

Learned Outcomes

Office of Religious Education

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Dear Friends in Christ:

As the entire Church prepares for the celebration of the Third Millennium commemorating the wondrous miracle of the Incarnation, we in the Diocese of Syracuse have been given special assistance in preparing our children for their journey into the next century. It is with great joy that I present to you Learned Outcomes for children in Grades 1 through 8 who attend our parish religious education programs.

These outcomes have been written as a response to a need expressed by priests, parents, and religious educators for a reference guide that will summarize the faith formation which students should be receiving. The outcomes are written in age appropriate language and flow from grade to grade in a developmental mode. Recognizing how one year builds upon another, parents should note the importance of consistent and sequential attendance of their children in religious education classes. These outcomes are not the totality of what children learn, nor are they intended to be a substitute for textbooks. The language has been kept simple and straightforward so that catechists and parents will be encouraged to use these outcomes.

In *Catechesi Tradendae*, Pope John Paul II writes:

As the twentieth century draws to a close, the Church is bidden by God and by events — each of them a call from Him — to renew her trust in catechetical activity as a prime aspect of her mission. She is bidden to offer catechesis her best resources in people and energy, without sparing effort, toil or material means, in order to organize it better and to train qualified personnel.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the members of the Religious education office — Gerrie Kaluzny, Sister Bernice Carroll, Sister Katie Eiffe, Sister Germain Hilston, and Mary Stanley whose faith and hard work have produced this resource.

May these outcomes continue to help us hand on faithfully our Catholic heritage.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Rev. James M. Moynihan
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LEARNED OUTCOMES - GRADES 1 - 8

The purpose of catechesis, according to the National Catechetical Directory, is to make a person's "faith become living conscious, and active through the light of instruction". It is an intentional activity. Our faith, this lived response to God's presence in our lives, is not lived in isolation however. We are initiated into a community of believers at Baptism, and as members of this community we share common beliefs or truths which have been revealed to us by God. These basic truths form the content of faith. Our task as catechists and parents is two-fold; to pass on this content and to witness to the lived reality of our relationship with God. To help us focus on content for Grades 1 through 8, we have developed the following Learned Outcomes.

The following is the format:

Each grade has a focus.

Basic themes appear on the left side of the page. They expand in number as grade levels move upward.

The Scripture column includes several passages from which the theme is imaged or taught and is to be used as reference by both catechists and parents.

The prayers and other references throughout the outcomes have been included so that both catechists, but more particularly parents, will have an instant reference.

We are particularly interested in how parents can help us in this ministry. A basic partnership between parish and parents can help our children and parents grow in true discipleship. And so we encourage each parish to duplicate these outcomes for their religious education parish handbooks, print all or excerpts in parish bulletins, distribute at religious education registration sites, etc. The hope is that these outcomes will hang proudly on the kitchen bulletin boards or refrigerator doors of all the children in our religious education programs.

While we concentrate many of our efforts in religious education on these learned outcomes, it is critical to remember that our children's faith and their growth toward true discipleship in Jesus Christ must be aided by what Thomas Groome, Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College and author of numerous texts on religious education, refers to as the "breadth and depth of the rich storehouse that is our Christian faith." It includes Scripture, Tradition, and liturgies; creeds, dogmas, doctrines, and theologies; sacraments, symbols, and religious language; virtues and values, ethics and laws; spiritualities, expected lifestyles and models of holy people; songs, music, dance, drama and festivals; art, artifacts, and architecture.

Access to this whole story of our Catholic heritage must of necessity include all aspects of creative age-appropriate pedagogies and methodologies so that our children's faith truly becomes living, conscious, and active.

Let us pray for each other and the gift of vision as we continue our pilgrimage together into the third millennium.

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Learned Outcomes (Grade 1)

Focus: **TRINITY**

THEMES

Student will be able to exhibit an understanding of the following:

God loves me
God created all things
God is a loving parent
Jesus is God's son
Jesus grew up in a family with Mary and Joseph
Jesus taught us about God
The Holy Spirit gives us special gifts
The Holy Spirit invites us to share our gifts
The Holy Spirit helps us live good lives
In Baptism we become part of God's family
In Baptism we celebrate our birth as children of God
The Bible is the word of God
Every Sunday we gather to celebrate the Mass where we listen to stories from the Bible and come to know and love God more

SCRIPTURE

Student will be familiar with the following passages:
Creation (Gen 1:1-2:24)
The Story of Noah (Gen 9:1-17)

The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38)
The Nativity (Lk 2:1-20)
The Epiphany (Mt 2:1-11)
Jesus blesses the children (Mk 10:13-16)
The finding in the temple (Lk 2:41-52)
The Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-10)
The Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:9-13)
The First Disciples (Jn 1:35-39)
Forgiveness (Mt 18:21-35)
The Lord's Supper (1Cor. 11:23-25)

PRAYERS

Student will know the following:

Sign of the Cross
Hail Mary
Glory Be To The Father
Lord's Prayer
Grace before meals

REFERENCES

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee! Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Grace before meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty. Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Glory Be To The Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

Learned Outcomes Grade 2

Focus: **JESUS**

THEMES

I belong to God's Christian Family

At Baptism I became a member of this Christian Family
God calls us through Baptism to be followers of Jesus
The Eucharist is a sacrament of thanksgiving, unity, peace and justice
In the Eucharist, bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus
In the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation), we celebrate God's forgiveness
Sacraments are celebrations of Jesus' love for us and signs of His presence with us.

SCRIPTURE

The first disciples (Mt 4:18-22)
The prodigal Son (Lk 15:11-24)
Parable of the Lost Sheep (Lk 15:1-7)
Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1-10)
The multiplication of the Loaves (Jn 6:1-13)
The ten lepers (Lk 17:11-17)
The Last Supper (Lk, Jn & Mt)
The washing of the feet (Jn 13:1-17)

PRAYERS

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Hail Mary
Glory Be To The Father
Lord's Prayer
Act of Contrition
Prayers and Responses of the Mass

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Act of Contrition

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior
Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In His name, my God, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Glory Be To The Father

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

Learned Outcomes Grade 3

Focus: **THE CHURCH**

THEMES

There are three persons in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - Holy Trinity

Jesus lived, died, and rose to new life - the Resurrection

The Holy Spirit, helper and sanctifier, came to the disciples on Pentecost

The Church is a community of people who believe in Jesus Christ and are baptized

The Church is a communion of saints, including all those who have lived a holy life and died and all the people on earth living a holy life

By our baptism, we are called to share in Jesus' ministry of love, service, justice and peace. We help to build up the Kingdom of Heaven on earth through Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

The marks of the Catholic Church are: one, holy, catholic, apostolic

The Church continues Jesus' ministries of community building, preaching the word, worship, and service

Mary is the Mother of the Church

The first part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word. The second part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist

The seven sacraments are: Baptism, Penance (Reconciliation), Eucharist, Confirmation, Holy Order, Matrimony and the Anointing of the Sick

The ten commandments show us ways of loving God and others and help us to live good lives

The Apostles' Creed contains the basic beliefs of the Catholic Church

The structure of the Church consists of the pope, cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and laity

SCRIPTURE

Beginnings of the Christian Community (Acts 2:43-47)

Life of the Christians (Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37)

Recognition of the Call (Acts 2:1-13)

Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-38)

Lilies of the Field (Lk 12)

Jesus and His Friends (Jn 21:1-14)

Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-41)

The Great Commandment (Mk 12:28-33)

Jesus' Compassion (Mk 1:40-45, 2:1-12, 6:34-44, 7:31-37, 8:22-26)

The Ten Commandments (Ex 20:2-17)

The Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46)

One Body, Many Members (1 Cor. 12)

Jesus and His Father (Mt 11:25-26)

Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35)

PRAYERS

Apostles' Creed

Morning Offering

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Our Father

Rosary

Act of Faith

Act of Hope

Act of Love

REFERENCES

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Visit the imprisoned
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Admonish the sinner
Instruct the ignorant
Counsel the doubtful
Comfort the sorrowful
Bear wrongs patiently
Forgive all injuries
Pray for the living and the dead

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Act of Faith

O God, I firmly believe all the truths
that you have revealed and that you teach us through your Church,
for you are truth itself and can neither deceive nor be deceived.
Amen.

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of
my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.
Amen.

Act of love

O God, I love you above all things, with whole heart and soul,
because you are all good and worthy of all my love;
I love my neighbor as I love myself for the love of you.
I forgive all who have injured me, and
I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.
Amen.

Learned Outcomes Grade 4

Focus: MORALITY

THEMES

God, our Creator, is merciful and forgiving

God is always with us

God gives us grace, the gift of God's presence, and life

God shares his life and love with us. We call this sanctifying grace. God helps us live as children of God. We call this actual grace.

God calls us to love and respect ourselves and others

Jesus teaches us to love and respect ourselves and others

Jesus teaches us how to live according to the beatitudes and the commandments

Mary is the Mother of God. She is the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God

Evil spreads through the selfish acts of people

The Holy Spirit guides us to choose good rather than evil

We receive God's grace and the strength of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments

Liturgy means "public work", or the work of the people. We celebrate liturgy the whole year and call this the liturgical year

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, unselfishness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control, modesty, continence, and chastity

The ten Commandments, the Great Commandment, the Beatitudes, and corporal and spiritual works of mercy are our guides for living the way of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE

Creation of the World (Gn 1 2:2)

The Fall (Gn 2:8 3:23)

The Ten Commandments (Ex 19 20, Deut 5:1 21)

The Temptation of Jesus (Mt 4:1 11)

The Crucifixion (Mk 4, 15)

Descent of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1 4)

The Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25 37)

The Beatitudes (Mt 5:1 10)

The Rich Young Man (Mk 10:17 22)

Cleansing of the Temple (Mk 11:15 17)

From the Infancy Narrative (Lk 2:39 40, 51 52)

The Rich Man and Lazarus (Lk 16:19 23)

The Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11 24)

The Body of Christ (1 Cor 10:16 17, 12:12 27)

The Washing of the Feet (Jn 13:1 17)

Journey to Jerusalem (Lk 9:57 62)

The Story of Thomas (Jn 20:19 29)

PRAYERS

Act of Contrition

Stations of the Cross

Prayer of St. Francis

REFERENCES

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- 4.Honor your father and your mother.
- 5.You shall not kill.
- 6.You shall not commit adultery.
- 7.You shall not steal.
- 8.You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9.You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- 10.You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The Great Commandment

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind... you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37,39

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that

I may not so much seek to be

consoled, as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are

born to eternal life.

The Beatitudes

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3-12

Stations of the Cross

1. Jesus is condemned to death.

2. Jesus accepts his cross.

3. Jesus fall the first time.

4. Jesus meets his mother.

5. Simon helps Jesus carry the cross.

6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

7. Jesus falls the second time.

8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

9. Jesus falls the third time.

10. Jesus is stripped of his clothes.

11. Jesus is nailed to the cross.

12. Jesus dies on the cross.

13. Jesus is taken down from the cross.

14. Jesus is buried in the tomb.

Learned Outcomes Grade 5

Focus: SACRAMENTS

THEMES

God is the creator of all

God reveals who God is through creation

God is present in Jesus

Jesus is both God's Son and a human being

Jesus reveals God: Jesus healed the sick; forgave sinners; loved everyone, and treated each person with dignity

The Holy Spirit gives us gifts to help us to live as followers of Jesus

Sin is a free and deliberate choice to do wrong: Mortal sin is a serious failure in our love for God, ourselves, our neighbor or creation. When we commit a mortal sin, we reject God's love and destroy our relationship with God.

Venial sin is a less serious sin. When we commit venial sin, we weaken our relationship with God

The Church is the community of Jesus' followers

Grace is the love of God shared with us, the life of God within us.

The Church celebrates the presence and actions of Jesus in the Seven Sacraments. Sacraments are symbolic actions that make God's grace present to us

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are Sacraments of Initiation (or belonging): through Baptism, we are welcomed into the Christian Community, we receive the Holy Spirit, and our sins are forgiven; through Confirmation, we are strengthened with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to live as disciples of Jesus; through Eucharist, we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus and sent as disciples into the world.

We believe that the bread and wine at Mass truly and really become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Penance (Reconciliation) and the Anointing of the Sick are Sacraments of Healing: through Reconciliation, our sins are forgiven and we are reconciled to God and to the community; through the Anointing of the Sick, we are strengthened to cope with illness and suffering and sometimes healed physically.

Marriage and Holy Orders are Sacraments of Vocation (or calling): through Marriage, a man and a woman are called to give themselves to each other and to God, and promise to love each other as God loves us; through Holy Orders, some are called to be special servants of God and of the community, leaders of prayer and worship, and ministers of the sacraments.

In celebrating the Sacraments, the Church uses elements of God's creation which have special meaning: water, oil, bread and wine.

The Bible is the story of God and God's people: The Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) is the story of the ancient Hebrew people, who are God's chosen people; The New Testament (Christian Scriptures) is the story of the early christian people, the followers of Jesus; The Bible was written by many different human authors, who were guided by the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE

The Creation Story in Genesis (Gn 1-2)

Adam and Eve (Gn 3)

Joseph (Gn 41)

Baptism of Jesus (Mt 3:13-17)

Call of the Disciples

(Mt 4:18-22; Mk 1:14-22; Lk 5:1-11; Jn 1:35-46)

Peter the Rock (Mt 16:13-20)

Healing of the Paralyzed Man (Lk 5:17-26)

The Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11-32)

The Miracle at Cana (Jn 2:1-11)

The Last Supper (Lk 22:7-13)

Commissioning of the Apostles (Mt 28:16-20)
Pentecost/Coming of the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)
The Christian Community (Acts 2:42-47)

PRAYERS

Morning Offering
Act of Faith
Act of Hope
Act of Love
Act of Contrition
Mass Responses:
The Gloria
The Nicene Creed
The Apostles' Creed
The Rosary

REFERENCES

Rosary

Catholics pray the rosary to honor Mary and remember the important events in the life of Jesus and Mary. There are 15 mysteries of the rosary.

The word mystery means "the wonderful things God has done for us."

We begin praying the rosary by praying the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary. Each mystery of the rosary is prayed by praying the Lord's Prayer once, the Hail Mary 10 times, and the Glory Prayer once. When we have finished the last mystery, we pray --- Hail, Holy Queen.

Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The presentation of Jesus in the temple
5. The finding of Jesus in the temple

Sorrowful Mysteries

6. The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
7. The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
8. The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
9. The Carrying of the Cross by Jesus
10. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries

11. The Resurrection of Jesus
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He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Learned Outcomes Grade 6

Focus: **THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

Themes

God creates out of love
God invites God's people into relationship
God invites God's people to freedom
God established a covenant with God's Chosen People
Jesus proclaims the coming of God's Kingdom
Jesus is the fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures
The Holy Spirit is always present and active in the lives of God's people
The Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) is the record of faith of the Ancient Hebrews, God's Chosen People;
Abraham is the Father of the Hebrew People
The Old Testament reveals that God has always been present and active in the lives of His people: God has always acted to save His people; God invites His people to freedom; God revealed His name, YAHWEH, to Moses; Moses led the Chosen People from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land; God chooses prophets from among His people to speak God's word against injustice and suffering; The prophets remind the people of God's faithful love, and of the covenant
Sacramental actions of the Church originated in Jewish rituals: anointing with oil; purifying with water; laying on of hands; sharing a meal
Jesus gave us the Eucharist at a Passover meal. Jesus' life, passion, and resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery, which comes from the Hebrew word "Passover".
The Bible is God's word to us in the words of its human authors
The Bible probes the mysteries of life, goodness and evil, justice and injustice, suffering and death
The Psalms are the prayers of God's people
Laws, such as the Ten Commandments, show what a community values, loves and believes

Scripture

The Creation Story in Genesis (Gn 1-2)
The Call of Abraham (Gn 12:1-9)
Abraham and Sarah (Gn 12; 15; 17; 18)

The Call of Moses (Ex 2:23 - 3:32)
The Call of Jeremiah (Jer 1:4-10)
The Call of Isaiah (Isa 6:1-8)
The Exodus Story (Ex)
The Ten Commandments/Sinai Covenant (Ex 19-20; Deut 5:1-21)
The Great Commandment (Deut 6:4-5)
David (1 Sam 17 & 2 Sam 5:7)
The Prophets
The Psalms
The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38)
The Epiphany (Mt 2:1-12)
The Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12)
The Resurrection (Jn 20:1-10)

Prayers

The Beatitudes
The Stations of the Cross
The Ten Commandments
The Rosary

REFERENCES

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6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
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10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Learned Outcomes Grade 7

Focus: **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

Themes:

THE BIBLE

The bible is called the Word of God

There are two main parts of the Bible; the Old Testament (Hebrew scriptures) and the New Testament (Christian scriptures)

The different types of writings found in scripture are letters, poetry, stories, songs

The four steps in the development of the Bible:

1. The experience
2. The telling of the experience
3. The writing of the event
4. The authoritative selection of the material

The church uses the Bible in her Liturgy, especially in the Liturgy of the Word

JESUS AND THE GOSPELS

Christian faith as a personal response to and relationship with Jesus;

The key themes of the Good News: God's love, God's forgiveness, prayer, service, and salvation

The gospels are faith testimonies not biographical accounts
Jesus is both fully human and fully divine
The person of Jesus-his values, intentions, motives, and attitudes
The response of the first disciples to Jesus and the Good News
Eucharist comes from a Greek word meaning "to give thanks".

JUSTICE AND PEACE

All people are created in God's image
Catholic pro-life doctrine states that every person possesses fundamental rights
Catholic social doctrine relates to our responsibility to care for our world and the fundamental dignity of every human person
Jesus was a person of great compassion who continues the prophetic tradition of justice from the Hebrew Scriptures
Prejudice and stereotyping rob people of dignity and other fundamental rights

PERSONAL GROWTH AND RELATIONSHIPS

Each person is a unique creation of a good and loving God
God calls us to recognize and name our own gifts and encourages us to use these gifts for the community.
These gifts include the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. The cardinal/moral virtues are prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. Sacrament of Reconciliation as a way to seek forgiveness for and look for ways to make amends for past sins
The building of a strong and realistic concept of self with an emphasis on self-knowledge, growing autonomy, and self-determination; the development of skills for handling peer pressures and values, and adolescent problems

Scripture

Woman at the well (Jn. 4:1-42)
Prodigal son (Lk.15:11-32)
Woman caught in adultery (Jn. 8:1-11)
The Transfiguration (Mt. 17:1-13)
The Lilies of the Field (Lk. 6:24-32)
The Mustard Seed (Mk. 4:30-32)
Sending the Spirit (Jn. 14:23-27)
Love your Enemies (Lk. 6:27-42)
The Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:1-17)
Beatitudes (Lk. 6:17-23)
The Two Great Commandments (Mk. 12:25-34)
Creation (Gn. 1)
Ministries (Eph. 4:11-16)
Against Fornication (1 Cor. 6:18-20)
The Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:30-37)
Do Justice (Micah 6:8)
Cleansing in the Temple (Jn. 2:13-22)

Prayers

An Act of Contrition
The Rosary
Prayer of St. Francis
Nicene Creed
Stations of the Cross
Silence in Prayer
Responses at Mass
Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be to the Father

Learned Outcomes Grade 8

Focus: **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

Themes

MORALITY & MORAL DECISION MAKING

The two great commandments

The ten commandments

Beatitudes

Jesus' vision of being fully human as the foundation of Catholic Christian morality

The moral values in Jesus' teachings; Catholic Christian moral values that relate to the life of the adolescent

The basis of moral decision-making within a Catholic Christian context: con-science, sin, and reconciliation

Four sources of moral maturing: mind, heart, family/other person, and Catholic Christian tradition

Christian moral value

CHURCH: TO BE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

Vatican II's image of church

Definition and origin of church

The role of the Holy Spirit as one who guides the church and her development

The story of the Church as related to the young adolescent's story

Jesus' mission and ministry as these continue today through the Christian community's ministries of Word, worship, community building, and service

The global and multicultural reality of the Church

The community life and ministries in the other major Christian churches

Involvement in the life, mission and work of the parish community and family

The six precepts of the church

THE SACRAMENTS

The importance of participating in the Mass and sacraments frequently

The Eucharist is the heart of our Catholic faith and life. All the other Sacraments and everything the church does starts with and ends with the Eucharist

SEXUALITY

Sexual development with an emphasis on accurate information

Sexuality as integral to one's personal identity with an explanation of gender identity and roles

Relationship and dating

Catholic Christian understanding of sexuality and sexual moral values

Vocations as a call for a Christian as a single person, a married person, a priest, a permanent deacon, or a vowed religious

Marriage is the appropriate context for sexual fulfillment

The family is the most basic community

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Jesus at twelve years old Lk 2:41-50
Put aside childish ways 1 Peter 2:1-5
You are God's chosen People 1 Peter 2:9
Growth in Faith Phil 3:12-15
God is a Trinity John 10:30

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Psalm 23
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Memorare

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The Seven Sacraments

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
Sacraments of Service: Holy Orders and Matrimony
Sacrament of Healing: Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother: to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

The Six Precepts of the Church

- 1.To assist at Mass on all Sundays and holydays of obligation.
- 2.To fast and to abstain on the days appointed.
- 3.To confess our sins at least once a year.
- 4.To receive Holy Communion during the Easter time.
5. To contribute to the support of the Church.
- 6.To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage.