecrated host, the Body of Christ; it is reserved in the tabernacle.
Cincture	5	The rope-like belt worn by a priest or altar server around the alb.
Clergy	6	Men who are ordained in the Sacrament of Holy Orders for the service of God and the Church. (CCC 1562-1568)
Commandment	2	A law given to God’s people to help them live the way God wants his people to live. (CCC 2052, 2056-2063)
Commission	6	The act of choosing to sin by doing something contrary to God’s commandments.
Communal Prayer	3	A manner of praying with a gathering of people.
Communion of Saints	3	The gathering of the whole Church of Christ; those on earth, in purgatory and those in heaven. (CCC 946-948, 954)
Community	1	The name given to a group of God’s people who come together.

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Concluding Rite	5	The final part of the liturgy that includes the priest's blessing and the dismissal.
Confession	2	A name given to the Sacrament of Penance; the part of the sacrament in which a person names the sins for which forgiveness is asked.
Confirmation	1	The second Sacrament of Initiation that seals one with the Gift of the Holy Spirit; it charges the person to live more completely like Christ and participate in the life of the Church. (CCC 1285, 1293-1321)
Consecration	4	The act of making a person, place, or thing holy and sacred and setting it aside for the service of God. The bread and wine are consecrated at Mass; a permanent church building is consecrated as are those who receive Holy Orders and profess vows in religious life. (CCC 1377, 1538)
Conscience	2	God's voice in our mind and heart that tells us an action is right or wrong. (CCC 1776-1782)
Contrition	2	Sorrow for sin; one of the four purposes of prayer. (CCC 1451-1454)
Corporal Works of Mercy	4	The charitable actions by which we help others in need; they include: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, ransom the captive, bury the dead.
Covenant	4	A formal agreement; in religious terms, it is a special promise made between God and his people; once God makes this promise, he never breaks it. (CCC 62, 1961-1974)
Creed	4	A statement of beliefs or truths of the Church; the term comes from a Latin word that means, "I believe". (CCC 187-195)
Creation	1	The act of producing something from nothing; the story of the Creation of the world and its inhabitants by God is told in the book of Genesis. (CCC 302, 325)
Crucifix	2	A cross that holds an image of the body of Jesus.
Deacon	3	The first of the three degrees of ordination in the sacrament of Holy Orders; a person ordained for ministry of the Word, and service in the Church. (CCC 1554, 1569-1571)
Decade	4	A term used to denote ten; i.e., ten "Hail Mary's" in a decade of the Rosary.
Decalogue	6	A term used to denote ten words; another name for the Ten Commandments. (CCC 2056-2074)
Diocese	2	A group of parishes in a geographical area that come under the pastoral care of a bishop of the Church. (CCC 833)
Degrees of Holy Orders	5	The hierarchy of the sacrament: diaconate (deacon); presbyterate (priests); episcopate (Bishop). (CCC 1554)
Disciple	1	One who hears and follows the teaching of Jesus. (CCC 645, 647)
Discipleship	8	The way of life in which one is called to live according to the message of Jesus Christ.
Dogma	6	A teaching explicitly proposed by the Church's Magisterium as revealed by God; it requires the belief of the faithful, i.e., the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. (CCC 88-90)

Term	Grade	Explanation
Domestic Church	3	“The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of faith. For this reason the family is rightly called the „domestic Church“, a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity”. (CCC 1666)
Easter	1	The celebration of Christ's Resurrection from the dead. (CCC 638-640, 1169)
Easter Vigil	7	The Church's celebration on Holy Saturday evening to commemorate Jesus' Resurrection; catechumens, who have come through the RCIA, receive the Sacraments of Initiation at this time. (CCC 1095)
Ecumenism	4	The efforts among all Christians to promote and bring about the fulfillment of Christ's will for the unity of his followers. (CCC 820-822)
Empathy	8	Identifying with the joys and sufferings of others.
Encyclical	8	A letter addressed by the pope to all members of the Church; the subject is traditionally a matter of doctrine, morals or discipline in the Church; it is an expression of the ordinary papal magisterium. (CCC 892)
Epiclesis	3	The prayer in every sacrament in which the priest asks God the Father to send down the Holy Spirit; i.e., at Baptism, prayer over the water; at Confirmation, prayer over the candidates; at Eucharist, the prayer over the bread and wine. (CCC 1105)
Epistles	8	The 21 Epistles or Letters form a large part of the New Testament. They are divided into two general categories: 14 Pauline Letters and 7 Catholic Letters. (CCC 120)
Eucharist	1	The third Sacrament of Initiation; a name given to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament; another word for the Mass; the term comes from the Greek, "to give thanks". (CCC 1322-1330)
Evangelists	4	The term given to the four Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; one who works actively to spread the Christian faith.
Evangelization	4	Proclamation of Christ and his Gospel; the mission of the Church to spread the good news of salvation. (CCC 849-850)
Evening Prayer	8	Part of the Liturgy of the Hours consisting of psalms, canticles, readings, and intercessions for all God's people; also called Vespers.
Ex Cathedra	8	From the Latin meaning “from the chair”; when the pope speaks ex cathedra in matters of faith and morals, he is infallible.
Exposition/ Benediction	5	A ceremony of Scripture readings, hymns, prayers, and silent meditation in which the consecrated host is displayed, usually in a monstrance, for all the faithful to see; traditionally part of Benediction, Corpus Christi processions, perpetual adoration, and Forty Hours devotion.
Examination of Conscience	2	A prayerful review of one's life and actions to determine how they conform to God's will; usually done prior to receiving the Sacrament of Penance.
Evil	4	The opposite or absence of good. (CCC 309)
Family	1	"A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children, form a family;" the basic unit of society. (CCC 2202, 2204-2206)

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Faith	8	One of three theological virtues, given at Baptism, that helps one believe that what God has revealed is true. (CCC 1814-1816)
Fast	7	On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday adults between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine are to eat only three meals a day without eating anything in between: two of the meals combined cannot be larger than the third meal; this is a traditional form of penance. (CCC 1434, 1438)
Feasts	3	Liturgies that celebrate God, Mary, the saints or angels.
Food Bank	7	Place where the poor may go to receive the food they need.
Forgiveness	1	The reason Jesus came to earth and died for our sins; it is also something given to others when one has been offended.
Free Will	2	Made in the image and likeness of God a person has the ability to choose his/her own actions. (CCC 1730)
Fruits of the Spirit	7	The qualities in humans formed through the action of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity. (CCC 1832)
Genuflect	1	A gesture of reverence made before entering a pew in church or passing the Blessed Sacrament; a person touches the right knee to the floor.
Gifts of the Spirit	7	Given as dispositions of the heart that helps a person respond to the guidance of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. (CCC 1831)
God	1	The supreme being who is, was, and always will be; the creator of heaven and earth; one God in three persons; first person of the Trinity. (CCC 199-221)
God's Providence	6	God's desire and guidance to have his creation return to be with him forever in heaven; God's protection over creation. (CCC 302)
Gospel	2	The "good news" of God's mercy; divinely inspired accounts of the life, teachings, suffering, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus; there are four Gospel accounts in the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. (CCC 125-127)
Grace	1	A gift from God that helps us to respond to his call. (CCC 1996-2005)
Gratitude	8	A disposition that should be in the heart of one who receives and lives Eucharist.
Habitat for Humanity	7	A group dedicated to building homes for the poor.
Healing	3	The process by which one is made whole in either body or spirit.
Heaven	1	The state of permanent perfection, happiness and union with God for eternity. (CCC 326, 1023-1029)
Hell	4	The dwelling of Satan; a permanent state of misery and separation from God. (CCC 1033-1037)
Heresy	8	The deliberate denial by a baptized person of any truth which must be believed as a matter of divine and Catholic faith; it incurs the penalty of excommunication. (CCC 2089)

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Holiness	7	A condition of Baptism that allows one to be in relationship with God. (CCC 2012-2013)
Holy	3	One of the four marks of the Church that means it is holy because Jesus is holy; members of the Church through Baptism participate in the holiness of Jesus Christ. (CCC 823-829)
Holy Communion	1	A name given to the reception of the Blessed Sacrament or Eucharist.
Holy Days of Obligation	7	Principal feast days of the Church year, in addition to Sunday, when the faithful are required to gather at Mass to worship God. (CCC 2180-2188)
Holy Orders	3	The Sacrament of Apostolic Ministry which has three distinct degrees: deacon, priest, and bishop. All three confer a permanent sacramental character on the one who receives it. (CCC 1536, 1546-1547, 1554)
Holy Week	1	The week before Easter, the “great week” of the liturgical year, beginning with Passion (Palm) Sunday and including the Easter Triduum which is Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter vigil. (CCC 1168-1171)
Homily	2	Talk given by the priest or deacon after the Gospel to explain the message of Scripture. (CCC 2033)
Host, Sacred	2	A term given to the bread of the Blessed Sacrament; comes from the Latin, “hostia”, which means victim, commemorating the sacrifice of Jesus.
Icon	1	An image of our Lord, our Lady or one of the saints painted or glazed on a flat surface and used in Eastern Churches in place of statues. (CCC 1159-1162)
Idol	4	Someone or something that a person makes more important than God.
Immaculate Conception	4	A dogma of the Church that teaches that Mary was conceived without original sin due to the anticipated redemptive graces of her Son, Jesus. (CCC 490-493)
Immortality	4	Understanding that the soul of a person will live forever and will be united with the body at the final resurrection.
Incarnation	5	The action of the Son of God coming down and becoming human through the Holy Spirit, in the womb of his mother, Mary. (CCC 461-463)
Inerrancy	6	The authors of Sacred Scripture were inspired by God, therefore, the truths found in the Scriptures cannot contain error. (CCC 106-107)
Infallibility	6	A gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church; the pope and bishops in union with him can proclaim a doctrine of faith or morals for the faithful without error. (CCC 889-891)
Inspiration, Divine	6	The act by which God inspired the human authors of the Bible to reveal truth about God. (CCC 106)
Intellect	2	The ability to know things; it is one of the ways people are made in God’s image and likeness.
Jesse Tree	6	An Advent custom of hanging decorations on a tree to remember those great people in the Scriptures who waited for the coming of the Savior.

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Jesus	1	The name of our Lord, derived from a Hebrew name meaning “God saves”; other names of Jesus are: Christ, Messiah, Redeemer, Lord, Emmanuel, Son of God and Son of Mary. (CCC 430-435)
Jesus Prayer	1	Invocation to Jesus based on the urgent request of the blind man in the Gospel, Mt. 9:27; Mk 10:48. (CCC 451)
Judgment	5	When one comes before God at the time of death; it is also given to the meeting of God with all his people at the end of time. This will determine heaven or hell for the person being judged. (CCC 678-679, 1021)
Justice	3	One of the (cardinal) moral virtues that means living in right relationship with God and all people by working to improve people’s conditions; give to others what is their right. (CCC 1807, 2411)
Kingdom of God	3	The reign of God begun on earth and perfected in heaven. (CCC 541-546)
Laity	6	All of the baptized except for those in Holy Orders. (CCC 897-900)
Laying on of Hands	5	Imposition of hands; the gesture of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon God’s people, things, and objects. (CCC 1288, 1507, 1538)
Lectio Divina	7	A manner of praying with Scripture; the person either reflectively reads a passage from Scripture or listens to its being read, and then meditates on words or phrases. (CCC 1177, 2708)
Lectionary	2	The book used at Mass that contains the Scripture readings for each day.
Lent	1	The forty day period before Easter that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper; originally a time of baptismal preparation; penitential season of the Church’s year. (CCC 1095, 1163)
Litany	4	A form of prayer with fixed responses to a series of petitions, such as a Litany of the Saints.
Liturgical Colors	3	Green ~ hope, growth, life (Ordinary Time) Purple ~ preparation, sorrow for sin, repentance (Advent and Lent) White ~ joy, glory, innocence (Christmas, Easter, Ascension, feasts of Mary and saints) Red ~ love (Passion of Christ, Pentecost and martyrs)
Liturgical Year	4	The seasons of the Church calendar: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter. (CCC 1163-1165)
Liturgy	3	The public work of worship in the Church which includes Mass, sacraments and Liturgy of the Hours. (CCC 1067-1070)
Liturgy of the Eucharist	2	The second major part of the Mass where the Body and Blood of Jesus are consecrated and the people receive Jesus in the Eucharist; it includes the preparation of the altar and gifts, the Eucharistic Prayer, Communion Rite, and Concluding Rite. (CCC 1345-1355)
Liturgy of the Hours	4	Part of the Liturgy of the Church; the two major hours of prayer are Morning and Evening Prayer.
Liturgy of the Word	2	The first major part of the Mass where the Word of God is proclaimed and includes: the first Reading, Responsorial Psalm, the second Reading, Gospel Acclamation, Gospel, Homily, Creed, and, General Intercessions. (CCC 1345-1355)

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Lord	1	Old Testament title for God; one of the titles given to Jesus in the New Testament.
Lord's Prayer	1	The prayer that Jesus taught his disciples; it is also called the "Our Father". (CCC 2759-2760, 2765-2766)
Lumen Gentium	8	One of the major documents from the Vatican II Council; it is also called "the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church".
Luminous	6	One of the four mysteries of the Rosary; given to the Church by Pope John Paul II; it includes: Baptism of Jesus, Wedding at Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist.
Magi	1	Wise men who were led by the star to pay homage to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem.
Magisterium	4	Teaching authority of the Church vested in the Pope and in the bishops in union with the pope; ensuring fidelity to the teachings of the apostles in faith and morals. (CCC 83-88)
Magnificat	8	The prayer of praise proclaimed by Mary on her visit to Elizabeth; a Gospel canticle taken from Luke 1:46-55 and prayed during Evening Prayer of the Church.
Martyr	5	One who voluntarily dies for the sake of giving witness to Jesus Christ. (CCC 2473-2474)
Mary	1	Blessed Virgin, the mother of Jesus, both God and man. (CCC 487-507, 721-725)
Mass	1	The worship of the Church based on the Last Supper; the principal parts are: Introductory Rite, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Concluding Rite. (CCC 1332,1345-1355)
Matrimony	3	The sacrament that unites a man and a woman to share their love for one another and bring forth children. (CCC 1621-1632)
Meditation	4	Mental prayer in which, in order to respond to the Lord, one tries to understand more fully or deeply God's Revelation of the truths of the faith. (CCC 2705-2708)
Memorials	3	Liturgies that celebrate minor events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of saints significant to local country, Church or religious community.
Mercy, Divine	6	The loving kindness, compassion and forbearance of God toward his creatures.
Miracle	1	A sign or wonder that can only be attributed to God.
Missal	3	The liturgical book that contains the prayers for the Mass.
Mission	3	The work of the Church to continue the work of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. (CCC 849-856)
Monastic	8	Consecrated life marked by the public profession of religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and by a stable community life.
Monstrance	5	The ornate sacred vessel which holds the consecrated Host when exposed for adoration, Exposition and Benediction.
Morality	8	The goodness or evil of a human act; Christian morality depends on its conformity to the norm established by God. (CCC 1749-1754)

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Morning Prayer	4	Part of the Liturgy of the Hours prayed each morning; it consists of psalms, canticles, readings and intercessions for all God's people; also called Lauds.
Mortal Sin	5	Sin that breaks a person's covenant with God; something very grave, a person knows it is wrong and the person chooses to do it. (CCC 1854-1861)
Mystery	5	A truth that is above human reason; a divinely revealed truth; it can be understood to some degree when revealed by God. (CCC 42-43)
Mystical Body of Christ	5	A term used by Saint Paul in the letter to the Corinthians to describe the Church; explains the unity of the members with Jesus Christ that takes place at Baptism. (CCC 787-791)
Nativity	1	The feast of the birthday of Jesus Christ; the feast is also known as Christmas.
New Covenant	4	A sacred agreement between God and his people established by Jesus Christ and completing the Old Covenant established between God and Moses. (CCC 1965-1974)
New Testament	2	The second major part of the Bible that tells the good news of Jesus Christ and is made up of twenty-seven books, including the Gospels, the Epistles, the Acts of the Apostles and the Apocalypse. (CCC 120)
Novena	5	A public or private devotion for nine consecutive days.
Oil of Catechumens	5	Oil blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week and used in preparing a candidate for the Sacrament of Baptism. (CCC 1241)
Oil of Chrism	5	Oil and balsam consecrated by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week and used for baptisms and confirmations in each parish for the coming year; also used to anoint men to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. (CCC 1183, 1241)
Oil of Sick	3	Oil blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week and used throughout the diocese in the coming year for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. (CCC 1241)
Old Testament	2	The first major part of the Bible, made up of 46 books, which foretell the coming of the Savior. (CCC 121-123)
Omission	6	The act of choosing to sin by not doing something that should be done by a disciple of Jesus Christ.
One	3	One of the four marks of the Church; there is one God, one Lord, one faith and one Baptism. (CCC 813-822)
Ordinary Time	2	The numbered weeks of the Liturgical Year that follow Advent/Christmas then Lent/Easter.
Original Sin	3	The decision by Adam and Eve to disobey the commandment of God, by which they lost the grace of original holiness. (CCC 388-390)
Outreach	8	Service to the poor and needy.
Parable	3	A short story used by Jesus to explain a truth about the Kingdom of God. (CCC 546)
Palms	1	Palm branches are blessed and distributed on Palm Sunday; they are carried in procession to commemorate the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, Mt. 21:1-9.
Paraclete	3	A name for the Holy Spirit, defender or advocate. (CCC 692)

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Parish	1	A group of people who are registered and worship at a particular Church within a diocese. (CCC 2179)
Parousia	8	The second coming of Christ when his triumph over evil will be complete and his kingdom established. (CCC 671-674)
Paschal Candle	3	The large candle that is lit at the Easter Vigil and during the Easter Season; it is a symbol of Jesus, the Light of the World; it is also used at funerals.
Paschal Mystery	4	The work of Jesus Passion, Death, Resurrection and glorious Ascension. (CCC 571)
Passover	6	A solemn Jewish feast commemorating the deliverance of the Israelites from the bondage of slavery in Egypt, Ex. 12. For Christians, it is the sacrifice of Christ by which humankind was freed from the bondage of sin and led into the freedom of the sons and daughters of God. (CCC 1164)
Pastor	1	The priest who leads a parish entrusted to him by the Bishop; it means shepherd.
Paten	5	The plate that is used to hold the bread that will become the Body of Christ.
Patron Saint	5	The saint for which a person or church is named.
Penance	2	A Sacrament of Healing in which a person celebrates God's forgiveness of sin; recites prayers or performs actions undertaken to indicate a sorrow for wrong with a desire to live a more Christ-centered life. (CCC 1440-1470)
Pentateuch	6	The collective name given to the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. (CCC 702)
Pentecost	7	A liturgical solemnity celebrated fifty days after Easter; it celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, Acts 2:1-11; it is the birthday of the Church. (CCC 731-732)
Pope	2	The successor of St. Peter; the Vicar of Jesus Christ and the Bishop of Rome; the visible head on earth of the Roman Catholic Church. (CCC 882)
Praise	1	A form of prayer which honors God for who he is as God.
Prayer	1	Listening, talking to or just being still with God; prayer is private, communal, or liturgical. (CCC 2559-2565)
Precepts of the Church	5	Positive laws imposed on the faithful by the Church for living out what it means to be a Roman Catholic. (CCC 2041-2043)
Prejudice	6	A biased opinion against a person, religion, race, or gender.
Presider Chair	3	The chair from which the priest leads worship and sits during the Mass.
Priest	3	The second degree of ordination; one who is ordained by the Bishop to guide and serve the spiritual needs of the people of God. (CCC 1547-1554)
Priesthood of the Faithful	5	Christ gives the faithful a share in his priesthood through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. (CCC 784, 1119, 1546)
Private Prayer	3	An individual's relationship with God, the Blessed Mother or a saint.

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Processional Cross	3	The cross/crucifix that leads the processions at Mass.
Prophet	3	Those, in the Old Testament, who wrote or spoke under divine inspiration to make known the will of God. One who calls people to remember the truth of God. (CCC 702)
Psalms	2	A prayer in the Book of Psalms in the Bible in the form of hymns or poetry; there are one hundred fifty psalms. (CCC 2597)
Purgatory	4	A state of purification after death for those who are not yet ready to enter into heaven. (CCC 1030-1032)
RCIA	5	The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the normative process for those over seven years of age seeking the Sacraments of Initiation.
Real Presence	2	The true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist under the appearance of bread and wine. (CCC 1373-1377)
Relic	4	Part of the physical remains of a saint; an object or clothing used by a saint; an object touched to the remains of what a saint used or wore; the relics of martyrs and other saints are placed in the altar stone of a fixed altar.
Reconciliation	2	A name given to the Sacrament of Penance in which one seeks forgiveness for one's sins and is brought to right relationship with God, self and others. (CCC 1440-1498)
Redemption	8	The act of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection that set us free from sin and makes it possible for the baptized to enter heaven. (CCC 571)
Religion	1	The set of beliefs, way of life, and way of worship that a person embraces as a faith response to God. (CCC 2095-2096, 2135)
Respect	1	The attitude of treating a person or object with kindness and thoughtfulness.
Responsibility	3	Accountability for one's actions to the extent that they are voluntary. (CCC 1734-1735)
Resurrection	2	Christ's rising from the dead on Easter Sunday; it is the central theme of the apostle's preaching. (CCC 638, 648-655)
Revelation	6	The act of God revealing truths about himself in the Scriptures. (CCC 74-79)
Reverence	4	Treating a person, place or object with respect.
Rite	5	A term used to describe the rituals in liturgical worship; the words and actions that belong to a religious ceremony. (CCC 1125, 1203)
Rosary	4	A devotion in honor of the Blessed Mother; it includes meditation on the main mysteries of the life of Jesus Christ. (CCC 2676, 2708)
Sacrament	1	A sign of grace, given by Christ to the Church; gives worship to God and helps the life of Christ to grow in the faithful; there are seven sacraments. (CCC 1113-1134, 1210-1211)
Sacramentals	1	Sacred signs which resemble the sacraments; some well-known sacramentals are blessings by a priest, blessed palms, blessed candles, blessed medals and holy water. (CCC 1667-1673)

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Sacraments of Healing	2	Penance/Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. (CCC 1422)
Sacraments of Initiation	1	Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. (CCC 1212)
Sacraments at the Service of Communion	2	Holy Orders and Matrimony. (CCC 1533)
Saint	1	A person known for Christian holiness; in the strict sense a person who has manifested heroic virtue during his or her life and who is officially honored by the Church as one who has attained heavenly glory. (CCC 828, 2013-2014, 2683-2684)
Salvation	6	The condition of being redeemed by Jesus Christ; deliverance from sin. (CCC 169, 1088)
Sanctifying Grace	2	It is sharing in the life of God; a supernatural gift given to us by God received through participation in the sacraments. (CCC 1999-2000)
Sanctuary	3	The place in the Church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle. It contains the altar, ambo and presider's chair; a light, the sanctuary lamp, is always lit to show the presence of Jesus Christ.
Satan	4	A fallen angel or the devil; the Evil One. (CCC 391-395)
Scripture, Sacred	1	The written and authoritative word of God as inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Bible. (CCC 81)
Seal of Confession	5	The secrecy demanded of the confessor in the Sacrament of Penance; no reason whatever justifies the breaking of this seal. (CCC 1467, 2490)
Sin	1	An offense against God and reason; a free and willing turning away from his love and his law; a person knows the thought, word or action is wrong, and chooses to do it. (CCC 1849-1850)
Social Sin	6	A result of original sin, it is an unjust condition that is prevalent in society, such as, slavery, oppression of women, racism, and bigotry. (CCC 1869)
Solemnity	3	Liturgies that celebrate events in the life of Jesus Christ, beliefs in the Catholic faith, and persons of principal importance and significance.
Solidarity	4	The Catholic Social Teaching that calls us to care for the poor, vulnerable, and those who are facing unjust conditions. (CCC 1942)
Soul	1	The spiritual part of a person created by God; it is immortal. (CCC 363-367)
Spiritual Works of Mercy	4	Seven ways a Christian is called to attend to the spiritual needs of others. (CCC 2447)
Stations of the Cross	5	A devotion to commemorate Jesus' journey to his crucifixion. (CCC 2669)
Steward	4	One who responds to the call to care for all of God's creation.
Stewardship	4	The responsibility to care for all of God's creation recognizing that every gift of nature and grace comes from God. (CCC 2417)
Stole	5	The scarf-like vestment, which is a sign of ordination, which a priest wears around his neck and a deacon wears over his left shoulder when performing sacramental duties.

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Sunday	1	The Lord's Day when we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. (CCC 2174-2195)
Supplication	5	One of the four purposes of prayer, the act of asking for needs, also known as petition.
Symbols	6	Signs by which another reality can be experienced; theologically, they allow us to look behind just the messages of our senses to a belief in a greater, more mysterious reality that is not readily apparent. (CCC 1145-1149)
Synoptic Gospels	7	The word is from a Greek word meaning "seeing the whole together" that is applied to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke because they present a similar view of the life and teaching of Jesus. (CCC 515)
Tabernacle	3	The receptacle in Church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. (CCC 1183, 1379)
Temptation	2	An enticement to do wrong; a time of choice whether or not to perform an action. (CCC 405, 409, 538)
Ten Commandments	4	The ten laws God gave Moses so that God's people would know how to live a life freed from slavery to sin. (CCC 2052-2055, 2067)
Thanksgiving	5	The attitude to which a person is called to live in gratitude for salvation through Jesus Christ; Eucharistic means thanksgiving.
Theological Virtues	4	The three virtues that are the source of all other virtues: faith, hope, and love, that are given to a person in Baptism. (CCC 1812-1829)
Tithe	6	The practice of donating a portion of one's income to God.
Torah	6	The first five books of the Bible; also known as the Pentateuch. (CCC 1961)
Tradition	7	The living transmission of the message of the Gospel in the Church from one generation to the next. (CCC 80-83)
Transubstantiation	7	The unique change of the bread and wine during the Eucharistic Prayer, with the words of consecration, into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. (CCC 1373-1377)
Triduum	4	The liturgical celebration of three days that is the remembrance of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection; it comprises the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.
Trinity	1	The mystery of faith that there is one God in three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (CCC 234)
Truth	4	A belief held through faith in God. (CCC 2465-2466)
Vatican II	8	A gathering of the Bishops of the Church in the Vatican in Rome; called by Pope John XXIII from 1962 to 1965 that called for renewal in the Church.
Venial Sin	4	Sin that does not destroy the divine life in the soul but wounds it. (CCC 1854, 1862-1863)
Vice	7	A habit acquired by repeated sin against the laws of God.
Virtue	7	A habit of doing good that enables a person to act according to right reason. (CCC 1804-1809, 1812-1813)

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Vocation	2	How a person chooses to respond to living out the baptismal call: single, married, priesthood or religious life. (CCC 825)
Vow	5	A deliberate and free promise a person makes to God or another person usually done in the presence of witnesses. (CCC 915, 2102-2103)
Worship	3	Adoration, honor, and glory given to God by a person or community through liturgical expression. (CCC 1067)

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