GRADE LEVEL STANDARDS

Grade Level Standards are outcome-based statements. They indicate what the student is expected to know or to do for each grade level. They do not indicate how the concept is to be taught. Standards are the WHAT and are different than curriculum and instruction that provide the HOW.

There are one or more Grade Level Standards for each of the Essential Concepts. Each grade also has a particular theme:

- Pre-Kindergarten Creation and Child of God
- Kindergarten Creation, Jesus, and God's Family
- First Grade Creation, Jesus, and the Church
- Second Grade Sacraments, Mass
- Third Grade The Catholic Church
- Fourth Grade Morality, Catholic Doctrine
- Fifth Grade Sacraments
- Sixth Grade Old Testament
- Seventh Grade New Testament
- Eighth Grade Church History, Morality

Because of the inter-dependency between the Essential Concepts and the particular theme for each grade, several Grade Level Standards are to be "bundled" together for one class session or lesson plan. Samples for bundling Grade Level Standards can be found in the Liturgical Mapping section of this document. Mapping Grade Level Standards with the Liturgical Calendar will also be a major aspect of training workshops for effectively using the Religious Education Standards.

Grade Level Standards are also broken into four age groups. This format offers catechists an opportunity to review what the student has learned in previous grades and what they will be expected to learn in future grades. The groups are: Pre-K, K, I; Grades 2, 3, 4; Grades 5 & 6; Grades 7 & 8.



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FOUR PILLARS OF THE CATECHISM, THE SIX TASKS OF CATECHESIS AND CORRESPONDING FAITH FORMATION STANDARDS

Pillars of the Catechism (Topics)	Six Tasks of Catechesis	Faith Formation Standards to be learned across all grade levels.
I. The Profession of Faith (Creed and Sacred Scripture)	1. Knowledge of the Faith	Students explore, profess, and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.
II.The Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Liturgy and Sacraments)	2. Liturgical Education	Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communion with Him through active, full and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church.
III.Life in Christ (Personal and Social Morality)	3. Moral Formation	Students develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, modeled in a personal life of virtue, and demonstrated in service of the Gospel's demands for society.
IV. Christian Prayer	4. Learning to Pray	Students experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.
I. & III. (Church History, Ecclesiology, Communion of Saints, Parish and Family/Domestic Church)	5. Education for Community Life	Students study and participate in the life and mission of the Church—the Body of Christ and the community of believers—as expressed in the Church's origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of Saints and their family, the domestic Church.
I. & III. (Vocation, Discipleship, Stewardship and Evangelization)	6: Missionary Discipleship and Service	Students acquire and demonstrate skills to recognize their gifts from God and their vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed in the world.

"The object of catechesis is communion with Jesus Christ. Catechesis leads people to enter the mystery of Christ, to encounter him, and to discover themselves and the meaning of their lives in him" (National Directory of Catechesis, p.55).



SIX TASKS OF CATECHESIS AND ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS

TASK 1 – KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH – Students explore, profess, and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.

REVELATION [1-4, 26-197, 290-315, 325-354]: Sacred Scripture [101-141] Salvation History [50-73] Christology [74-100] TRINITY: Father (Creator); Son (Redeemer); and Holy Spirit (Sanctifier) [249-324] THE CREED: A Statement of our Belief [185-1065]

TASK 2 – LITURGICAL EDUCATION – Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communion with Him through active, full, and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church.

THE EUCHARIST [1135-1167,1322-1419]:

Who, How, When and Where the Mass is Celebrated CELEBRATION OF THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS [1210-1666]: Sacraments of Initiation [966-977, 1212-1419] Sacraments of Healing [979-987, 1420 – 1484] Sacraments at the Service of Communion [1533-1666] LITURGICAL RESOURCES

Liturgical Calendar [1163-1173] Liturgical Symbols and Sacramentals [1179-1199, 1667-1679] Divine Office / Liturgy of the Hours [1174-1178] Liturgical Rites: Weddings [1621-1637]; Funerals [988-1029, 1680-1690]; and Blessings [1671-1673]

TASK 3 – MORAL FORMATION – Students develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, as modeled in a personal life of virtue, and demonstrated in service of the Gospel's demands for society.

THE HUMAN PERSON [26-48, 1691-1876]

Made in the Image of God – Foundation of Human Dignity [355-368, 1004, 1700-1876] Made for Happiness with God, Beatitudes [1218-1229, 1716-1717] Human Freedom and Conscience Formation [1030-1037, 1730-1802] Covenant and the Ten Commandments [2052-2557] Virtues - Cardinal and Theological [1803-1845, 2656-2662] THE HUMAN COMMUNITY [1877-1948, 2204-2213]: Personal and Social Sin [1846-1876] Catholic Social Teaching: Consistent Ethic of Life; Love of Neighbor; and Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

[2419-2449]

 TASK 4 – LEARNING TO PRAY
 – Students experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

 THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO PRAYER, IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER [2558-2758]

 FORMS OF PRAYER – Blessing; Adoration; Petition; Intercession; Thanksgiving; and Praise [2623-2649]

 EXPRESSIONS OF PRAYER – Personal and Shared; Vocal; Singing; and Meditation

[2700-2724]

OUR FATHER: Summary of the Gospel [2746-2865] DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES: Rosary; Stations of the Cross; novenas; Simbang Gabi; etc. [1200-1209, 1674-1679, 2683-2696]

PRAYERS WE KNOW BY HEART, EXPERIENCE, AND SHARE AT MASS

TASK 5 – EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY LIFE – Students study and participate in the life and mission of the Church—the Body of Christ and the community of believers—as expressed in the Church's origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of Saints, and their family, the Domestic Church.

THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PLAN [748-780]: Church History [758-780] MODELS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH [781-810]: People of God [781-786] Body of Christ [787-796] Temple of the Holy Spirit [797-801] THE MYSTERY AND MARKS OF THE CHURCH: One; Holy; Catholic; and Apostolic [811-870] CHRIST'S FAITHFUL - HEIRARCHY, LAITY, AND CONSECRATED LIFE [871-945]: Church order: The Hierarchy and Magisterium/Infallibility [874-896] The Laity: Rights and Responsibilities [897-913, 2041] The Domestic Church [1655-58, 1666, 2204-2257, 2685] The Universal Call to Holiness [2013-2014, 2028, 2813] Vocation: Holy Matrimony; Priesthood; and Religious Life [914-933] COMMUNION OF SAINTS [946-962] MARY AS MODEL OF CHURCH [148-149, 963-975, 2673-2682]

TASK 6 – MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICEstudents acquire and demonstrate skills to recognize their gifts from God and their vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed in the world.

BAPTISMAL CALL AND DISCIPLESHIP (the mandate to "go forth") [816, 849]
 CALL TO STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE: Catholic Social Teaching about the common good [1905-1948, 2419-2422]
 CALL TO ECUMENISM, INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION [848-849, 927-933, 905, 2044, 2472]

	Guidelines for Reading Standards:
PARISH ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION STANDARDS 2014	[Bracket numbers reference <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> (CCC)
	article numbers]
	Statements written in blue refer to Scripture; abbreviations from <i>Catholic</i>
	Study Bible NAB Revised Edition
<u>GRADES: PRE-K; K; 1</u>	* Refers to version of Psalm from the <i>Liturgy of the Hours</i>

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 – KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH: Students will explore, profess and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten Creation, Child of God	Kindergarten Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	First Grade Creation, Jesus, and the Church
REVELATION [1-4, 26-197, 290-315, 325-354]:	State that <u>God</u> created the world and each of us because He loves us (<u>creation</u>). Recognize that we each have a <u>Guardian</u> <u>Angel</u> , who watches over us and whom we can pray to.	Recognize that God <u>created</u> everything because of His love for us and we read about this in the <u>Bible</u> . Tell in own words the story of <u>creation</u> . Listen to Scripture stories about <u>angels</u> and know that angels were created by God to be His messengers. Know that God has given each of us a <u>Guardian Angel</u> , who protects us and we can pray to for help.	 Know that <u>creation</u> is a sign of God's love for us. Retell creation stories from the Bible showing God as the <u>Creator</u> of all things (including us, who are made in His image and likeness) and how He trusts us to use and take care of these gifts. Identify signs of death and new life in creation and associate them with Jesus' death and <u>Resurrection</u>. Recall the role of angels as God's messengers and that we each have a <u>Guardian Angel</u> who watches over and protects us.
Sacred Scripture [101-141]	Identify the <u>Bible</u> as the <u>holy</u> book, which contains the stories of God's creation and of <u>Jesus</u> ' life. Listen to <i>Grade Level Scripture Passages</i> from both the <u>Old</u> and the <u>New Testament</u> that include stories of creation, Noah, Abraham, Moses, King David, the birth, life, and ministry of Jesus.	 Recognize the <u>Bible</u> is a <u>holy</u> (sacred) book and the story of God's saving love for us. Recognize the Bible has two parts: <u>Old Testament</u> (prepares us for Jesus) and the <u>New Testament</u> (about Jesus and the Church). Listen to <i>Grade Level Scripture Passages</i> from both the Old and the New Testament that include stories of creation, the Fall narrative, Noah, Abraham, Moses, King David, the birth, life, and ministry of Jesus. 	 Describe the <u>Bible</u> as the <u>holy</u> (<u>sacred</u>) book that shows us (<u>reveals</u>) God's love for us. Identify the two main parts of the Bible: <u>Old Testament</u> (prepares us for Jesus) and the <u>New Testament</u> (about Jesus and the Church.) Name and locate the four <u>Gospels</u> in the <u>New Testament</u> that tell the stories of Jesus. Listen to <i>Grade Level Scripture Passages</i> from both the Old and the New Testament that include stories of: creation; the Fall narrative; <u>covenant</u> relationships with Noah, Abraham, and Moses; King David, and the Prophets; and the Birth, Life, Ministry, Passion, Death and <u>Resurrection</u> and <u>Ascension</u> of Jesus.

Salvation History [50-73]	Listen to Bible stories that describe God's love for us. State that Jesus came to live on earth because He wanted to share God's love with us.	Recall Bible stories describing God's love for us. Know that Jesus came to live on earth because He wanted to share God's love with us.	Recognize Bible stories where God saves and takes care of His <u>Chosen People</u> . Recognize that <u>God the Father</u> , sent <u>Jesus, the Son</u> because of His love for us.
Christology [74-100]	 Recognize the <u>Holy Family</u> as Jesus' family on earth with <u>Mary</u> and <u>Joseph</u>. Listen to the stories of Jesus who lived on earth, died on the Cross for us, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven. Listen to the story of Jesus as the Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14-15) and discuss how much Jesus loves each of us. 	 State that Jesus is both the Son of God and the Son of Mary (fully God and fully human). Know that Jesus' family on earth is called the <u>Holy</u> <u>Family.</u> Recall stories of Jesus who was a teacher and a healer, performed miracles, died on the Cross for us, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven. Listen to the story of Jesus as the Good Shepherd (John 10:11,14-15) and discuss how Jesus loves us and will always take care of us. 	 Describe Jesus as the Son of God (fully God) and the Son of Mary (fully human). Know that <u>Christmas</u> is when Jesus was born to Mary in <u>Bethlehem</u>. Name Mary, Joseph, and Jesus as the <u>Holy Family</u>. Tell about Jesus' life on earth as a boy, growing in wisdom, His call to <u>ministry</u>, death and <u>Resurrection</u>. Recognize that the <u>Gospels</u> are stories about the life and <u>ministry</u> of Jesus and recognize the names of locations, such as Nazareth, Galilee, and Jerusalem. Listen to the story about the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-18) and reflect/discuss on how Jesus came to earth because He always wants to be close to us.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
TRINITY:	Make the Sign of the Cross with guidance from	Associate the three divine Persons of the Trinity with the	State that the Trinity is God the Father, God the Son and
God the Creator;	teacher.	Sign of the Cross	the Holy Spirit.
Jesus the Redeemer;			
and Holy Spirit as	Demonstrate reverence for the names of the	Recognize God the Father is the First Person of the	Identify God the Father as the First Person of the Trinity in
Sanctifier [249-324]	three Divine Persons : God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ); and God the Holy Spirit.	<u>Trinity</u> .	the <u>Sign of the Cross</u> .
		Recognize that God the Father , created the world, human beings, and made everything good.	Identify <u>Jesus</u> , God the Son, as the Second Person of the <u>Trinity</u> .
		Recognize that God the Son, <u>Jesus Christ</u> , is the Second Person of the Trinity.	Identify that God the <u>Holy Spirit</u> is the Third Person of the <u>Trinity.</u>
		Recognize that Jesus lived on earth and came to save us.	Identify the <u>Holy Spirit</u> as the helper and guide, who lives within us, and helps us to follow Jesus.
		Recognize that God the <u>Holy Spirit</u> is the Third Person of the Trinity.	Begin to associate that the three Persons of the <u>Trinity</u> act together, by recognizing that <u>God the Father</u> , sent His Son, <u>Jesus</u> as our Savior and that Jesus was filled with the <u>Holy</u>
		Recognize that the Holy Spirit lives within us and gives us the gift of grace .	<u>Spirit</u> .

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THE CREED: A Statement of Our Belief [185-1065]	Recognize that our <u>Church</u> teaches us about God.	Associate the term <u>Creed</u> with what our Church teaches us about God and what we believe.	Listen to the Profession of the <u>Creed</u> and recognize that it helps us to know what we believe as members of the Church. Identify key phrases in the <u>Creed</u> : <i>the Father Almighty</i> , <i>Jesus, His only Son</i> ; and <i>in the Holy Spirit</i> .
			Recognize that the <u>Church</u> believes in one God.

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 – LITURGICAL EDUCATION: Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communion with Him through active, full, and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
EUCHARIST: Who, How, When, and Where the Mass is Celebrated [1135-1167, 1322-1419]	Experience <u>Mass</u> as a celebration of God's love for us. Recognize the <u>priest</u> as the person who leads the prayers at <u>Mass</u> .	Experience <u>Mass</u> as where we <u>worship</u> and thank God. Identify the Parish <u>priest</u> (<u>Pastor</u>) by name and recognize that he was chosen by God to prayerfully lead us as a faith community.	Experience <u>Mass</u> as where we come together in community worship and thank God in Church. Identify Sunday as the Lord's Day when we go to Mass to <u>worship</u> God and thank Him for all his gifts.
	Recite Mass responses: <i>Amen</i> ; <i>And with your spirit</i> ; <i>Alleluia</i> ; and <i>Sign of Peace</i> . (See Task 4: Teaching to Pray.)	Listen to and recognize we hear stories about Jesus at Mass (Gospels) .	Describe the priest as the person who leads the Mass celebration (<u>liturgy</u>).
	Practice liturgical gestures, such as genuflecting to the <u>tabernacle</u> , bowing to the <u>altar</u> , kneeling, and crossing their arms to be blessed at the time	Name Sunday as the <u>Lord's Day</u> . Recite Mass responses: <i>Sign of the Cross; Amen; And</i> with your spirit; Alleluia; and Sign of Peace. (See Task 4:	Demonstrate reverential gestures during Mass and for the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist , e.g., bowing, kneeling and genuflecting.
	of Holy Communion.	Teaching to Pray.)	Participate in the <u>liturgy</u> by recalling key responses in the Mass and singing liturgical <u>hymns.</u>
	Associate the <u>ambo</u> , <u>altar</u> , <u>chalice</u> , <u>paten</u> , <u>tabernacle</u> , <u>ciborium</u> , priest's <u>vestments</u> , <u>crucifix</u> , <u>presider's chair</u> and <u>sanctuary lamp</u> with Mass through pictures or visits to the	Demonstrate how to bow, genuflect, kneel, and cross their arms to receive a blessing during <u>Holy</u> <u>Communion</u> .	Recognize we pray the <u>Our Father</u> at Mass as the entire Church community.
	Church.	Recognize the <u>ambo</u> , <u>altar</u> , <u>chalice</u> , <u>paten</u> , <u>tabernacle</u> , <u>ciborium</u> , priest's <u>vestments</u> , <u>crucifix</u> , <u>presider's chair</u> and <u>sanctuary lamp</u> in pictures and/or visits to the	Begin to associate the terms <u>sacrificial meal</u> and <u>Lamb of</u> <u>God</u> with <u>Mass</u> and stories of Jesus' passion.
		Church.	Identify the <u>consecration</u> as the moment in the Mass when the priest recites Christ's words from the <u>Last Supper</u> and the Holy Spirit turns the bread and wine into the <u>Body and</u> <u>Blood of Christ</u> .
			Know when and how to bow, genuflect, and kneel during Mass and to cross their arms to receive a blessing during <u>Holy Communion</u> .
			Identify the <u>ambo</u> , <u>altar</u> , <u>chalice</u> , <u>paten</u> , <u>tabernacle</u> , <u>ciborium</u> , priest's <u>vestments</u> , <u>crucifix</u> , <u>presider's chair</u> and <u>sanctuary lamp</u> in pictures and/or visits to the Church.

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS [1210-1666]:	Associate the term <u>sacrament</u> with important Church celebrations, such as Mass, Marriages and Baptisms.	Identify <u>sacraments</u> as gifts of grace that share God's love for us and bring us closer to Jesus. Demonstrate awareness that there are seven <u>sacraments</u> and each of them is celebrated in a	Recognize that <u>Sacraments</u> are seven ways we encounter God's love and grace. Recognize that Christ instituted the Sacraments as outward signs of <u>grace</u> and gave them to the Church.
Sacraments of Initiation [966-977, 1212-1419]	Describe the <u>Baptism</u> of an infant in their own words.	special way. Encounter <u>Baptism</u> 's symbols of water, holy oil, lit candle and the white garment as the sacramental way people celebrate becoming members of the Church and <u>Christians</u> . Identify the <u>Baptismal Font</u> and <u>Easter</u> (<u>Paschal</u>) <u>Candle</u> in the Parish Church. Hear and recognize the words said at Baptism: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."	Identify the three Sacraments of <u>Christian Initiation</u> : <u>Baptism; Eucharist</u> ; and <u>Confirmation</u> . Identify the <u>Baptismal font</u> and <u>Easter (Paschal)</u> <u>candle</u> in their Church and associate it with the Sacrament of Baptism. Recognize that we receive the <u>Holy Spirit</u> at <u>Baptism</u> and become followers of Jesus Christ (<u>disciples</u>). Describe the <u>Sacrament of Eucharist</u> as a sign of
Sacraments of Healing [979-987,1420-1484]	Begin to understand that our Church has special celebrations (<u>sacraments</u>) to let us know that God always loves and forgives us.	Share stories about their own baptism. Recognize that our Church has special sacraments to let us know that God always loves and forgives us. Recognize our Church has special sacraments to	Jesus sharing Himself with us in a special meal called the <u>Mass</u> . Identify the two <u>Sacraments of Healing</u> : <u>Reconciliation (Penance)</u> and <u>Anointing of the Sick</u> . Identify Reconciliation as a sacrament where the priest
Sacraments at the Service of Communion [1533-1666]	Associate the term <u>sacrament</u> with <u>Holy</u> <u>Matrimony/Marriage</u> .	help us when we are hurting. Recognize that our Church has special sacraments we celebrate when a man and woman marry (<u>Holy</u> <u>Matrimony/Marriage</u>) and when a man becomes a priest (<u>Holy Orders</u>).	helps us experience God's saving love for us (<u>mercy</u>). Identify the two <u>Sacraments at the Service of</u> <u>Communion:</u> <u>Holy Matrimony/Marriage</u> and <u>Holy</u> <u>Orders</u> . Distinguish between the sacraments of married couples and Parish priests, and how each is called to share

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LITURGICAL RESOURCES:			
Liturgical Calendar [1163-1173]	Match liturgical seasons of <u>Advent</u> , <u>Christmas</u> , <u>Ordinary Time</u> , <u>Lent</u> and <u>Easter</u> with their liturgical colors.	 Participate in and associate Jesus' life with the following liturgical seasons: <u>Advent</u>; <u>Christmas</u>; <u>Ordinary Time</u>; <u>Lent</u>; <u>Holy Week</u>; and <u>Easter</u> Recognize the liturgical colors associated with each of these seasons in their classrooms and in the Church. Recognize the Church has special days honoring Mary and the <u>Saints.</u> 	Identify <u>Advent</u> as preparing for the birth of Jesus and <u>Christmas</u> as the celebration of His birth. Identify <u>Holy Week</u> and <u>Easter</u> as the holiest times of the year as they celebrate the Passion, Death, and <u>Resurrection</u> of Jesus. Recognize the names of other important days in the <u>Easter Season</u> : <u>Ascension</u> and <u>Pentecost.</u> Identify colors for the seasons of the <u>Liturgical</u> <u>Calendar.</u> Know that the Church has special days honoring Mary
Liturgical Symbols and Sacramentals [1179-1199, 1667-1679]	Recognize items that are <u>holy</u> and handle them with reverence.	Demonstrate reverence when encountering <u>sacramentals</u> in the church or classroom, such as, holy water, crucifix, holy oil, tabernacle, sanctuary light, Paschal Candle, statues of <u>Saints</u> , images of Mary, Stations of the Cross and holy water fonts.	and the <u>Saints</u> (<u>Feast Days</u> and <u>Memorials</u>). Recognize and reverentially engage with <u>sacramentals</u> : in the classroom, at Church and at home, such as holy water, crucifix, candles, blessed medals, and rosary, cross, tabernacle, sanctuary light, Paschal Candle, baptismal font, statues of <u>Saints</u> , images of Mary, holy water fonts, Stations of the Cross.
Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours [1174-1175]	Prayerfully listen to Psalm 117* and respond " <i>Halleluiah</i> ."	Prayerfully listen to Psalm 150* and respond " <i>Praise God!</i> "	Prayerfully listen to and/or <u>antiphonally</u> recite Psalm 100*.
Liturgical Rites: Weddings [1621-1637]; Funerals [988- 1029, 1680-1690]; and Blessings [1671-1673]	Bow their heads when blessed by the Pastor, their parents and teachers.	Recognize holy water is used for Church <u>rites</u> and <u>blessings</u> . Experience the use of holy water when being blessed by the Pastor, parents and teachers.	Experience blessings as special times asking for God's grace , power, and care, and know we can ask for God's blessings for each other.

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 – MORAL FORMATION: Students develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, as modeled in a personal life of virtue, and demonstrated in service of the Gospel's demands for society.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten Creation, Child of God	Kindergarten Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	First Grade Creation, Jesus, and the Church
THE HUMAN PERSON: [26-48, 1691-1876]:	State that God made us to know and to love Him.	Recognize that God made us to know, love, and serve Him and others.	Know that God created us to know, love, and serve Him and others.
Made in the Image of God: – Foundation of Human Dignity [355-368, 1004, 1700-1876]	Recognize the need to <u>respect</u> and be kind to others, because we are all God's children.	Recognize that God loves us so much that we are made in His image and likeness. Associate being made in the image and likeness of God with the need to <u>respect</u> others.	Recognize that God loves us so much that human beings are made in God's image with body and <u>soul</u> . Recognize that because God makes everyone in His image and likeness, people are to be respected and appreciated for their gifts of culture, ancestry, and language. Begin to associate being made in the image and likeness of God with the concept of <u>human dignity.</u>
Made for Happiness with God, Beatitudes [1218-1229, 1716-1717]	Associate happiness with <u>holiness</u> —loving and being close to God and other people.	Recognize that God created us to be happy with Him forever. Identify how serving/taking care of others helps us feel happy, <u>holy</u> , and close to God.	Know that God created us to be happy with Him forever. Begin to understand that following wise rules and obeying our parents and teachers helps us stay happy, healthy, and holy. Describe how serving/taking care of others helps us feel happy, <u>holy</u> , and close to God.
Human Freedom and Conscience Formation [1030-1037, 1730-1802]	Recognize right (good) from wrong (sin ful) actions. Name times when they can ask God to help them obey their parents and to treat others with kindness.	Describe right (good) and wrong (<u>sin</u> ful) behaviors and recognize that behaviors have consequences. Discuss behaviors that can hurt others and why we need to say we are sorry. Recognize that God gave us guides (Jesus, Mary, parents, teachers, Guardian Angel) to help us know how to live good lives.	Recognize that we make choices (free will) to love God and others. Know that God and our parents help us to know what is right and wrong. Distinguish between right and wrong thoughts and actions; give examples of how our actions have <u>consequences</u> .

Covenant and Ten Commandments [2052-2557]	Associate the <u>Ten Commandments</u> as rules like those they have at home and at school.	Listen to the <u>Ten Commandments</u> passage from <u>Exodus</u> and discuss how they help us learn how to stay close to God.	Explain the importance for us to be sorry for our wrongful thoughts and actions.
		Recognize that rules, like the Ten Commandments, are important. Discuss the Fourth Commandment and why obeying our parents helps us stay healthy, holy and happy.	Describe the Bible story of the Ten Commandments, and reflect on both what it means to follow and trust God, and the importance of these rules in our lives.
Virtues: Cardinal and Theological [1803-1845, 2656-2662]	Associate the term <u>virtue</u> as a gift from God to do good things.	Recognize the term <u>virtue</u> as a gift from God to do good things.	Recall the word virtue as a gift from God to do good things and to form good habits.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
-	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
THE HUMAN COMMUNITY [1877-1948, 2204-2213]:	Demonstrate awareness of the needs and feelings of others.	Demonstrate respect with parents, Pastor, teacher and other students.	Demonstrate respect with parents, Pastor, teacher and other students.
		Recognize that God made us to live in communities with others. Recognize that our family is a special community	Know that God created humans to live in communities with others and describe some of our communities (families, school, Parish, sports, etc.).
		where we learn about God and how to serve one another (<u>domestic Church</u>).	Discuss ways we help each other to do good things when we work together in our families, our classroom and in our Parish.
Personal and Social Sin [1846-1876]	Begin to associate the word <u>sin</u> with when we hurt others and don't listen to God.	Listen to the Fall Narrative and identify how Adam and Eve did not listen to God, which was their sin .	Read or listen to the Fall Narrative and describe how Adam and Eve sinned.
			Recognize the difference between <u>sin</u> as a choice and making a mistake.
			Recognize that sin is turning away from God and asking for forgiveness (repentance) is turning back to Him.
			Describe how we can express sorrow for certain actions and how it feels when we are forgiven.

Catholic Social T Consistent Ethic		Identify ways we can help God take care of creation.	Explain ways we can help to take care of the gift of God's creation (stewardship).	Appreciate creation as a gift from God, and recognize our responsibility to care for this gift (stewardship).
Love of neighbor	r; and			Demonstrate care of personal belongings, classroom,
Corporal and Spi	iritual	Share classroom materials and treat resources	Respect resources and property in their home, at the	school buildings, and Parish grounds.
Works of Mercy		respectfully.	Parish and in their classroom.	
[2419-2449]				Begin to understand how each of us is called by God to
				be aware of the needs of others, such as the poor.

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 – LEARNING TO PRAY: Students experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
THE UNIVERSAL CALL	Recognize that prayer is when we talk with and	Describe prayer , as talking and listening to God to	Develop the practice of prayer—talking, listening, and
TO PRAYER,	listen to God.	become closer with Him.	forming a relationship with God.
IMPORTANCE OF			
PRAYER	Listen to and participate in prayers and	Demonstrate awareness that praying helps us to follow	Explain how prayer helps us know God and to know how to
[2558-2758]	recognize that prayer is important.	Jesus.	choose to love and serve Him.
	Recite Sign of the Cross and Prayer to One's	Recite Sign of the Cross, Prayer to One's Guardian	Recite with others the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail
	Guardian Angel with others.	Angel, and Grace Before Meals with others.	Mary and Glory Be and Grace Before Meals.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten Creation, Child of God	Kindergarten Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	First Grade Creation, Jesus, and the Church
FORMS OF PRAYER:			Participate in different forms of prayer: blessing; adoration; petition; intercession; thanksgiving; and praise.
(Blessing; Adoration; Petition; Intercession; Thanksgiving; and Praise) [2623-2649]	Know that prayer is when we can thank God and ask Him to help us.	Practice giving thanks and asking God for help through prayer.	Practice asking God, Mary, angels, and the <u>Saints</u> to help others and ourselves during times of need (<u>intercession</u>).

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten Creation, Child of God	Kindergarten Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	First Grade Creation, Jesus, and the Church
EXPRESSIONS OF PRAYER, PROCESS	Recognize that we pray at home, in our classroom and in Church.	Know that we can pray everywhere. Identify <u>Church</u> as a special place to pray—with a community and privately.	Exhibit understanding that we can be quietly aware of God at all times. Demonstrate ways to show <u>reverence</u> when we pray at home, in our classroom, and in Church.
Personal and Shared; Vocal; Singing; and Meditation [2700-2724]	Experience prayer with music and in short periods of silence.	Experience different ways to pray including silence, with music, memorized prayers and group recitation.	Experience a variety of expressions of Christian prayer, e.g., liturgy, short meditation on Scripture (Lectio Divina), group recitation, reflection, singing, and vocal.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
OUR FATHER: SUMMARY OF THE GOSPEL [2746-2865]	Associate the Our Father as a prayer we say at Mass and in our daily lives.	Recognize that Jesus prayed and taught his friends to pray the Our Father (Lord's Prayer).	Recite the Our Father with other students. Read in the New Testament how Jesus prayed and taught his friends to pray—the perfect prayer—the Lord's Prayer (Our Father).

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
DEVOTIONAL	Attentively participate in devotional practices,	Identify and participate in devotional practices that the	Identify the fourteen Stations of the Cross and associate
PRACTICES (e.g.,	such as praying the Rosary, with Advent	Church and families recite/pray together, such as the	how the Stations represent events from Jesus' suffering and
Rosary, Stations of the	wreaths; and before a crèche.	Rosary, Advent wreaths, crèches, mealtime blessings,	death.
Cross, Novenas,		and Stations of the Cross.	
Simbang Gabi, etc.)			Recognize some Gospel stories that we hear when we pray
[1200-1209, 1674-1679,			the Rosary and its Mysteries .
2683-2696]			

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
-	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus and God's Family	Creation, Jesus and the Church
Essential Concepts PRAYERS WE KNOW BY HEART, EXPERIENCE AND SHARE AT MASS		 Kindergarten Creation, Jesus and God's Family Prayers By Heart Sign of the Cross Prayer to One's Guardian Angel Grace before meals Grace after meals (optional) Prayers to Experience Prayers of blessing, adoration, praise, intercession, thanksgiving, petition Silent prayer Prayer with music and gestures Our Father Hail Mary Rosary Psalm 150 Shared at Mass—Mass Responses The Introductory Rite Sign of the Cross Amen And with your spirit The Liturgy of the Word Alleluia The Liturgy of the Eucharist Sign of Peace 	
			 The Liturgy of the Eucharist Preface Dialogue The Mystery of Faith Sanctus Agnus Dei/Lamb of God
			The Concluding Rite Thanks be to God

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 – EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY LIFE: Students study and participate in the life and mission of the Church—the Body of Christ and the community of believers—as expressed in the Church's origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of **Saints**, and their family, the Domestic Church.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PLAN [748-780]	Hear stories about where Jesus was born and lived.	Experience stories and visual resources describing where Jesus was born, lived and died, e.g., Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, and Jerusalem.	Find on a map the locations where Jesus was born, lived, and shared his ministry of teaching and healing.
Church History	Listen to stories about the <u>Parish</u> and its <u>Patron</u>	Recognize that the <u>Parish</u> has a story about how it was named and when it was built.	Recognize that our <u>Parish</u> is part of the <u>Roman Catholic</u>
[758-780]	<u>Saint</u> .		<u>Church.</u>

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten Creation, Child of God	Kindergarten Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	First Grade Creation, Jesus, and the Church
MODELS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: [781-810]:	Identify Church as a place where people come together to worship, to thank God, to serve God, and to serve others.	Describe <u>Church</u> as a place where all people join together to worship, to thank God, to serve God, and to serve others.	Understand Church is both a building and the people in the building, who come together to worship, thank and serve God and others.
People of God [781-786]	Associate their <u>Parish</u> Church as the place where their community, God's family, joins in prayer together.	Recognize that the <u>Catholic Church</u> is the family of God and we are God's people. Associate God with loving all people.	Identify ourselves as <u>Catholics</u> and as God's people. Share stories of our Baptisms, when we became members of God's family—the <u>People of God</u> .
Body of Christ [787-796]	Experience Body of Christ as who we are when we pray together and help others in the name of Jesus.	Begin to understand and identify the <u>Body of Christ</u> as who we are as we pray together and serve one another.	Recognize that Jesus is present with us at Mass, and we are asked to be the Body of Christ when we pray for and serve others.
Temple of the Holy Spirit [797-801]	Recognize that God loves us so much that the <u>Holy Spirit</u> lives in each of us.	State that the <u>Holy Spirit</u> lives in each one of us and helps us make good choices.	Recognize that the <u>Holy Spirit</u> lives in each of us and also in the Church, which helps us to be close to God.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
THE MYSTERY AND MARKS OF THE CHURCH: One; Holy; Catholic; and Apostolic [811-870]	Demonstrate signs of reverence when in Church, as Church is a <u>holy</u> place.	Recognize that God makes our Church <u>holy</u> .	Begin to recognize that the term <u>catholic</u> means universal and that the Roman Catholic Church invites people everywhere to join us. Recognize that Jesus Christ <u>established</u> the Church and asked the <u>Apostles</u> to share Jesus' story and God's love.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
CHRIST'S FAITHFUL—			
HIERARCHY, LAITY,			
CONSECRATED LIFE [871-945]			
Church Order: The Hierarchy and Magisterium and	Recognize the Parish Pastor and his role as the leader of the Parish.	Identify the Pastor by name and describe his role as the leader of the Parish.	Recall the names and roles of the <u>Pastor (</u> the faith leader in our Parish) and the <u>Archbishop</u> (the faith leaders in our Archdiocese).
Infallibility [874-896]		Identify a picture of the <u>Archbishop</u> and name him as the leader of our Archdiocese.	Name and recognize the <u>Pope</u> as the visible head of the Church on earth.
The Laity: Rights and Responsibilities [897-913, 2041]	Discuss and demonstrate ways to keep Sunday as an important day to be with God and to go to Church.	Recognize that <u>Church</u> is where God's children (family) comes together each Sunday to give thanks to God at Mass and learn how to serve others.	Know that the <u>Church</u> /our <u>Parish</u> is the community where we come together to <u>worship</u> God and to learn more about Him and how to serve others.
The Domestic Church [1655-1658, 1666, 2204- 2257, 2685]	Discuss how families pray together before meals and bedtime.	Demonstrate awareness of the importance of attending <u>Mass</u> on Sundays with our families and praying before meals and bedtime.	Recognize that families are also called to pray together and are a community of faith like their Parish, (the <u>domestic</u> <u>Church</u>).
The Universal Call to Holiness [2013-2014, 2028, 2813]	Associate the word " <u>holy</u> " as being close to God.	Recognize that God wants everyone to be <u>holy</u> , because we are all God's children.	Describe how God calls all of us to be <u>holy</u> , to be close to God who is always good and loving. State that God created us to know, love and serve Him by
			knowing, loving, and serving others, and to live with Him in <u>heaven</u> forever.

Vocation: Holy Matrimony/Marriage; Priesthood; and	Recognize that both priests and parents serve God by taking care of and loving others.	Recognize that God has given us parents and priests, with unique roles to show us how to love others.	Recognize their parents as the faith leaders in their homes (domestic Church).
Religious Life [914-933]		Distinguish the Parish priest's role from the role of their parents.	Recognize that God calls each of us to follow Him in a special / unique way (vocation) .
			Identify the different <u>vocations</u> in the Church: priesthood; holy matrimony/marriage; and religious life.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
COMMUNION OF	Listen to stories of Saints as heroes of our faith	Recognize that Saints are heroes of our faith and have	Describe how the Saints are holy people and heroes of our
<u>SAINTS</u>	who are part of the family of the Church with	special days (Memorials) when the Church remembers	faith.
[946-962]	God in <u>heaven</u> .	their holy lives.	
		Know the name and story of a favorite saint, such as the patron saint of the Parish or the saint they are named after.	Celebrate days in honor of special <u>Saints</u> , e.g., Patron Saint of Parish, saint we are named after, such as St. Francis, St. Patrick, or St. Nicholas.
			Name and describe the saint they are named after or another <u>patron saint</u> .

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
MARY AS MODEL OF THE CHURCH [148-149, 963-975, 2673- 2682]	State that <u>Mary</u> is the Mother of Jesus, Mother of God and our Mother. Recognize that Mary has always been <u>holy</u> .	Know that <u>Mary</u> is the Mother of God, who was chosen by God for this unique role and we have special <u>Feast Days</u> honoring her. Identify Mary as our model of <u>holiness</u> .	Recognize some titles of <u>Mary: Mother of Jesus; Mother</u> of God; <u>Mother of the Church; Our Lady of Guadalupe;</u> <u>Blessed Virgin Mary</u> ; and <u>Mary, Our Mother.</u> Listen to scripture stories of how the Holy Spirit provided Mary with grace and guidance as the <u>Mother of God</u> . Recognize that the Church honors Mary above all other people, because she shows us how to be <u>holy</u> at all times.

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6 – MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE: Students acquire and demonstrate skills to recognize their gifts from God and their vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed in the world.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
BAPTISMAL CALL AND DISCIPLESHIP (the mandate to go forth) [816, 849]	Recognize that <u>Baptism</u> calls us to be <u>holy</u> and to share the love of Jesus with others.	Know that by <u>Baptism</u> we are called to follow Jesus. Recognize that God has a plan for everyone and provides us with unique gifts to follow the plan He has for us.	Begin to recognize that through <u>Baptism</u> we are all followers of Jesus (<u>disciples</u>) and part of Jesus' <u>mission</u> to share the " <u>Good News</u> ."

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten	Kindergarten	First Grade
	Creation, Child of God	Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	Creation, Jesus, and the Church
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE: Catholic Social Teaching about the common good [1905-1948, 2419-2422]	Name gifts that God has given to us to help others.	Recognize that our talents are gifts from God and that we are called to share them with others. Reflect and share ideas on how we can share Jesus' love with others.	Share stories about how their family members and/or classmates have used gifts from God to follow Jesus and serve others. Reflect on how we can be good <u>stewards</u> and to serve God by sharing our gifts, at every age in life.

Essential Concepts	Pre-Kindergarten Creation, Child of God	Kindergarten Creation, Jesus, and God's Family	First Grade Creation, Jesus, and the Church
CALL TO ECUMENISM, INTERFAITH DIALOGUE, AND THE	Show God's love for others through words and actions.	Recognize that God made all people, and we are called to respect others.	Understand that God loves everyone and that some people worship God in churches different than ours.
NEW EVANGELIZATION [848-849, 927-933, 905,		Recognize that all people belong to God and there are many different ways to pray to God.	Recognize that our <u>faith</u> is a gift from God that we can share with others through loving words and actions.
2044,2472]		Describe how we show God's love for others through words and actions.	

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TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 – KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH: Students explore, profess, and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.

Essential Concepts	Second Grade Sacraments, Mass	Third Grade The Catholic Church	Fourth Grade Morality, Catholic Doctrine
REVELATION [1-4, 26-197, 290-315, 325-354]:	Sacraments, Mass Describe the creation stories in their own words and recognize that God who is all good and all loving, made everything good. Understand that the Bible is a sacred book that reveals God's love for us. Describe signs of death and new life in creation and associate with Jesus' death and Resurrection. Begin to understand that God reveals Himself fully by sending us his own Divine Son, Jesus Christ. Recognize faith is a gift from God.	Ine Catnolic Church Describe how we see the beauty and goodness of God within creation. Describe how God is revealed in the Bible (Sacred Scripture). Recognize that God reveals Himself fully by sending us His own Divine Son, Jesus Christ. Begin to recognize that Tradition is how God's revelation has been passed down since the time of Christ. Identify that both Scripture and Tradition are essential for Catholics. Begin to recognize faith as a gift from God that calls us to follow His truth, which we find in the teachings of the Catholic Church.	Morality, Catholic Doctrine Describe ways we experience God in the beauty, order and goodness of creation found in Scripture and our world. Recall that God reveals Himself fully by sending us His own Divine Son, Jesus Christ. Recognize that Church Tradition (Apostolic Tradition) is how God's revelation continues to be passed down. Realize that both Scripture and Tradition are essential for Catholics. Recognize faith as a gift from God that calls us to follow His truth, which we find in the teachings of the Catholic Church. Recognize that God's revelation includes natural law, which is written on the heart of every person to help us to do good and avoid evil.
Sacred Scripture [101-141]	 Recall that the <u>Bible</u> is a <u>sacred</u> collection of books that <u>reveal</u> God's love for us. Locate the <u>Old Testament</u> and <u>New Testament</u> in the Bible and describe how they are different. Listen to, read, and retell scripture stories from recommended <i>Grade Level Scripture Passages</i> from both the Old and the New Testament. Retell the <u>Creation</u> and the <u>Fall narrative</u> in own words, describing God's love, <u>free will</u>, <u>Original Sin</u>, <u>sin</u> and <u>grace</u>. 	 Explain in own words why the <u>Bible</u> is important to the <u>Church</u>. State that the <u>Holy Spirit</u> inspired people to write the Bible (<u>inspiration</u>). Read and retell scripture stories from recommended <i>Grade Level Scripture Passages</i> from the Old and New Testament. Identify the early Church in the <u>Acts of the Apostles</u>. Read and describe the story of <u>Pentecost</u>. 	Retell the <u>Creation</u> and the <u>Fall narrative</u> in own words, describing God's love, <u>free will</u> , <u>Original Sin</u> , <u>sin</u> and <u>grace</u> . Identify the first five books of the Old Testament as the <u>Pentateuch</u> , the Jewish <u>Torah</u> . Recognize that the <u>Psalms</u> were prayed by Jesus and are prayers shared by Jews and Christians today. Pray <u>Psalm</u> 51 and discuss God's mercy and forgiveness of sin.

	Read and describe <u>Gospel</u> passages about Jesus' ministry on earth, including how he prayed, taught, healed, performed miracles, suffered and died and rose from the dead. Know miracles of Jesus that teach us about <u>Eucharist</u> .	Associate <u>Pentecost</u> with the presence of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.	Know the names of the four <u>Evangelists</u> who wrote the <u>Gospels</u> . Locate and read Bible stories from recommended <i>Grade</i> <i>Level Scripture Passages</i> that describe God's mercy, Jesus forgiving others and guidelines for living a moral life.
Salvation History [50-73]	Recognize the concept of <u>Covenant</u> <u>Relationship</u> and associate it with God's <u>fidelity</u> and love in the Bible. Demonstrate awareness that the Bible shows us that God loves us always, even when we sin. Recognize that Jesus shows us how much God loves us.	Retell <u>Covenant</u> stories found in the Old Testament. Identify <u>sacred</u> stories from the Old Testament where God protects and <u>redeems</u> his people. Recognize that God the Father sent God the Son, Jesus Christ, as our <u>Redeemer.</u> Recognize that the <u>Holy Spirit</u> continues to guide the <u>Roman Catholic Church</u> .	Describe God's <u>covenants</u> across <u>salvation history</u> and how God has always been faithful, e.g., Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. Read and describe <u>sacred</u> stories from the Bible where God <u>redeems</u> his people. Recognize <u>redemption</u> as Jesus freeing us from sin and offering us eternal life with God through his life, death and Resurrection (<u>Paschal Mystery</u>).
Christology [74-100]	Identify <u>Incarnation</u> as Jesus is both the Son of God and Son of Mary; Jesus is truly God and truly human. Recognize that <u>Jesus</u> is God's Son and the promised <u>Savior</u> . Listen to the story of Jesus as the" Bread of Life" (John 6:35) and discuss/reflect on how Jesus comes to nourish us both now and forever.	Retell stories about Jesus birth, life, death, <u>Resurrection</u> and <u>Ascension</u> . Know that <u>Incarnation</u> refers to God entering our world with a human nature as Jesus Christ. Understand that the <u>Paschal Mystery</u> relates to Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. Know that Jesus is our <u>Savior</u> . Read or listen to the story of Jesus walking on water (Matthew 14: 22-33) and reflect on how Jesus wants us to trust him and to find peace when we are feeling scared.	Discuss how the <u>Incarnation</u> is described in John 1:14. Read John 3:16-18 and describe <u>salvation</u> as God the Father sent God the Son, Jesus Christ as our <u>Redeemer.</u> Read the story of Zaccheus (Luke 19:1-10) and reflect on how Jesus calls us to be close to him, even when we may not feel worthy to be His friend.

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
Essential Concepts TRINITY: GOD THE CREATOR, JESUS THE REDEEMER, AND HOLY SPIRIT AS SANCTIFIER [249-324]		The Catholic Church Identify the Trinity as a Mystery. Name the three Persons of the Trinity and identify God the Father as the Creator, Jesus as the Son and Savior (Redeemer), and the Holy Spirit as sharing the love and grace of God. Identify some characteristics of God, such as almighty, all knowing, all merciful, all just, all present. Recognize that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church on heaven and earth. Identify the Holy Spirit as the Paraclete (advocate or counselor) promised by Jesus. Know the Holy Spirit rested upon and filled Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost. Recognize images of the Holy Spirit in Scripture	
		as fire, dove, and wind.	

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
THE CREED: A STATEMENT	Define the term, Creed, as a statement	Profess the Nicene Creed.	Profess the Nicene and Apostles Creed and recognize
OF OUR BELIEF	(profession) of our Church beliefs.		them as statements of beliefs about our Catholic
[185-1065]		Locate the Four Marks of the Church in the	Christian faith.
	Know the Nicene Creed is the one we usually	Nicene Creed.	
	profess at Sunday Mass and the Apostles Creed		Locate belief statements about the <u>Trinity</u> : Father, Son
	is recited with the Rosary.	Recognize God's promise of eternal life in the	and Holy Spirit within the Apostles and Nicene Creeds.
		<u>Creed</u> .	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 – LITURGICAL EDUCATION: Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communion with Him through active, full, and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church.

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
EUCHARIST:	Associate the term liturgy with Mass and the	Recognize that Mass, the Eucharistic liturgy is	Recognize the relationship between the Eucharistic liturgy
Who, How, When, and Where	public (community) worship of the Church.	the public (community) worship of the Church.	as the Church's central and primary worship of God and our
the Mass is Celebrated			responsibility to actively participate in the Mass.
[1135-1167, 1322-1419]	Know that Sunday is the Lord's Day, when we	Understand that Sunday is the Lord's Day, the	
	participate in Mass to worship, praise, thank	" <u>Sabbath</u> ," and we participate in Mass to worship,	Identify Sunday as the Lord's Day, the <u>Sabbath</u> , when we
	God, and rest.	praise and thank God.	participate in Mass to worship, praise, and thank God.
	Sing/recite Mass responses with other	Actively and reverentially participate in the Mass.	Recognize that the Liturgy of the Word is when we hear
	students.		Scriptures proclaimed from the Lectionary and the
		Demonstrate familiarity with the liturgical items	Evangeliary and then reflected on in the homily by the
	Reverentially demonstrate appropriate	used during the Mass.	<u>priest or deacon</u> .
	liturgical gestures when participating in		
	liturgy.	Sequence the composition of the Liturgy:	Recognize when the prayers of <i>intercession</i> are recited
	Descention that ministers of the older (mission	Introductory Rite; Liturgy of the Word; Liturgy	during the Liturgy of the Word.
	Recognize that ministers of the altar (priests, deacons, altar servers) wear vestments .	of the Eucharist; and Concluding Rite.	Recognize when the <u>Eucharistic Prayers</u> are prayed by
	deacons, and servers) wear <u>vestments</u> .	State that during the Introductory Rite of the Mass	the priest at Mass.
	Identify and name liturgical items used during	we ask for and receive forgiveness for our venial	the phest at Mass.
	the Mass including: Lectionary; Book of	sins (Penitential Act).	Understand the term and concept of transubstantiation
	Gospels (Evangeliary); Roman Missal;	<u></u> /.	and associate it with the Real Presence of Christ in the
	chalice; paten; hosts; ambo; altar; and	Recognize the Liturgy of the Word includes	Eucharist.
	Presider's chair.	readings from both the Old Testament and the New	
		Testament (Lectionary)	Describe the roles of the priest, deacon, lector,
	Identify the two major parts of the Liturgy:		extraordinary ministers of holy communion and
	Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the	Identify the importance of the Gospel readings	acolytes in the Mass.
	Eucharist.	during the Liturgy of the Word (Evangeliary).	
			Know the names and uses of the liturgical items used
	Recognize that at the beginning of Mass, we	Recognize the homily is based on the scriptures	during the Mass.
	tell God we are sorry for our sins and receive	read in the <u>Liturgy of the Word</u> .	Discuss how reactiving Eucharist strengthere us to follow
	God's forgiveness for <u>venial sins</u> (<u>Penitential</u> Act).	Recognize the Holy Spirit is called upon during the	Discuss how receiving <u>Eucharist</u> strengthens us to follow Jesus and to take his Good News into the world.
		Eucharistic Prayer to transform the bread and	00000 and to take his 0000 11600 into the world.
	Recognize that the Mass is the celebration of	wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and	
	the Paschal Mystery , the life, death, and	to nourish holiness in the people.	
	Resurrection of Jesus Christ.		

Recognize that the stories of Jesus in the	Recognize that Christ is present in the Mass with	
Gospels are proclaimed during Mass.	the worshipping assembly, the priest, the Word of	
Recognize the homily as when the priest or	God, and most especially in the Eucharist .	
deacon helps us understand the scripture		
stories we hear during Mass.	Identify the term transubstantiation and associate	
stones we near during mass.	it with the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.	
Recognize that in the Mass we give thanks for		
	State that in the Concluding Dite we are blocked	
all of God's gifts, especially for the gift of His	State that in the <u>Concluding Rite</u> we are blessed and sent forth to serve others in the world.	
Son, Jesus Christ.	and sent forth to serve others in the world.	
Decompize that at the prover over the sifts of	Describe the roles of the prince descen lester	
Recognize that at the prayer over the gifts of	Describe the roles of the priest , deacon , lector ,	
bread and wine we present these gifts to God	extraordinary ministers of holy communion and	
and ask Him to consecrate them.	acolytes in the Mass.	
Evaluin that the privat precides at the	Decognize the obligation to attend Mass on	
Explain that the priest presides at the	Recognize the obligation to attend Mass on	
Eucharistic liturgy and he <u>consecrates</u> the	Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.	
bread and wine that become the Body and		
Blood of Jesus.		
Distinguish the difference between bread and		
Distinguish the difference between bread and		
wine and the Body and Blood of Christ.		
Recognize the connection between the Left		
Recognize the connection between the Last		
Supper and the celebration of Mass.		
Exhibit roverence for Hely Communica		
Exhibit reverence for <u>Holy Communion</u> as		
the <u>Real Presence</u> of Jesus Christ present		
under the appearance of bread and wine.		
Personanize that the privat and the Mass by		
Recognize that the priest ends the Mass by		
sending us forth to love and serve others.		

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-	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS [1210-1666]:	Describe the meaning of a <u>sacrament</u> as effective signs of God's grace.	Define <u>sacrament</u> as an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.	Describe how the <u>sacraments</u> are outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace.
	Define grace as a gift from God that helps each of us grow in holiness.	Understand grace as the free and undeserved gift God gives us to respond to our vocation.	Discuss how frequent participation in the <u>sacraments</u> blesses us with God's grace and helps us lead <u>moral</u> lives.
	Name the seven sacraments.		
Sacraments of Initiation [966-977, 1212-1419]	List the three <u>Sacraments of Initiation</u> . Explain that <u>Baptism</u> is the first sacrament and it is followed by the other sacraments.	Describe the Sacraments of <u>Baptism</u> , <u>Confirmation</u> , and <u>Eucharist</u> as <u>Sacraments of</u> <u>Initiation</u> , and identify them as the foundation of our full participation in the life of the Church.	List and describe each of the <u>Sacraments of Initiation</u> : <u>Baptism</u> ; <u>Confirmation</u> ; and <u>Eucharist</u> , and recall how they are the foundation of our participation in the full life of the Church.
	Identify Baptism with forgiveness of <u>Original</u> <u>Sin</u> and the gift of new life in the Holy Spirit as the children of God.	Identify the <u>effects</u> (the change that is the result of receiving the Sacraments) of <u>Baptism</u> as forgiveness of all sin (original sin with infants and young children and also actual sin with older	Recall how <u>Baptism</u> forgives all sins and begins our journey of life in Christ. Recognize that participation in the Mass through the
		persons) and a new birth in the Holy Spirit.	Penitential Act and in reception of the Holy Eucharist is a means for the forgiveness of venial sins.
		Identify <u>Confirmation</u> as the sacrament that seals the grace we received at Baptism and unites us more closely with God.	Recall the definition of <u>Confirmation</u> and recognize that one receives <u>Gifts of the Holy Spirit</u> in the <u>Sacrament of</u> Confirmation.
		Associate the Sacrament of Eucharist as the sacrament of Christ's abiding presence in the Church.	
		Identify the <u>Blessed Sacrament</u> as Christ's living presence under the form of bread reserved in the <u>tabernacle</u> for distribution to the homebound or for adoration (related terms, <u>pyx</u> , <u>ciborium</u> , and <u>viaticum</u>).	
Sacraments of Healing [979-987, 1420-1484]	Associate the <u>Sacraments of Healing</u> : <u>Penance/Reconciliation</u> and <u>Anointing of the</u> <u>Sick</u> as sacraments in which they encounter	Name and describe the two <u>Sacraments of</u> <u>Healing</u> .	Locate and cite Gospel passages where Jesus healed and forgave people and connect these passages to the Sacraments of Healing: Anointing of the Sick and
	Jesus, the Healer.	Discuss the importance of God's healing and forgiveness in the <u>Sacraments of Healing</u> :	Reconciliation.
	Identify and explain in own words the essential elements in the Rite of receiving the Sacrament	Reconciliation (Penance), and Anointing of the Sick.	Describe how the two <u>Sacraments of Healing</u> help us draw closer to Christ.

	of Penance/Reconciliation, including <u>examination of conscience, confession of</u> <u>sin, assignment of penance, prayer of</u> <u>contrition, absolution, and performance of</u> <u>penance</u> . Be able to examine one's conscience. Explain <u>absolution</u> as God forgiving their sins in the <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation and</u> <u>Penance.</u>		Review the essential <u>components</u> of the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation. Understand that <u>contrition</u> is a gift from God and a prompting of the Holy Spirit to acknowledge sorrow for our sins with the intention of sinning no more. Recognize why performing <u>penance</u> is an important part of the <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> . Explain how frequent participation in the <u>Sacrament of</u> <u>Reconciliation/Penance</u> helps us in our journey to be close to Christ and to lead <u>holy</u> lives. Recognize why the <u>Sacrament of Penance</u> / <u>Reconciliation</u> is a <u>Sacrament of Healing</u> and also a time of celebration.
Sacraments at the Service of Communion [1533-1666]	Identify and describe the two <u>Sacraments in</u> <u>Service of Communion</u> : <u>Holy</u> <u>Matrimony/Marriage</u> and <u>Holy Orders.</u> Recognize <u>matrimony/marriage</u> is between one man and one woman, who together make a promise to be partners for life and open to the gift of children. Recognize that some men are called to serve the Church as <u>deacons</u> , <u>priests</u> , or <u>bishops</u> .	Identify the <u>Sacrament of Holy</u> <u>Matrimony/Marriage</u> , as the union of husband and wife, who model the sacrificial love of Christ by giving of themselves for the good of their family. Understand that some men are called to serve the Church and are <u>ordained</u> (<u>Holy Orders</u>) as <u>deacons</u> , <u>priests</u> , or <u>bishops</u> .	Identify and describe the two <u>Sacraments in Service of</u> <u>Communion</u> : <u>Holy Matrimony/Marriage and Holy</u> <u>Orders</u> . Describe how married couples and ordained men show us the faithful love of Christ through serving others, but do so in different ways.

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LITURGICAL RESOURCES:			
LITURGICAL RESOURCES: Liturgical Calendar [1163-1173]	Identify major <u>liturgical seasons</u> by name and color and associate them with the birth, life, ministry, Passion, Death, <u>Resurrection</u> , and <u>Ascension</u> of Jesus Christ. Recognize <u>Holy Week</u> and <u>Easter</u> as the holiest days of the year, when we remember Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection—the <u>Paschal</u> <u>Mystery.</u> Associate the terms, <u>Feast Days</u> and <u>Memorials</u> as days honoring <u>Mary</u> and the <u>Saints</u> in the <u>Liturgical Calendar</u> .	Know and understand the seasons and feasts of the <u>Liturgical Year</u> , their significance, and their liturgical color. Know that <u>Advent</u> is the beginning of the Liturgical Year. Describe <u>Holy Week</u> and <u>Easter</u> as the holiest days of the year, because it is when we remember Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection—the <u>Paschal Mystery.</u> Know that <u>Pentecost</u> is the birthday of the Church. Recognize the <u>Holy Days of Obligation</u> in the United States. Locate some <u>Feast Days</u> and <u>Memorials</u> honoring <u>Mary</u> and the <u>Saints</u> in the <u>Liturgical Calendar</u> .	Recall the seasons of the <u>Liturgical Year</u> , their significance, and their liturgical color. Associate the different seasons of the <u>Liturgical</u> <u>Calendar</u> with the life, ministry, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. Describe <u>Holy Days of Obligation</u> . Identify and differentiate among <u>Holy Days of</u> <u>Obligation, Solemnities</u> , <u>Feast Days</u> , and <u>Memorials</u> in the Liturgical calendar (resource: <u>ordo)</u> .
Liturgical Symbols and Sacramentals [1179-1199, 1667-1679]	Identify <u>sacramentals</u> as holy actions and objects and describe some of them, such as, laying on of hands, genuflecting, sign of the cross, blessed ashes, blessed medals, and blessed candles. Distinguish <u>sacramentals</u> from <u>sacraments</u> .	Describe <u>sacramentals</u> as holy objects and actions and recognize sacramentals can help us become closer to God. View and explain the purpose of different furnishings and art forms found in the Parish Church, e.g., statues, <u>Baptismal font</u> , <u>Paschal</u> <u>Candle</u> , <u>Tabernacle</u> , <u>ambo</u> , <u>altar</u> , <u>Presider's</u> <u>chair</u> , <u>icons</u> , and <u>sanctuary lamps</u> .	Identify <u>sacramentals</u> in the Parish, classroom, and in their homes. Describe how these holy objects and actions can assist us in our prayer lives and our desire to be close to Jesus Christ.
Divine Office / Liturgy of the Hours [1174-1178]	Make the <u>Sign of the Cross</u> when responding to the <u>invitatory</u> , "Lord open my lips" with "And my mouth will proclaim your praise.	Recognize the Liturgy of the Hours is the public prayer of the Church that is prayed everyday across the earth.	Recall that the Liturgy of the Hours is the public prayer of the Church that is prayed everyday across the earth.

	Prayerfully listen to and/or <u>antiphonally</u> recite Psalm 23*.	Make the <u>Sign of the Cross</u> , when responding to the <u>invitatory</u> , "Lord open my lips" with "And my mouth will proclaim your praise." With teacher and classmates, <u>antiphonally</u> recite and pray Psalm 67*.	Make the <u>Sign of the Cross</u> when responding to the <u>invitatory</u> , "Lord open my lips" with "And my mouth will proclaim your praise." With teacher and classmates, <u>antiphonally</u> recite and pray Psalm 51*. Pray psalms from the <u>Liturgy of the Hours</u> and explain how they can deepen our relationship with God.
Liturgical Rites: Weddings [1621-1637], Funerals [988- 1029, 1680-1690] and Blessings [1671-1673]	Recognize that Catholic marriage (<u>Holy</u> <u>Matrimony</u>) is a sacrament with special blessings that takes place in a Church. Recognize that <u>Christian funerals</u> are celebrations of our life in Christ.	Understand that Catholic <u>marriage</u> (<u>Holy</u> <u>Matrimony</u>) is a <u>sacrament</u> that takes place in a Church and there are special <u>blessings</u> (<u>rites</u>) for the couple, which help them share their love of Christ with others. Recall that <u>Christian funerals</u> are a celebration of our eternal life in Christ.	Recall that <u>Holy Matrimony</u> is a sacrament that takes place in Church with special blessings for the couple to help them model the love of Christ. Recall that <u>Christian funerals</u> are a celebration of our life in Christ. Connect the symbols of eternal life in Christ with <u>Baptism</u> and Christian <u>funerals</u> , e.g., <u>Paschal Candle</u> , white garment/ <u>pall</u> , holy water, and incense.

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 – MORAL FORMATION: Students develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, as modeled in a personal life of virtue, and demonstrated in service of the Gospel's demands for society.

Essential Concepts	Second Grade Sacraments, Mass	Third Grade The Catholic Church	Fourth Grade
THE HUMAN PERSON [26-48, 1691-1876]:	Identify <u>Eucharist</u> as a great gift of Jesus in fulfilling our human desire to be close to God.	Recognize that the Church offers us many gifts, such as the <u>sacraments</u> , in fulfilling our human desire to be close to God.	Morality, Catholic Doctrine Describe how God created us naturally good with a desire and a capacity to know, love, and serve Him.
Made in the Image of God: Foundation of Human Dignity [355-368, 1004, 1700- 1876]	Know that our bodies and <u>souls</u> are created by God, in His image and likeness, and need to be respected by ourselves and others (<u>human</u> <u>dignity</u>).	Describe in own words what it means to be made in God's image—body and <u>immortal soul</u> . Understand that we need to respect our bodies, because God made our bodies <u>sacred</u> .	Understand that God created us in His image with a unique body and unique soul, therefore all human life is <u>sacred</u> and needs to be respected. Associate the concept of <u>human dignity</u> with being created body and soul in the image and likeness of God.
Made for Happiness with God, Beatitudes [1218-1229, 1716-1717]	Know that we are made in God's image and likeness to know, love, and serve God and to be happy with Him forever. Understand how following God's rules, helps us to be happy, healthy, and <u>holy</u> .	Exhibit understanding that God created us as naturally good and destined for union with Him. Read and discuss the <u>Beatitudes</u> . Explain how following God's rules help us to be happy, healthy, and <u>holy</u> .	Understand that God has destined us for holiness and eternal life with Him. Locate and read the <u>Beatitudes</u> in Scripture. Explain how they help us to love God beyond all things. Identify how the <u>Beatitudes</u> are the fulfillment of the <u>Ten</u> <u>Commandments</u> .
Human Freedom and Conscience Formation [1030-1037, 1730-1802]	Understand that God gave us an <u>intellect</u> and <u>free will</u> to choose what is right and avoid what is <u>evil</u> . Identify <u>conscience</u> as God's gift to help us distinguish between right and wrong. Understand and experience an <u>examination of</u> <u>conscience</u> .	Associate <u>intellect</u> and <u>free will</u> with how God gives us our feelings and our imaginations to help us communicate, think, imagine and choose. Recognize the meaning of <u>morality</u> . Exhibit understanding that God gives us a <u>free will</u> so that we might freely love, honor, and obey God. Describe and participate in ways to form one's <u>conscience</u> .	Comprehend that God creates human beings: body and soul having intellect and free will. Identify three sources of human choice: object, intention and circumstances. Explain how living a moral life means we take into account how our actions/thoughts/words affect others. Demonstrate a moral decision making process, and how we can ask God to help us make moral choices.

		Identify <u>purgatory</u> as a time after death, when all of our human imperfections are cleansed so that we can fully enter into the joy of God's presence in <u>heaven</u> .	 Define <u>conscience</u>, and explain how throughout our lives, it is formed and developed through prayer, the guidance of the <u>Holy Spirit</u>, and the <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>. Demonstrate how to examine one's conscience using the <u>Ten Commandments</u> and the <u>Beatitudes</u>. Recognize <u>purgatory</u> as a time after death, when all of our human imperfections are cleansed so that we can fully enter into the joy of God's presence in <u>heaven</u>. Identify <u>hell</u> as the total rejection of God's love, even to the end of life that separates us from God after death.
Covenant and Ten Commandments [2052-2557]	Know the <u>Ten Commandments</u> are laws given to us by God to help us respect God and love one another. Describe God's <u>Covenant Relationship</u> in own words.	Recall <u>covenant</u> stories between God and Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. Understand that the Ten Commandments are a <u>covenant</u> with God's people given by God to Moses. Demonstrate an understanding that the Ten Commandments serve as a guide to living as <u>disciples</u> of Jesus.	 Describe how God always has been faithful in His <u>covenants</u> with humanity across salvation history. Define <u>Decalogue</u> and understand that the first three Commandments are about our relationship with God and the last seven are about our relationship with other people. Recite the <u>Ten Commandments</u> and be able to rephrase using examples from our lives (e.g., how is spending too much time playing video games like worshipping a false god?). Understand <u>the Great Commandment of Love</u> given by Jesus is a guide for making good choices and a summary of all commandments.
Virtues: Cardinal and Theological [1803-1845, 2656-2662]	Name and describe a <u>virtue</u> . Recognize virtues, as how God helps us form good habits. Recognize that God's presence helps us to grow in <u>virtue</u> and grace.	Name the <u>Theological Virtues</u> received at <u>Baptism</u> : <u>faith</u> ; <u>hope</u> ; and <u>love</u> . Recall that God's <u>grace</u> helps us develop <u>virtues</u> , which strengthen us in our choices to follow Christ and to be <u>holy</u> . Describe how our Church helps us grow in <u>virtue</u> and holiness through our <u>sacraments</u> , prayers, and faith beliefs and practices.	List and describe the <u>Theological Virtues: faith</u> ; <u>hope</u> ; and <u>love.</u> List and describe the <u>Cardinal Virtues</u> : <u>prudence</u> ; <u>justice</u> ; <u>fortitude</u> ; and <u>temperance</u> . Recognize that the <u>Theological Virtues</u> come directly from God and provide the foundation for the <u>Cardinal Virtues</u> , which are acquired through human effort.

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	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
THE HUMAN COMMUNITY [1877-1948, 2204-2213]:	Recognize that God made humans to live in community with one another and also to be responsible for the needs of others.	Associate God's design for humans to live in community with the responsibility to be aware of the needs of others.	Identify ways human beings are different from other creatures.
	Demonstrate understanding of human dignity,	Identify some of the different cultures and communities in our Parish .	Understand that God created us as male and female.
	by respecting the rights of others.		Recognize that God created humans to live in community and thus, we need to be aware of the needs of others in our home, our Parish, our community, our country, and in other countries.
Personal and Social Sin	Know the difference between <u>sin</u> and an accident or mistake.	Recall the difference between <u>sin</u> and an accident or mistake.	Describe the story of the fallen angels and Lucifer (Satan).
[1846-1876]	Distinguish the difference between <u>temptation,</u> and <u>sin</u> .	Recognize that praying to Jesus can help us overcome temptation.	Identify and understand the origins of sin, Original Sin , as given in the Old Testament creation accounts.
	Define <u>sin</u> as a choice we make to turn away from God and r <u>epentance</u> as turning back to God.	Recognize that the devil (Satan) tempts us and tries to draw us away from doing God's will.	Explain <u>sin</u> as a decision we make to follow our way and not God's way and <u>repentance</u> as turning back to God's way.
	Distinguish <u>venial sin</u> from <u>mortal sin</u> .	Define <u>sin</u> as a decision we make to follow our way and not God's way and <u>repentance</u> as turning back to God's	Describe <u>sin</u> in relation to our thoughts, words, and actions.
	Give examples of how <u>sin</u> affects our	way.	Recall that difference between venial and mortal sins.
	relationship with God, neighbor, and creation.	Provide examples of <u>venial</u> and <u>mortal</u> sins.	Recognize the reality of personal and social sin and its consequences in our lives and the world.
	Discuss how the Sacrament of	Exhibit understanding that we experience God's	
	Reconciliation/Penance helps us say we are sorry for our sins and forgives them.	forgiveness (mercy) when we are sorry for our sins.	Understand God's forgiveness and describe ways we have experienced this healing, such as through the <u>Sacrament</u>
	Recognize that God forgives our <u>sins</u> no matter how serious they are through the <u>Sacrament of</u>	Recognize how the <u>Sacrament of</u> <u>Reconciliation/Penance</u> is a gift of the Church and God's merciful love.	of Reconciliation.
	Reconciliation/Penance.	Discuss how we experience healing when we forgive.	
	Recognize that God's grace helps us to avoid sin.		

Catholic Social Teaching: Consistent Ethic of Life; Love of Neighbor; and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy [2419-2449]	Identify the <u>Penitential Rite</u> during the liturgy as a time to show sorrow for sin and to ask God for forgiveness. (Lord, have mercy.) Associate care of personal and shared resources in home, parish, and school with taking caring of God's gift of <u>creation</u> . Reflect and discuss on how we can assist those in need (such as donating some allowance money to a Parish program serving the poor).	List the Seven Principles of <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> . Describe ways we can be responsible <u>stewards</u> of God's creation. Recognize ways that our Church continues the work of Christ on earth by serving those who need our assistance. Recognize that individuals and groups have <u>rights</u> , such as the right to work and to live with dignity.	List and discuss the Seven Principles of <u>Catholic Social</u> <u>Teaching</u> . Recognize that the <u>common good</u> also means that there are times when we may have to give up what we want for the greater needs of others. Recognize there is an association between the concepts of <u>justice</u> and <u>human dignity</u> (e.g., the value of humans is in being created in the image and likeness of God—in who they are, not in what they do). Identify <u>solidarity</u> as standing up for all of our global brothers and sisters, especially the poor. Identify ways we can support <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> , e.g., recycle, not waste natural resources, provide for the poor, participate in Parish service projects, protect the <u>vulnerable</u> , contact legislators to support just laws that respect life, be aware of the needs of people around us everyday. Recognize the association between the principles of the
			everyday.

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 – LEARNING TO PRAY: Students experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
THE UNIVERSAL CALL	Experience prayer as talking, listening and	Recognize why prayer is important both for us as	Describe prayer as raising our hearts and minds to God.
TO PRAYER,	forming a relationship with God.	individuals and also for the Church and the world.	
IMPORTANCE OF			Explain why prayer is essential both for us as individuals
PRAYER	Explain in own words the importance of praying.	Participate in prayers for the Holy Spirit's continued	and also for the Church and the world.
[2558-2758]		guidance of the Church.	
	Recognize that prayer is essential to our life with		Explain why it is important to pray to the Holy Spirit when
	God and being a <u>disciple</u> of Christ.		making moral decisions.
	Recite Act of Contrition, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be/Doxology alone and with others.		

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FORMS OF PRAYER:	Recognize and experience various forms of	Demonstrate ability to participate in various forms of	Experience and participate in all forms of prayer:
Blessing; Adoration;	prayer: blessing; adoration; petition;	prayer with blessing; adoration; petition; intercession;	blessing; adoration; petition; intercession;
Petition; Intercession;	intercession; thanksgiving; and praise.	thanksgiving; and praise.	thanksgiving; and praise.
Thanksgiving; and			
Praise	State that God hears us when we ask for	Experience the prayer forms of <u>adoration</u> and <u>praise</u>	Begin to distinguish and identify the different forms of
[2623-2649]	(petition) His help in prayer.	before the Blessed Sacrament .	prayer.
	Offer prayers of thanksgiving during a class	Understand and write simple intercessory Prayers of the	Know and use aspirations (e.g. "Pray for us") as prayers of
	prayer session.	Faithful asking God for needs in the Church, the world,	petition or intercession.
		and our lives.	

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EXPRESSIONS OF	Recognize that we pray alone and with others.	Demonstrate ability to pray silently.	Exhibit capacity for silent prayer.
PRAYER: Personal and			
Shared Vocal; Singing;	Demonstrate ability to pray alone during quiet	Differentiate between private and communal prayer.	Engage in a variety of expressions of prayer, including
meditation,	time in class.		spontaneous prayer and use of music.
contemplation,		Understand and experience spontaneous prayer.	
personal and shared)	Recognize that we pray with the community of		Read, reflect, and pray on a passage from Sacred Scripture
[2700-2724]	the Church especially at Mass on Sunday.	Read, reflect and pray on a passage from Sacred	(Lectio Divina) taken from the Grade Level Recommended
		Scripture (<u>Lectio Divina</u>).	Scripture list.
	Participate in a guided reflection on a passage		
	from Sacred Scripture (Lectio Divina).	Discuss ways we can pray with our families.	

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
OUR FATHER:	Recite the Our Father and recognize that Jesus	Recite the Our Father and identify the requests (petitions)	Identify the Seven Petitions in the Our Father.
Summary of the Gospel	taught us this prayer.	we are making through the Lord's Prayer.	
[2746-2865]			Discuss how praying the Our Father assists us with making
	Identify when the Our Father is prayed during	Recall that the Our Father is prayed at Mass.	good choices and becoming closer to Christ.
	the Eucharistic liturgy / Mass.		

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	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
DEVOTIONAL	Participate in praying the Rosary using the	State that we pray with Mary and the Saints.	Identify the four different sets of the Mysteries of the
PRACTICES: (e.g.,	beads to reflect on one set of the Mysteries.		<u>Rosary</u> .
Rosary; Stations of the		Recognize the Rosary is a prayer to God through the	
Cross; and Novenas)		intercession of Our Lady, Mary.	Describe how we pray with Mary and the Saints, who
[1200-1209, 1674-1679,			intercede for us.
2683-2696]		Know how to pray the Rosary.	
			Recognize the Memorare as a prayer where we ask Mary
		Participate in a form of the <u>Stations of the Cross</u> .	to help us.

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
Essential Concepts PRAYERS WE KNOW BY HEART, EXPERIENCE, AND SHARE AT MASS	Second Grade Sacraments, Mass Prayers By Heart Act of Contrition Our Father (Lord's Prayer) Hail Mary Glory Be (Doxology) Morning Prayer Prayers to Experience Silent prayer Prayers to Experience Silent prayer Meditation Rosary Lectio Divina Prayers of blessing, adoration, praise, intercession, thanksgiving, petition Creed (Nicene or Apostles) Psalm 23 from the Liturgy of the Hours Shared at Mass - Mass Responses The Introductory Rite Sign of the Cross And with your spirit The Penitential Act/Confiteor Gloria The Liturgy of the Word Responses after all Lectionary readings and before Gospel Alleluia Creed (Nicene or Apostles) The Liturgy of the Eucharist Invitation to Prayer Preface Dialogue Sanctus The Mystery of Faith Lord's Prayer Sign of Peace 		

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 – EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY LIFE: Students study and participate in the life and mission of the Church—the Body of Christ and the community of believers—as expressed in the Church's origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of Saints, and their family, the Domestic Church.

Essential Concepts	Second Grade Sacraments, Mass	Third Grade The Catholic Church	Fourth Grade Morality, Catholic Doctrine
THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PLAN [748-780]:	Locate and name places where Jesus was born, lived, died and rose from the dead using a map of the Holy Land (e.g., Bethlehem, Nazareth,	Describe <u>Pentecos</u>t and why it is called the birthday of the Church.	Describe the <u>Pentecost</u> event and explain why it is the birthday of the Church.
Church History [758-780]	Galilee, and Jerusalem). Recognize the Roman Catholic Church is over	Recognize that Jesus Christ established the Church 2,000 years ago and we are His disciples today.	Discuss how Jesus Christ established the Church and remains its head in heaven and on earth.
	2,000 years old.	Identify important men and women in the Early Church from the Acts of Apostles.	Identify <u>Saints</u> in the history of the Catholic Church who served the needs of others and helped people grow in their relationship with God.

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
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MODELS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH [781-810]:	Recall that we are part of the <u>Roman Catholic</u> <u>Church</u> and a <u>Parish</u> community where we worship God and help others.	Begin to understand the <u>Roman Catholic Church</u> as it refers to a building, a community, and individuals who serve God and others.	Understand that the Church helps us grow in our relationship with God and as a community committed to serving others.
People of God [781-786]	Recognize their Parish as where the <u>People of</u> <u>God</u> come to worship God and serve others. Recognize that their family is part of the <u>People</u> <u>of God</u> and called to be a <u>domestic Church</u> (Church in our home).	Understand that through our Baptism we are all united in common as the People of God . Express how the gifts present in our Parish community reflect God's love, goodness, and the interdependency characterizing the People of God .	Identify the Church community as the <u>People of God</u> who help us to lead <u>holy</u> and <u>moral</u> lives.
		Recognize ways that our families and our Parish share responsibility for each other as the People of God .	
Body of Christ [787-796]	Recognize ways we share God's gifts and serve others as members of the Body of Christ (1 Cor 12).	Encounter and become familiar with Parish ministries that help those in need, who are the hands and feet of the Body of Christ (i.e. St. Vincent de Paul, funeral ministry, communion for the homebound).	Describe the <u>Body of Christ</u> as, Jesus Christ is the head of the Church in heaven and on earth and we are His body on earth.
		Describe how participation in the Eucharist (the <u>Body of</u> <u>Christ</u>) builds up the Church, the <u>Body of Christ</u> .	Discuss how our Parish helps those in need as the <u>Body of</u> <u>Christ</u> and also offers us the <u>Body of Christ</u> through the <u>Eucharist</u> .
		Discuss the different roles and different ways our Church is the Body of Christ .	Recognize how local and global Catholic service agencies, such as Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Community Housing and <u>Catholic Charities</u> , represent the <u>Body of</u> <u>Christ</u> by serving and supporting those needing assistance.
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Temple of the Holy Spirit [797-801]	Recognize that we are <u>Temples of the Holy</u> <u>Spirit</u> , because the Holy Spirit lives inside of us and guides us to be <u>holy</u> (1 Cor 6:19-20).	Describe how we are <u>Temples of the Holy Spirit</u> , as the Holy Spirit lives in us and guides us. Discuss how <u>Pentecost</u> shows us that the Church is the <u>Temple of the Holy Spirit</u> (the Holy Spirit both dwells within the Church, guides her across all time and makes her <u>holy</u>).	Describe the <u>Temple of the Holy Spirit</u> as God's Holy Spirit living in each of us and inspiring us to do what is good 1 Cor 6:19-20). Realize the obligation of being made in God's image by taking care of our bodies as the <u>Temple of the Holy Spirit</u> .

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
MYSTERY AND MARKS OF THE CHURCH: One; Holy; Catholic; and Apostolic [811-870]	Recognize the Catholic Church is <u>holy</u> because it was founded by Christ and is guided by the Holy Spirit.	List, name, and describe the four <u>Marks of the Church</u> : <u>one</u> ; <u>holy</u> ; <u>catholic</u> ; and <u>apostolic</u> . Recognize the <u>Marks of the Church</u> are the most important characteristics of our Church.	Locate and describe each of the four <u>Marks of the Church</u> within the <u>Nicene Creed</u> : <u>one; holy</u> ; <u>catholic</u> ; and <u>apostolic</u> .

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Trinity, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
CHRIST'S FAITHFUL: HEIRARCHY, LAITY, AND CONSECRATED LIFE [871-945]			
Church Order: The Hierarchy and Magisterium and Infallibility [874-896]	Understand that the <u>Pope</u> leads the Catholic Church, our <u>Archbishop</u> leads our <u>Archdiocese</u> , and our <u>Pastor</u> leads our <u>Parish</u> .	Identify the Pope and Bishops as the successors to the <u>Apostles</u> through the laying on of hands. Identify the name of the current <u>Pope (Holy Father)</u> and understand that he is the visible head of the Catholic Church on earth and lives in Vatican City.	Recognize that the Church is <u>hierarchical</u> . Recognize that the Pope, our Archbishop, and our Pastor are our Church leaders and they guide us in knowing how to live a <u>moral</u> life in Christ.

		Provide the name and role of our <u>Archbishop</u> , as the faith leader of our <u>Archdiocese</u> .	Recognize that the Church teaches through the Pope, our Archbishop, Pastor, teachers, and catechists.
		List the order of the Church on earth: Universal Church; Archdiocese, Parish and family.	
The Laity: Rights and Responsibilities [897-913, 2041]	Describe why it is important to go to Mass each Sunday and to receive the sacraments of <u>Eucharist</u> and <u>Reconciliation</u> often.	Recognize that by <u>Baptism</u> , each person is called to be part of the Church.	Explain how our Parish is part of the Catholic Church and that as members of the Catholic Church we belong to a Parish .
		Associate the <u>Precepts of the Church</u> as Laws of the Church that help us grow in love for others and guide the community.	Associate ways the <u>Precepts of the Church</u> help one grow in holiness and awareness of the needs of others.
The Domestic Church [1655-1658, 1666, 2204-2257, 2685]	Describe how their family prays at Mass and also at home, such as before meals and at bedtime (domestic Church).	Identify ways that families live as a <u>domestic Church</u> , such as by praying together, sharing stories about Jesus and helping to take care of each other.	Explain and provide examples of how families live as the domestic Church .
The Universal Call to Holiness [2013-2014,2028,2813]	Recognize how the sacraments help us to stay close to God and to be <u>holy</u> .	Discuss how practicing our Catholic faith helps us to follow Christ and to lead <u>holy</u> lives.	Explain in own words how God's gift of grace helps us live moral and holy lives.
Vocation: Holy Matrimony/Marriage; Priesthood; and	Identify the meaning of <u>vocation</u> as a calling and gift from God.	Recognize that all <u>vocations</u> are a gift from God and each vocation calls us to a particular way of holiness.	Define <u>vocation</u> as the way God calls us to serve Him and one another.
Religious Life [914-933]	Recognize that everyone has a <u>vocation</u> , which is lived out in unique ways in life and is a response to God's plan for us.	Understand that prayer helps us know our <u>vocation</u> (God's plan for us).	Show understanding that our <u>vocation</u> is a way to <u>holiness</u> in our lives.
		Describe the vocation of the <u>priest</u> , as a man who has answered God's call to serve and build the Church by guiding the faithful through the ministry of the Word and	Recognize how living a <u>moral</u> life prepares us to hear God's vocational call.
		the celebration of the <u>sacraments</u> .	Describe ways that our priests, religious women and men, and our parents serve God and others.
		Show understanding that parents have a vocation to serve God and the Church by helping their children to grow close to God.	

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
COMMUNION OF	Recognize the Church has special days to	Recognize that through the sacraments and our	Identify and describe Saints of the Church who model the
SAINTS	celebrate the Saints (Memorials).	relationship with Christ we are part of the Communion of	Beatitudes.
[946-962]		Saints in the Church.	
	Identify Mass (Eucharistic Liturgy) as a time,		Know the stories of holy men and women who were active in
	when we gather with all of God's saints.	Review the names and lives of the Saints whose images	the Pacific Northwest Catholic Church (resource, Journey of
		are represented in the Parish Church.	<u>Faith</u>).
	Recognize that each of us is called and		
	equipped by God to be a saint.	Discuss how different Saints are models of holiness and	Understand that each of us is called to be a saint and to be a
		how their lives helped build the <u>faith</u> of our Church.	part of the Communion of Saints .
		Know that each of us is called and equipped by God to	
		be a saint.	

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	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
MARY AS MODEL OF	Recognize titles and Feast Days of Mary that	Recognize that Mary is the Mother of the Church, as	Explain why Mary is our model of holiness, virtue and
CHURCH	honor her holiness, e.g., Mother of God, Mary	she is the Mother of Christ and the Mother of us, who	discipleship.
[148-149, 963-975,	Our Mother, and Mother of the Church, and	believe and follow Christ.	
2673-2682]	Blessed Virgin Mary.		Recognize the meaning of the Immaculate Conception.
_		Recognize that Mary prays for us and for our Church, and	
	Participate in <u>devotions</u> honoring Mary.	that she intercedes on our behalf with God.	
		Describe the Annunciation and why we are also called	
		by God to say "yes" as Mary did.	
		Describe Mary's presence at Pentecost.	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6—MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE: Students acquire and demonstrate skills to recognize their gifts from God and their vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed in the world.

Essential Concepts	Second Grade Sacraments, Mass	Third Grade The Catholic Church	Fourth Grade Morality, Catholic Doctrine
BAPTISMAL CALL AND DISCIPLESHIP (the mandate to go forth)	Demonstrate an understanding of being sent from <u>Mass</u> to share God's love with others.	Read the "Great Commissioning" Scripture passage and describe what Christ told his <u>disciples</u> to do.	Describe how we are all called to proclaim the <u>Good News</u> of Jesus Christ by the way we live and act.
[816,849]		Recognize the Church has a mission given to her by Jesus Christ and we are all called by Baptism to participate in this mission .	Explain in own words, what it is to be a <u>disciple</u> of Christ.
		Recognize that because we are <u>disciples of Christ</u> , we too are called to share "Good News of Jesus Christ."	
		Describe ways in our own lives that we are <u>disciples</u> of Christ.	

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE: Catholic	Recognize we serve God by sharing our gifts with the community, according to our age and abilities (stewardship).	Identify a <u>steward</u> as one who uses and shares God's gifts with wisdom and love.	Define the role of <u>steward</u> as one who receives and shares God's gifts wisely.
Social Teaching about the common good [1905-1948, 2149-2422]	Recognize we have responsibilities to care for all our neighbors throughout the world.	Recognize each person has the responsibility to share time, talents, and treasure with their Parish Church (<u>stewardship</u>).	Recognize that as members of a Parish we all participate in <u>stewardship</u> .
			Identify some of the many ways that each person has the responsibility to share time, talents and treasure with the Church.
			Research and describe some ways that the Archdiocese and the Parish serve the poor and vulnerable, e.g., CRS, CCHS, St. Vincent de Paul.

Essential Concepts	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
	Sacraments, Mass	The Catholic Church	Morality, Catholic Doctrine
CALL TO ECUMENISM,	Identify some of the ways that Jesus showed	Recognize that the Catholic Church works for the unity of	Understand that the mission of the Church is
INTERFAITH	compassion during His life on Earth.	all people to live in peace and justice.	evangelization.
DIALOGUE, AND THE			
NEW	Understand that all people belong to God.	Recognize that Baptism unites us with those of other	Define ecumenism as the call for Christian unity.
EVANGELIZATION		<u>Christian</u> faiths.	
[848-849, 905, 2044,	Know that God also loves people who may go to		Recognize that <u>Jews</u> and <u>Muslims</u> share our belief in one
2472]	different churches than ours.	Recognize different Christian and non-Christian	God (<u>Monotheism</u>).
		traditions.	
	Recognize that people express their belief in		Identify Muslims as a people who adhere to the religion of
	God in many different ways.	Identify <u>Judaism</u> as the faith of Jesus when He lived on	<u>Islam</u> .
		earth and the foundation of our Christian faith.	
	Know that our faith is a gift from God that we can		Recognize that we respect the religious beliefs of others,
	share with others.	Demonstrate awareness that we respect all faiths,	but that we are also called to share our Catholic faith and
		because God loves all people.	the Good News of Jesus Christ.

<u>GRADES: 5; 6</u>

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 – KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH: Students explore, profess and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
REVELATION	Recall that God has fully revealed Himself through Jesus Christ and	Identify revelation as the self-disclosure of the living God, which has unfolded throughout
[1-4, 26-197, 290-315, 325-354]:	recognize the transmission of divine revelation continues through <u>Apostolic</u> Tradition.	salvation history and reached its fullness in Jesus Christ.
-	Recognize how God freely created order, beauty and goodness out of nothing because of His great love for us. Recognize how <u>faith</u> is both a gift from God and a call for us to freely respond by believing in Him, following our Church teachings and participating in the sacraments. Recognize that <u>natural law</u> is how God has written a moral code on our hearts to guide our human reason to know good and to avoid evil.	Describe how God freely created order, beauty, and goodness out of nothing because of His great love for us. Locate and cite passages in the <u>Old Testament</u> where God revealed Himself (<u>theophany</u>). Describe how <u>faith</u> is both a gift from God and a call for us to freely respond by believing in Him, following our Church teachings and participating in the sacraments. Recall that <u>natural law</u> is how God has written a moral code on our hearts to guide our human reason to know good and to avoid evil.
		Recall the transmission of divine revelation continues through Apostolic Tradition .
Sacred Scripture [101-141]	Identify Scripture passages that prefigure our Sacraments, e.g., water stories; Melchizedek; manna and the pillar of light in Exodus; anointing of kings; baptism of Jesus; wedding at Cana; miracle of the loaves and fishes; Jesus'	Recognize both the difference and the relationship between the Old and the New Testament. (<u>Typology</u>)
	miracles of healing and forgiving; the Last Supper; Jesus as the Bread of Life; His death and Resurrection; Pentecost; Acts; and the Epistles of Paul and James.	Recognize the concepts of <u>inerrancy</u> , <u>Canon of Scripture</u> and <u>inspiration</u> of the Holy Spirit with <u>Sacred Scripture</u> .
		Recognize that through <u>Apostolic Tradition</u> the Church discerned which books are included in the Bible.
		Demonstrate ability to: locate cited passages by book, chapter, and verse; to read footnotes; and to understand cross references with other Scripture passages.
		Recognize there is a difference between Catholic and Protestant versions of the <u>Old</u> <u>Testament.</u>
		Know there are different translations of the Bible and recognize those that are used by Catholics.

Salvation History [50-73]	Recall the timeline of <u>Salvation History</u> from the creation and fall narratives to the covenants and prophets of the Old Testament that reaches its fullness in the <u>Incarnation</u> and <u>Paschal Mystery</u> of Jesus Christ, our <u>Redeemer</u> and <u>Savior</u> . Recognize God's saving love throughout <u>Salvation History</u> is shared with us through the presence of Christ in the Sacraments of our Catholic Church.	Name the four categories of the Old Testament as Pentateuch, Historical, Wisdom and Prophets and locate where each can be found in the Bible. Identify and organize the 46 books of the Old Testament into their four categories. Draw a timeline for major events in the Old Testament. List and name in order the five books of the Pentateuch. Explain the meaning of Pentateuch and how these five books come together to tell one story of God's creation of the world and the hope of the promised land. Recognize the difference between salvation history and historical fact. Explain the importance of covenant relationship in the Old Testament for salvation history. Identify instances of suffering and the promise of a redeemer in the Old Testament, e.g., Moses, David, and Isaiah. Recount the Exodus story and theme of the Journey to the Promised Land, describing the importance of God's abiding presence. Recognize how the Ten Commandments were both covenant and guidelines for moral living and freedom. Recognize that as the Chosen People journeyed to the Promised Land, so we journey toward the fullness of the Kingdom of God. Recognize God's saving interventions for the Chosen People in the Historical Books. Recognize the Wisdom Books and the theme of human life. Understand that the prophets spoke on God's behalf to form the Chosen People for salvation through their covenant relationship. Trace God's promise of a Savior, beginning with the Fall of Adam and Eve to King David and the Prophets (Isaiah).
Christology [74-100]	Identify and develop an understanding of Christ as portrayed in the Sunday Gospel corresponding to the <u>Lectionary Cycle</u> for the current <u>Liturgical</u> <u>Year</u> (A, B, C). Describe the <u>Incarnation, Paschal Mystery</u> and <u>Ascension of Jesus</u> .	Describe how Jesus fulfills the promises made in the Old Testament (typology). John 1: 1-3 Identify Jesus within the Jewish tradition, including the connection between the Paschal meal (Passover) and the Paschal mystery.

Read one or more of the Bible passages on the miracle of the Bread and Loaves and reflect on how Christ continues to nurture us through the Eucharist .	Identify how the <u>Word of God</u> is revealed in Scripture and through Jesus in the <u>Incarnation</u> , "Word made flesh" (John 1:14).
	Connect the story of Jesus reading the scroll and teaching in the synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-21) with Old Testament promises (Is: 61:1-2). Reflect on how Jesus knew His mission and how He can guide us with our vocation in life.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
-	Sacraments	Old Testament
TRINITY:	Recall the names and roles of the three Persons of the One God in the Most	Identify the three Persons of the Trinity in the creation story of the Old Testament, Genesis
God the Creator;	Holy Trinity.	1:1-5.
Jesus the Redeemer;		
and Holy Spirit	Recognize that all three persons of the <u>Trinity</u> are present in all of the	Recognize that in all of God's actions, all three Persons of the Trinity are fully present.
Sanctifier	Sacraments, e.g., at Mass the priest asks God the Father to send the Holy	
[249-324]	Spirit to consecrate the bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of	
	<u>Christ</u>	

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
THE CREED: A	Define the term Creed, as a summary statement of beliefs that we profess as	Recognize our beliefs in the Trinity, the One God of the Old and the New Testament and
Statement of Our Belief	our Christian faith.	Jesus, as the promised Messiah/Redeemer, as central faith statements professed in the
[185-1065]		<u>Creed</u> .
	Recall that the Nicene Creed is generally recited at Sunday Mass and the	
	Apostles Creed is part of the rosary.	Recall the definition of Creed, as a summary statement of beliefs that we profess as our
		Christian faith.
	Recite the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and compare these statements to	
	the <u>Nicene</u> and <u>Apostles Creed</u> .	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 – LITURGICAL EDUCATION: Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communion with Him through active, full, and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
EUCHARIST:	Identify Eucharist as the source and summit of our Catholic faith.	Participate actively and prayerfully in Eucharistic liturgies.
Who, How, When, and Where the Mass is	Reflect on how full, conscious, and active participation in the Eucharist	Associate Sunday Mass participation with the Third Commandment.
Celebrated [1135-1167, 1322-1419]	opens our hearts and minds to the presence of Christ.	Identify the principal parts of the Mass as well as prayers and actions in each part.
	Demonstrate ability to participate fully in the <u>Eucharist</u> with liturgical gestures and responses.	Recall the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist as central parts of the Mass.
	Identify and name the <u>sacred</u> vessels, liturgical books, <u>vestments</u> and furnishings that are used during Mass.	Explain the concept of <u>transubstantiation</u> and the <u>Real Presence</u> of Christ in the <u>Eucharist</u> .
	Sequence the order of the Mass and briefly explain major parts, including the Introductory Rites , Penitential Act, the Liturgy of the Word, the	Recognize the cycle of readings (A,B,C) in the Lectionary that is used at Sunday Mass.
	Liturgy of the Eucharist , the Concluding Rites, and Dismissal.	Recall when passages from the Old Testament are read during Mass (<u>Liturgy of the</u> <u>Word</u>).
	Recall the term and concept of transubstantiation and its relationship with	
	the <u>Real Presence</u> of Christ in the Sacrament of the <u>Eucharist</u> .	Recognize Psalms as prayer responses to the first Scripture reading at Mass.
	Describe how the <u>Body and Blood of Christ</u> we receive in Holy Communion nourishes, sustains, and transforms us.	Associate <u>Lamb of God</u> themes from the <u>Passover</u> story in Exodus with the <u>Last Supper</u> and the <u>Eucharist.</u>
	Appreciate and participate in worship of Eucharist and during devotions outside of Mass such as <u>Adoration</u> and <u>Benediction</u> .	Recognize Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life, as it contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Jesus Christ Himself.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS	Read the CCC definition of <u>sacrament</u> and describe it in own words.	Recall and state the definition of a sacrament.
[1210-1666]:	Know that Sacraments are "efficacious"—they reveal and offer us the gift of God's sanctifying grace .	List the seven sacraments.
	Recognize the great gift Christ has given to the Catholic Church through the seven s	Identify <u>Old Testament</u> stories that provide the foundations for the sacraments today (e,g, Genesis water stories, Melchizedek, manna and the pillar of light in Exodus, and anointing of kings).
	Articulate how the sacraments draw us closer to Jesus and prepare us for life everlasting.	

	Recognize that while sanctifying the individual person through the <u>sacraments</u> , the communal celebration sanctifies all members of the Church through God's action and grace. Describe the Seven Sacraments and categorize them into Sacraments of <u>Initiation</u> , <u>Healing</u> , and the <u>Sacraments at the Service of Communion</u> . Identify the <u>outward signs</u> , <u>symbols</u> , <u>rite</u> , <u>ministers</u> and <u>effects</u> of each sacrament.	
Sacraments of Initiation	Explain the symbolism of the <u>Baptismal Font</u> , Paschal Candle , holy oils, and the <u>Altar</u> with the Sacraments of Initiation.	Recall the three <u>Sacraments of Initiation</u> , how they are celebrated and the effects of each sacrament.
[966-977, 1212-1419]	Demonstrate awareness of the <u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)</u> process and terms such as <u>candidate</u> and <u>catechumen.</u>	Recognize associations between <u>Baptism</u> with the Creation of the World, Noah's Ark, and the Crossing of the Red Sea.
	Identify the "restored order" for the Sacraments of Initiation with RCIA as Baptism, Confirmation and Communion.	Recognize associations between <u>Eucharist</u> with the Exodus <u>Passover</u> and <u>Manna</u> in the desert.
	Describe how each of the <u>Sacraments of Initiation</u> are celebrated and recognize the <u>effects</u> and responsibilities associated with them.	Associate the anointing stories of priests, prophets and kings from the Old Testament with <u>Confirmation</u> .
	Identify the special blessings of the Holy Spirit received through the Sacrament of Confirmation: <u>Gifts of the Holy Spirit</u> , and <u>Fruits of the Holy</u> <u>Spirit</u> .	
Sacraments of Healing [979-987,1420-1484]	Identify the two <u>Sacraments of Healing</u> and connect each with healing stories in the Gospels and from personal experience.	Recall the two <u>Sacraments of Healing</u> , how they are celebrated and the effects of each sacrament.
	Describe the order and the essential elements and participate in the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation: <u>examination of conscience</u> , <u>confession</u> , <u>act of sorrow</u> , assignment of <u>penance</u> , <u>absolution</u> by a priest, and completion of <u>penance</u> .	Relate and apply Old Testament events to the sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation (e.g. Pss 6:3; 38; Is 38; Pss 32:5; 38:5; 39:9,12; 107:20; Ex 15:26; Is 53:11; Is 33:24; Ez 36:26-27. Lam 5:21; Zec 12:10; Tb 12:8).
	Recognize that <u>Anointing of the Sick</u> offers grace for the physical and spiritual strengthening of a person who is ill.	Identify expressions of God's <u>mercy</u> and loving care in selected <u>psalms</u> (e.g. Pss 23, 51,139).
	Describe viaticum , as immediate preparation for eternal life.	

Sacraments at the Service of Communion [1533-1666]	Recognize how each of the Sacraments at the Service of Communion is celebrated.	Recall the two <u>Sacraments at the Service of Communion</u> , how they are celebrated and the effects of each sacrament.
	Describe how the <u>Sacraments at the Service of Communion</u> serve God, the Church, and the broader human community.	Recognize associations between the sacrament of <u>Holy Matrimony/Marriage</u> to Adam and Eve (Gen. 2:4-25), Ruth and Boaz (Ruth 3:1 – 4:18), Tobias and Sarah (Tobit 8:4-9).
	Describe how the <u>Sacrament of Holy Matrimony/Marriage</u> calls each spouse to model and to reflect the love of Christ by how they take care of each other and also are open to the gift of children.	Recognize the association between <u>Holy Orders</u> with the ordination of Aaron and his sons (Lev. 8-10) and the priesthood of Melchizedek (Gn 14:18, Ps 110:4).
	List and describe the degrees of Holy Orders.	
	Describe how <u>ordained</u> men (<u>deacons, priests</u> and <u>bishops</u>) both represent Christ and serve as Christ's instrument for His Church.	

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
LITURGICAL RESOURCES:		
Liturgical Calendar [1163-1173]	Explain the <u>liturgical calendar</u> and the major liturgical seasons in their own words. Know the order of the liturgical seasons and their associated colors for the <u>liturgical year</u> .	Recall major liturgical seasons and associate with scripture passages. Compare, contrast, and apply the <u>Exodus</u> event to the events in the readings and blessing of the baptismal water at the <u>Easter Vigil</u> Liturgy and the blessing of the baptismal water at every baptism.
	Recognize the difference between <u>Holy Days of Obligation, Solemnities,</u> <u>Feast Days</u> , and <u>Memorials</u> (resource: <u>ordo).</u>	
Liturgical Symbols and Sacramentals [1179-1199, 1667-1679]	Connect the Paschal Triduum , the three day remembrance of Jesus' Passion , Death, and Resurrection, and the Paschal Mystery with the ministry and life of Jesus.	Recall the definition and effects of <u>sacramentals</u> , as sacred signs (objects and actions) instituted by the Church that prepare individuals to receive grace and dispose them to cooperate with it.
	Define <u>sacramentals</u> , as sacred signs (objects and actions) instituted by the Church that prepare individuals to receive grace and dispose them to cooperate with it.	Recognize symbols from the Old Testament that can be compared with our Catholic <u>sacramentals</u> (e.g., Pillar of Light and Paschal candle; anointing with oil; blessings; laying on of hands; fire and purification; altar and sacrifice; and water for cleansing and life).
	Discuss how sacramentals can be incorporated into one's spiritual life: blessings, rosaries, medals, crucifixes, blessed ashes, blessed palms, and use of holy water.	

Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours [1174-1175]	 Recognize and name liturgical symbols and <u>sacramentals</u> associated with each of the sacraments. As the teacher says, "God, come to my assistance," make the <u>Sign of the</u> <u>Cross</u> and respond, "Lord, make haste to help me. Glory 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. (Alleluia.)" [doxology]. With teacher and classmates, <u>antiphonally</u> recite and pray Psalm 139*. Recognize the relationship between the <u>Paschal Mystery</u> and Christian funerals as the dying and rising to new life. 	Know the <u>Invitatory</u> and opening refrains for Morning Prayer (<u>Lauds</u>) and Evening Prayer (<u>Vespers</u>) and the Doxology used with <u>Liturgy of the Hours</u> . Antiphonally pray psalms from the <u>Liturgy of the Hours</u> including those learned in previous grades and Psalm 95 (Invitatory psalm) and Canticle of Daniel *.
Liturgical Rites: Weddings [1621-1637], Funerals [988-1029, 1680-1690] and Blessings [1671-1673]	Recognize the <u>Sacrament of Matrimony</u> signifies the union of Christ and the Church, blessing the spouses with the grace to love one another and to reflect the love with which Christ loves His Church.	Pray and reflect on the blessing God commanded Moses and Aaron to share with the <u>Chosen People</u> (Numbers 6: 24 – 26). Associate Psalm 23 with Christian funerals.

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 – MORAL FORMATION: Students develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, as modeled in a personal life of virtue and demonstrated in service of the Gospel's demands for society.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
-	Sacraments	The Old Testament
THE HUMAN PERSON [26-48, 1691-1876]:	Recognize that all people are created by God and with a capacity to know Him, to love Him, and to respond to His will for our lives.	Locate and cite passages from the Old Testament where people expressed a capacity and desire (longing) for God.
	Recognize that <u>faith</u> is a life-long journey, where we are strengthened by the grace of the <u>sacraments</u> to fulfill God's will for our lives.	Recognize that <u>faith</u> is a life-long journey and a gift from God that has been passed down through salvation history to each of us.
Made in the Image of God: Foundation of Human Dignity	Recognize that the grace we receive in the sacraments prepares our souls for eternal life with God (sanctifying grace).	Associate the creation stories of humanity (Gn 1:1 – 2:3), Psalm 139, and Jeremiah 1:5 with the concept of <u>human dignity.</u>
[355-368, 1004, 1700- 1876]	Know that each human person has a soul that will live forever.	Describe why being made in the image of God, means we have a sacred obligation to care for our entire being: body; mind; and soul.
	Understand that being made in the image of God means we have a <u>sacred</u> obligation to care for our entire being: body, mind and soul.	Describe <u>chastity</u> and how it is both a <u>Cardinal Virtue</u> and <u>a Fruit of the Holy Spirit</u> .
	Define <u>chastity</u> and recognize how it is both a <u>Cardinal Virtue</u> and <u>a Fruit of</u> <u>the Holy Spirit</u> .	
Made for Happiness with God, Beatitudes	List and name the <u>Beatitudes</u> and describe how to practice them in daily life.	Compare and relate the <u>Ten Commandments</u> to the <u>Beatitudes</u> in the New Testament.
[1218-1229, 1716-1717]	Identify the eight Beatitudes as Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of God and moral goodness.	Describe Old Testament people who found authentic happiness when following God, e.g., Noah; Abraham and Sarah, Joseph in Genesis, Daniel in the Lion's Den, and the three men in the furnace.
	Identify the <u>four levels of happiness</u> and how the <u>Beatitudes</u> help us achieve happiness through the grace of God.	
	Discuss how authentic <u>love</u> is to will the good of another, which is how God and our parents love us and also the love we find in the <u>Beatitudes</u> .	
Human Freedom and	Demonstrate knowledge of a method to <u>examine conscience</u> and recognize why they are to do this during the <u>Penitential Act</u> of <u>Mass</u> and before	Perform an examination of conscience using the Ten Commandments as a guide.
Conscience Formation [1030-1037, 1730-1802]	receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance.	Experience the Examen to deepen our awareness of how we follow Christ in our daily lives.
	Understand and explain how the <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> , received with the right <u>disposition</u> , frees us from sins committed after Baptism.	Recognize components of a morally good choice: the desired action; the purpose or intention for doing the action; and the circumstances for making the choice.

	Describe <u>purgatory</u> as a process after death, when those who have died in a state of grace, have all of our human imperfections cleansed so they can fully enter into the joy of God's presence in <u>heaven</u> . Describe <u>hell</u> as the total rejection of God's love, even to the end of life that separates us from God after death.	 Articulate how the development of <u>conscience</u> as an informed inner voice that helps to distinguish between a morally good act or bad/sinful act. Practice and discuss making good moral choices through resolving moral dilemma activities or role-playing. Examine <u>Old Testament</u> passages where people chose to follow God or chose to sin, e.g., Cain and Abel; Tower of Babel; Joseph in Genesis; Golden Calf; Ruth; Elijah; Esther; Isaiah; Jeremiah; Ezekiel; and Jonah. Locate Old Testament passages demonstrating the <u>mercy</u> of God. Recall <u>purgatory</u> as a process after death, when those who have died in a state of grace, have all of our human imperfections cleansed so they can fully enter into the joy of God's presence in <u>heaven</u>. Recall <u>hell</u> as the total rejection of God's love, even to the end of life that separates us from God after death.
Covenant and Ten Commandments [2052-2557]	Name the <u>Ten Commandments</u> and describe situations that would break a commandment (Ex 20:1-17). Identify how the <u>sacraments</u> assist us in following the <u>Ten Commandments</u> .	Recognize that even when God's <u>Chosen People</u> broke their covenant with Him, God was always faithful. Locate the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament and explain how they apply to living a moral life. Recognize there are two versions of the Ten Commandments and that Catholics refer to the Exodus passage (Ex 20:1-17; Dt 5:6-21).
Virtues Cardinal and Theological [1803-1845, 2656-2662]	List and describe each of the <u>Theological Virtues</u> and <u>Cardinal Virtues</u> . Explain how regular participation in the <u>Sacraments of Eucharist</u> and <u>Reconciliation</u> help us grow in <u>virtue</u> and holiness. Describe the positive effects of making virtuous choices. List and briefly define the <u>Gifts</u> and the <u>Fruits of the Holy Spirit.</u>	 Recognize God's <u>natural law</u> has been revealed in the <u>Ten Commandments</u>. Recognize that Covenant relationship is different than civil law. Recognize the relationship among the <u>Shema</u> (Dt 6:4 -5), the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment. Associate each of the <u>Theological</u> and <u>Cardinal Virtues</u> with the <u>Prophets</u> and other faithful people from the Old Testament.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
THE HUMAN COMMUNITY [1877-1948, 2204-2213]:	Experience and describe the <u>sacraments</u> as both a personal and communal way of deepening our life in Christ. Recognize the importance of human <u>gender</u> , as God created man and woman for each other and the gift of life within marriage (<u>Holy Matrimony</u>).	Discuss how the <u>Prophets</u> in the Old Testament challenged God's people to follow Him and to work together in community (Gn 4:1-16). Recall the gift of human <u>gender</u> , how God created man and woman for each other (<u>complementarity</u>) and the gift of life within marriage (<u>Holy Matrimony</u>).
Personal and Social Sin [1846-1876]	Recognize the necessary conditions for <u>sin</u> . Describe why <u>sin</u> offends God and neighbor and is a failure to love. Explain consequences of making sinful choices. Recognize the difference between personal and <u>social sin</u> . Explore the terms <u>social</u> sin and associate this term with a problem in our society such as poverty, hunger, and disease.	Describe the fall of the angels. Review the <u>Fall Narrative</u> and <u>Original Sin</u> ; recognize how sinfulness is a reality of human existence. Explain how the story of Cain and Abel demonstrates the wounded nature of humanity. Identify and describe Old Testament passages that are examples of <u>personal</u> and <u>social</u> <u>sin</u> (Gn 3).
Catholic Social Teaching: Consistent Ethic of Life; Love of Neighbor; and Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy [2419-2449]	 Recall and briefly describe the <u>Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.</u> Understand what it means to be good <u>stewards</u> of God's creation. Review <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> principles and discuss how living these teachings can reduce <u>social sin</u>. Recognize how rights also come with corresponding responsibilities. Understand that the <u>common good</u> and <u>solidarity</u> also mean that there are times when we may have to give up what we want for the greater needs of others. 	Locate and discuss Old Testament passages to identify examples of those who reflected models of <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> and <u>the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy</u> , e.g., Joseph in Genesis; Moses; Ruth and Naomi with the poor and vulnerable; and Elijah and the poor widow (Gn 45:1 – 28; Ruth; 2 Kings 4:1-7).

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 – LEARNING TO PRAY: Students experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	The Old Testament
THE UNIVERSAL CALL	Demonstrate a reverential attitude for prayer and the value of silence in prayer.	Recognize psalms from the Liturgy of the Hours and know that Catholic priests, nuns,
TO PRAYER,		and many laypeople pray the Psalter every day across the globe.
IMPORTANCE OF	Describe ways to prepare for prayer and why prayer is essential to the life of a	
PRAYER	Christian.	Describe how we can pray everywhere at all times (1Thes 5:17).
[2558-2758]		

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
FORMS OF PRAYER:	Demonstrate the ability to identify the various forms of prayer: blessing;	Identify forms of prayer in the Old Testament: blessing; adoration; petition;
Blessing; Adoration;	adoration; petition; intercession; thanksgiving; and praise.	intercession; thanksgiving; and praise.
Petition; Intercession;		
Thanksgiving; and	Write an original prayer using one or more of the forms of prayer .	
Praise)		
[2623-2649]	Recognize forms of prayer that are part of the Mass.	

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
EXPRESSIONS OF	Actively participate in a variety of expressions of prayer.	Use selected passages from the Old Testament for Lectio Divina.
PRAYER PROCESS:		
	Write a spontaneous prayer using the "You, Who, Do, Through" format.	Recite a spontaneous prayer using the "You, Who, Do, Through" format.
Personal and Shared;		
Vocal; Singing;	Reflect on a Scripture passage incorporating the process of Lectio Divina.	Actively participate in a variety of expressions of prayer.
Meditation: and		
Contemplation		
[2700-2724]		

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
OUR FATHER:	Recite and demonstrate understanding of the Our Father.	Identify instances of temptation in the Old Testament and recognize how praying the Our
SUMMARY OF THE		Father helps us when we are tempted.
GOSPEL	Explain when and why the Our Father is prayed during Mass.	
[2746-2865]		

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
DEVOTIONAL	Know by heart and recognize scriptural references for the Joyful Mysteries :	Pray and describe the Luminous Mysteries: Baptism of Jesus; Wedding Feast at Cana;
PRACTICES (e.g.,	Annunciation; Mary visiting Elizabeth; Birth of Jesus; Presentation of Jesus;	Proclamation of the Kingdom of God; The Transfiguration; and the Institution of the
Rosary, Stations of the	and Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 1:26-49; 2:6-12, 22-35, 41-51).	Eucharist.
Cross, Novenas,		
Simbang Gabi, etc.)	Recognize the history and purpose of the Rosary.	Associate our current Church practices of almsgiving, prayer, and fasting with these
[1200-1209, 1674-1679,		religious practices in the Old Testament.
2683-2696]	Recite the Prayer for the Souls of the Faithfully Departed and the Act of Faith.	
		Recite the Vocation Prayer and associate it as a prayer to ask for God's guidance in their
		lives and also for our seminarians and novices.
		Recite the Act of Hope.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
PRAYERS WE KNOW	Prayers By Heart	Prayers By Heart
BY HEART,	Joyful Mysteries	Luminous Mysteries
EXPERIENCE AND	 Prayer for Souls of the Faithfully Departed 	Vocation Prayer
SHARE AT MASS	Act of Faith	Act of Hope
	Reinforce previously learned prayers	Reinforce previously learned prayers
	Prayers to Experience	Prayers to Experience
	Silent prayer	Silent prayer
	Meditation	Meditation
	Lectio Divina	Lectio Divina
	Rosary	Rosary
	Stations of the Cross	Stations of the Cross
	Prayers of blessing, adoration, praise, intercession, thanksgiving,	The Examen
	petition	 Prayers of blessing, adoration, praise, intercession, thanksgiving, petition
	One or more decades of the Rosary	One or more decades of the Rosary
	Our Father (Lord's Prayer)	Our Father (Lord's Prayer)
	Hail Mary	Hail Mary
	Invitatory, opening for evening prayer, Psalm 139 antiphonal style	Invitatory, Psalm 95 antiphonal style and Doxology from the Liturgy of the Hours
	and Doxology from the Liturgy of the Hours	 Spontaneous Prayer using "You, Who, Do Through" sequence
	 Spontaneous Prayer using "You, Who, Do Through" sequence 	Shared at Mass - Mass Responses
	Shared at Mass - Mass Responses	The Introductory Rite
	The Introductory Rite	Sign of the Cross
	Sign of the Cross	And with your spirit
	And with your spirit	The Penitential Act/Confiteor
	The Penitential Act/Confiteor	Gloria
	Gloria	The Liturgy of the Word
	The Liturgy of the Word	 Responses after Scripture: Readings and Gospel
	 Responses after Scripture: Readings and Gospel 	Alleluia
	Alleluia	Creed (Nicene or Apostles)
	Creed (Nicene or Apostles)	The Liturgy of the Eucharist
	The Liturgy of the Eucharist	Invitation to Prayer
	Invitation to Prayer	Preface Dialogue
	Preface Dialogue	Sanctus
	Sanctus	The Mystery of Faith
	The Mystery of Faith	Lord's Prayer
	Lord's Prayer	Sign of Peace
	Sign of Peace	Agnus Dei/Behold the Lamb of God
	Agnus Dei/Behold the Lamb of God	Amen
	Amen	Prayer After Communion
	Prayer After Communion	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5—EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY LIFE: Students study and participate in the life and mission of the Church—the Body of Christ and the community of believers—as expressed in the Church's origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of Saints, and their family, the Domestic Church.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PLAN [748-780]:	Discuss how the sacraments have developed across Church history.	Associate how religious practices from the Old Testament and Judaism provide the foundation for Christianity.
Church History [758-780]		

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade Sacraments	Sixth Grade Old Testament
MODELS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH [781-810] :	Identify ways that the <u>sacraments</u> offer grace-filled opportunities to come together, to worship God, and to serve others.	Describe the three models of the Church: <u>People of God</u> , <u>Body of Christ</u> , and <u>Temple of</u> <u>the Holy Spirit</u> .
People of God [781-786]	Identify how the <u>sacraments</u> help us serve and love the <u>People of God</u> that are our family (<u>domestic Church</u>), our Parish, the <u>local Church</u> (<u>Archdiocese</u>) and the <u>universal Church</u> .	Explore connections between the <u>Chosen People</u> of the Old Testament and the <u>People of</u> <u>God</u> in our Church today.
Body of Christ [787-796]	Identify the Church as the <u>Mystical Body of Christ</u> on earth. Describe how the Church helps those in need as the <u>Body of Christ</u> and also offers us the <u>Body of Christ</u> through the <u>Eucharist</u> (1Cor 12). Recognize we are all members of the <u>Body of Christ</u> and are called to work together to build the <u>Kingdom of God.</u>	Name and identify Old Testament examples of persons who shared their gifts and served others and who can be models for us as members of the Body of Christ .
Temple of the Holy Spirit [797-801]	Explain how the Church is a <u>Temple of the Holy Spirit</u> (1Cor 6:19-20). Recognize why <u>chastity</u> is important for our lives as <u>Temples of the Holy</u> <u>Spirit</u> and how the <u>sacraments</u> can help us respect our bodies.	Identify how the Holy Spirit was present in the life of the Prophets. Explain the importance of chastity and why we respect our body and the body of others, because we are <u>Temples of the Holy Spirit.</u>

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
THE MYSTERY AND	List and describe each of the Four Marks of the Church: one, holy,	Review that our Catholic Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.
MARKS OF THE	catholic and apostolic.	
CHURCH: One; Holy;		Associate the historical development and handing on of faith in the Old Testament with
Catholic; and Apostolic		Apostolic Tradition.
[811-870]		

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
CHRIST'S FAITHFUL: HIERARCHY, LAITY, AND CONSECRATED LIFE [871-945]		
Church Order: The Hierarchy and Magisterium and	Define the terms magisterium and infallibility .	Identify roles of Old Testament leaders and associate them with the roles of the <u>Hierarchy/Magisterium,</u> e.g., Abraham, Moses, David, and the Prophets.
Infallibility [874-896]	Recognize how participation in the <u>sacraments</u> is included in the <u>Precepts</u> of the Church.	
The Laity: Rights and Responsibilities [897-913, 2041]	Recognize how we share in the <u>priestly</u> , <u>prophetic</u> and <u>kingly offices</u> of the Church.	Identify priestly , prophetic , and kingly leaders in the Old Testament and recognize how we are also called to participate in these roles (e.g. Joseph, Deborah, Esther, Elijah, David, Nathan, Isaiah, Jeremiah).
The Domestic Church [1655-1658, 1666, 2204- 2257, 2685]	Discuss how our families are domestic Churches and are called to pray, celebrate the sacraments and share God's love.	Discuss the importance of the Fourth Commandment. Discuss why it is important that our families, <u>domestic Churches</u> , share faith stories with
The Universal Call to Holiness [2013-2014, 2028, 2813]	Describe how participation in the sacraments helps us lead <u>holy</u> lives.	one another in our homes. Identify and describe qualities of holy people from the Old Testament and how they can be models for our lives.

		Associate how God called people in the Old Testament to their vocation and how He continues to call us today.
Vocation: Holy Matrimony/Marriage, Priesthood, and Religious Life [914-933]	Identify qualities of people who joyfully live out the vocations of <u>Holy</u> <u>Matrimony/Marriage</u> and the <u>Priesthood</u> . Describe how ordained and married persons are called to proclaim, serve, and witness their faith. Recognize the <u>vocation</u> to <u>consecrated life</u> and provide examples of this calling. Describe how <u>prayer</u> and the <u>sacraments</u> can help us discern our <u>vocation</u> .	Understand and explain how prayer and Scripture study can help us discern our <u>vocation</u> . Discuss the vocations of holy matrimony/marriage, priesthood, and religious life, and their roles of service to God and others.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
COMMUNION OF	Realize that <u>Saints</u> come from all walks of life.	Give examples of <u>Saints</u> who have modeled a faith filled (covenant) relationship with God.
SAINTS		
[946-962]	Identify several <u>Saints</u> who devoted themselves to the sacramental life of the	
	Church and inspire us to lead holy lives.	

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
-	Sacraments	Old Testament
MARY AS MODEL OF	Describe several of the titles and symbols of Mary (e.g., Blessed Virgin Mary,	Recognize why Mary is called the "new Eve."
THE CHURCH	Mother of God, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Lady of the Rosary) and	
[148-149, 963-975,	associate them with liturgical days that honor and celebrate her.	Name and describe some Old Testament people who modeled some of the same qualities
2673-2682]		of Mary, e.g., Deborah, Hannah, Ruth, Esther, Sarah, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Joseph
	Recognize the implications of Mary's "Yes!" to God's will as a model for our lives (Lk 1:26-38).	in Genesis.
	Recall the meaning of the Immaculate Conception.	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6—MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE: Students acquire and demonstrate skills to recognize their gifts from God and their vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed in the world.

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	The Old Testament
BAPTISMAL CALL AND	Describe discipleship as following Jesus and sharing the Good News of	Explore the process of how Old Testament prophets heard the call of God and then responded,
DISCIPLESHIP (the	Jesus Christ (Mt 28:18-20).	even if they may have initially resisted (e.g. Jeremiah).
mandate to go forth)		
[816, 849]	Describe how the grace received in the sacraments can help us witness	
	our <u>faith</u> in our daily lives.	

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
CALL TO	Explain how our talents are gifts from God that are to be shared with	Describe Old Testament people who worked for justice and the common good (e.g. Ruth and
STEWARDSHIP AND	others (stewardship).	Naomi, Isaiah).
SERVICE: Catholic		
Social Teaching about	List ways that our respect of the sacredness (sanctity) of life calls us to	Describe examples of how Christians can be "prophets" for Catholic Social Teaching principles
the common good	care for the needs of others.	today.
[1905-1948, 2419-2422]		

Essential Concepts	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
	Sacraments	Old Testament
CALL TO ECUMENISM,	Recall the definition of ecumenism as the call to unity among Christian	Understand that people express their belief in God in different ways.
INTERFAITH	faiths.	
DIALOGUE, AND THE		Recognize different Christian and non-Christian traditions.
NEW	Recognize the importance of respect, compassion, and prayer for	
EVANGELIZATION	understanding others who have different faith traditions or do not practice	Identify ways to show respect for the various faith traditions and show awareness that we
[848-849, 927-933, 905,	any religion.	respect others because God loves us all.
2044,2472]		
	Recognize that the sacraments are key moments that give us grace to	Describe how Jesus' faith and culture as a Jew, influenced His teaching, prayer, life and good
	witness our faith with others.	works.
		Discuss common areas of belief between Catholics and Jews.
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		Recognize the meaning of monotheism and that Jews, Christians, and Muslims are all
		descendents of Abraham.

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TASK OF CATECHESIS 1 – KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH: Students explore, profess, and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.

New Testament	Church History, Morality
Recall <u>revelation</u> is the self-disclosure of the living God, which has unfolded throughout <u>salvation history</u> and reached its fullness in Jesus	Describe <u>revelation</u> as the self-disclosure of the living God, which has unfolded throughout salvation history and reached its fullness in Jesus Christ.
	Read the CCC definition of revelation and then explain in own words.
order and goodness of creation.	Discuss how the order of creation has a rational basis that can be understood through the gift of our intellect and offers proof of God's existence.
Recognize that we are called to participate in God's ongoing work of creation (<u>stewardship</u>).	Recall that we are called to participate in God's ongoing work of creation (stewardship).
Recognize how <u>Apostolic Tradition</u> continues to transmit Divine <u>Revelation</u> throughout time.	Describe how <u>faith</u> is both a <u>Theological Virtue</u> given by God as <u>grace</u> and a human act of freely assenting to the whole truth God has <u>revealed</u> , which we do by following Church teachings, participating in the sacraments and through prayer.
	Understand why both <u>Scripture</u> and <u>Tradition</u> are essential elements of our Catholic faith.
	Name the four pillars of <u>faith</u> that are also the content pillars of the CCC: Creed, Sacraments, the Moral Life and Prayer.
	Understand how Apostolic Tradition continues to transmit Divine Revelation throughout time.
	Explain how God's revelation includes <u>Natural Law</u> , which is written in the hearts of every person and helps us discern good and evil as disciples of Jesus Christ.
Define divine inspiration, magisterium, canon, and inerrancy.	Understand how the Bible came to be written from the oral tradition to the canon of Scripture.
Describe both the difference and relationship between the Old and New Testament (typology) .	Describe the connection between <u>Scripture</u> and <u>Tradition</u> and how they make up the <u>deposit</u> <u>of faith</u> .
Understand the structure and organization of the <u>New Testament</u> .	Describe the role of the Holy Spirit in the writing and preaching of Sacred Scripture.
	 unfolded throughout <u>salvation history</u> and reached its fullness in Jesus Christ. Recognize how we find proof of the existence of God through the beauty, order and goodness of creation. Recognize that we are called to participate in God's ongoing work of creation (<u>stewardship</u>). Recognize how <u>Apostolic Tradition</u> continues to transmit Divine <u>Revelation</u> throughout time. Define <u>divine inspiration</u>, <u>magisterium</u>, <u>canon</u>, and <u>inerrancy</u>. Describe both the difference and relationship between the Old and New Testament (<u>typology</u>).

	 List and sort the 27 books of the <u>New Testament</u> into their four categories: Gospels; Acts; Letters; and Revelation. Recognize the meaning of <u>synoptic</u> and how the synoptic Gospels differ from the Gospel of John. Compare the stories of the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus found in the <u>Gospels</u>. Recognize the purpose of <u>parables</u> in the ministry of Jesus. Retell Gospel passages that describe Jesus' ministry as one who teaches, forgives, and heals. Locate and reflect on Scripture passages where Jesus talks about the <u>Kingdom of God</u>. Demonstrate ability to: locate cited passages by book, chapter and verse; to read footnotes; and to understand cross-references with other Scripture passages. Identify translations of the Bible that are recommended for Catholics. 	 Demonstrate ability to: locate cited passages by book, chapter and verse; to read footnotes; and to understand cross-references with other Scripture passages. Read and become familiar with selected passages from Acts of the Apostles, the Letters and Revelation. Discuss how Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-4) contrasts the Tower of Babel (Gn 11:1-9), where God draws all believers together versus the sinful pride of humans that divides communities. Recognize the role of the Magisterium with guiding how Catholics study Sacred Scripture (optional resource: www.ewttn.com/library/curia/pbcinter.htm).
Salvation History [50-73]	 Recognize the importance of the <u>genealogy</u> of Jesus found in Matthew. Recognize the role of John the Baptist as precursor to Jesus (Baptism of Jesus, Canticle of Zechariah). Understand that Jesus fulfills the promises of a <u>Messiah</u> that God made in the Old Testament (<u>typology</u>) e.g. Isaiah 55:1-13. Recognize how the <u>Word of God</u> is revealed both in Scripture and through the <u>Incarnation</u>, Jesus Christ, the "Word made flesh." Describe the <u>Paschal Mystery</u> and recognize how the sacrifice of Jesus has redeemed all of humanity. Describe how through the love and life of Jesus Christ we have been <u>redeemed</u> by God's mercy. 	 Trace the key moments of <u>Salvation History</u> from Genesis through Revelation (optional resource: <u>http://prezi.com/mzcvk02wbqva/copy-of-introduction-to-salvation-history/</u>). Review and describe the appearances of Jesus after his Resurrection found in the Gospels and in Acts. Using Scripture passages from Acts and the Letters, describe how the early Church recognized and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior and Redeemer. Recognize <u>salvation history</u>, as God's active presence throughout all of history.

Christology [74-100]	Define the Incarnation. Compare and contrast the Infancy Narratives in Matthew and Luke (related term, Epiphany).	Explain the concept and importance of the <u>Incarnation</u> ; <u>the Paschal Mystery</u> ; and the <u>Ascension</u> of Jesus Christ. Define <u>Hypostatic Union</u> .
	Read and describe the <u>Transfiguration</u> scripture passages. Retell stories from the New Testament in which Jesus is acknowledged as both divine and human <u>(hypostatic union).</u> Read the story of the Samaritan woman calling Jesus the Messiah (John 4:4-42) and reflect on how Jesus loves us for eternity and wants to be close to us always.	Define <u>Redemption</u> . Reflect on how Jesus is the "Way, the Truth, and the Life" for each of us (Jn 14:6). Recognize how the Holy Spirit guides the Church to continue the mission of Jesus.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
TRINITY:	Articulate that the central mystery of the Christian faith is the Most Holy	Describe the names and roles of the three Divine Persons of the Trinity and recognize that all
God the Creator;	Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	three Persons work together and are a model of relationships for us.
Jesus the Redeemer;		
and Holy Spirit	Name and define characteristics of God: loving, good, truth, beautiful,	Recognize we can know characteristics of God, but our understanding of God will always be
Sanctifier	eternal, omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent.	limited as our human minds and words can never fully comprehend the mystery of God.
[249-324]		
	Begin to recognize we can know characteristics of God, but our	Describe how God the Father sent the Son, Jesus, to redeem us and how the grace of the Holy
	understanding of God will always be limited as our human minds and	Spirit continues to give us new life.
	words can never fully understand the mystery of God.	
		Describe how God is both <u>Transcendent</u> (beyond our understanding) and <u>Immanent</u> (existing
	Locate and cite passages in the New Testament that include all three	within), e.g., Moses and the Burning Bush and Jesus and Eucharist.
	Person(s) of the Holy Trinity, e.g., Baptism of Christ, sending of the	
	Paraclete.	Describe how the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen, animate and sanctify the Church.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
THE CREED: A	Profess the Nicene and Apostles Creed and identify New Testament	Demonstrate the ability to individually pray and profess the Nicene and Apostles Creed as
Statement of Our Belief [185-1065]	verses contained within them.	statements of belief.
	Recall the definition of <u>Creed</u> , as a summary statement of beliefs that we	Discuss how the Renewal of Baptismal Promises compares with the Nicene and Apostles
	profess as our Christian faith.	<u>Creed</u> .
	Recognize the "resurrection of the dead" as essential to Christianity: We have risen with Christ in Baptism and participate in the life of the Risen Christ.	Explain the creedal beliefs in the Trinity, the One God of the Old and New Testament; Father, as the creator of all; Jesus, as living, dying, and rising to save us from our sins; and the Holy Spirit as the ongoing presence of God living in the Church and in each of us.
		Discuss the importance of the Profession of the Creed during Sunday Mass.
		Explore the development of the Nicene Creed through early Church Ecumenical Councils .

TASK OF CATECHESIS 2 – LITURGICAL EDUCATION: Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communion with Him through active, full, and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
EUCHARIST:	Articulate and demonstrate the meaning of full, active and conscious	Explain the importance of full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy.
Who, How, When,	participation in the liturgy .	
and Where the Mass		Describe how Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, as it contains the whole spiritual
is Celebrated	Describe Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life, as it	good of the Church, namely Jesus Christ Himself.
[1135-1167, 1322-	contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Jesus Christ	
1419]	Himself.	Know that during the Mass, Christ is present in the Word, the Priest, the assembly and most
		especially in the Eucharist
	Correlate how the synoptic Gospels make up Cycles A (Matthew), B	
	(Mark) and C (Luke) for the readings in the Evangeliary during Sunday	Describe the parts of the Mass, the liturgical items and the role of the assembly.
	Mass and that the Gospel of John is read during the Easter Season.	
		Explain the concept of transubstantiation, as the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
	Distinguish and define Lectionary, Roman Missal and Evangeliary.	
	Describe the relationship of the Last Supper with the Mass.	

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade New Testament	Eighth Grade Church History, Morality
CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS [1210-1666]:	Recognize how <u>sacraments</u> help us deepen our relationship with God and with our faith community. Recognize and give examples of how the sacraments are rooted in the New Testament (Baptism of Jesus, healing miracles, Miracle of Fishes and Loaves, Bread of Life, Last Supper, Wedding at Cana, naming of Peter, Pentecost, laying on of hands in 2 Tm 1:6).	Describe ways to more fully participate in the sacramental life of the Church. Discuss how the Sacraments strengthen our relationship with God and the faith community, which benefits both the individual and the community. Recall the <u>matter, form, symbols</u> and <u>effects</u> for each of the seven sacraments. Explore how the Church has been the custodian of sacraments for more than 2,000 years.
Sacraments of Initiation [966-977, 1212-1419]	Recall the names and descriptions of the <u>Sacraments of Initiation</u> . Locate New Testament passages that reflect the <u>Sacraments of</u> <u>Initiation</u> .	Describe of the <u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)</u> process and terms such as <u>candidate</u> and <u>catechumen</u> . Explain the importance of <u>Baptism</u> as the entryway to life as a Christian. Explain how participation in the <u>Eucharist</u> nourishes us spiritually to live out our call to be missionary <u>disciples</u> .

Sacraments of Healing [979-987,1420-1484]	 Describe Jesus' baptism when the Holy Spirit descends and God the Father proclaims Jesus as the "beloved" who will fulfill the mission of salvation. (Lk 3:21-23; Mk 1:9-11; Mt 3:13-17; Jn 1:29-34). Experience the different <u>Eucharistic prayers</u> and cite New Testament scripture passages that pertain to the Eucharist. Recall the names and descriptions of the <u>Sacraments of Healing</u>. Locate New Testament passages that demonstrate healing and forgiveness. Prepare and participate in the <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> and relate the importance of this sacrament now and throughout life. 	 Describe a Eucharistic community as one in which its members worship God, are nourished by Eucharist, and are sent to serve. Associate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Pentecost. Describe how they will prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation while in high school. Prepare for and participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and explain the importance of this sacrament throughout life. Observe (or visit with a priest or watch a DVD) and reflect on the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.
Sacraments at the Service of Communion [1533-1666]	 Recall the names and descriptions of the <u>Sacraments at the Service of</u> <u>Communion</u>. Locate New Testament passages that reflect the <u>Sacraments at the</u> <u>Service of Communion</u> (wedding at Cana, laying on of hands, Last Supper, naming of Peter). Describe how the <u>Sacraments at the Service of Communion</u> offer recipients the grace to grow in holiness through their gift of self. Describe how <u>priests</u> act in the person of Christ. Describe how married couples model the love of Christ through their sacrificial love for each other (<u>unitive</u>) and their openness for the blessings of children (<u>procreative</u>). 	Describe how the <u>Sacraments at the Service of Communion</u> are primarily directed toward the salvation of others and offer recipients the grace to grow in holiness through their gift of self. Identify and describe the three degrees of <u>Holy Orders</u> . Explain the connection between the <u>Sacrament of Holy Orders</u> and <u>apostolic succession</u> . Understand that priests promise to be <u>celibate</u> to give themselves fully to God and to be of service to the Church and God's people. Recall and understand that Catholic (sacramental) <u>marriages</u> model the love of Christ through their sacrificial love for each other (<u>unitive</u>) and their openness for the blessings of children (<u>procreative</u>).

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade New Testament	Eighth Grade Church History, Morality
LITURGICAL		
RESOURCES		
Liturgical Calendar [1163-1173]	Describe the liturgical seasons and the Sunday <u>Cycle of Readings</u> in the Catholic Church.	Describe the <u>liturgical year</u> and know the purpose, sequence, and significance of the seasons and colors as well as the Sunday <u>Cycle of Readings</u> .
	Make connections between New Testament events and the Liturgical Calendar.	Describe the <u>Holy Days of Obligation</u> and some of the <u>Solemnities</u> , <u>Feasts</u> , <u>Memorials</u> in the Liturgical Calendar (resource: <u>ordo).</u>
	Explain how the <u>Triduum</u> liturgies can deepen their understanding of the Paschal Mystery .	
	Recall the <u>Holy Days of Obligation</u> and some of the <u>Solemnities</u> , <u>Feasts</u> , <u>Memorials</u> , and <u>memorials</u> in the Liturgical Calendar (resource: <u>ordo)</u> .	
Liturgical Symbols and Sacramentals [1179-1199, 1667- 1679]	Recall the meaning and effects of <u>sacramentals</u> , as sacred signs (objects and actions) instituted by the Church that prepare individuals to receive grace and dispose them to cooperate with it. Name and describe some <u>sacramentals</u> associated with the New Testament (e.g. crucifixes, blessed palms, statues of Mary, Jesus and Joseph and icons of the Nativity, Last Supper, Christ, etc.).	Describe liturgical vessels, furnishings and sacred items and spaces within the Parish Church (e.g., <u>narthex, nave, ambo, altar, Presider's chair, relics, sanctuary lamp, Paschal Candle,</u> <u>Baptismal Font, Tabernacle, sanctuary, sacristy, albs, chasuble, stole, Roman Missal,</u> <u>Evangeliary, Lectionary, crucifix</u> , etc.) Recall the definition and effects of <u>sacramentals</u> , as sacred signs (objects and actions) instituted by the Church that prepare individuals to receive grace and dispose them to cooperate with it.
		Describe ways to incorporate <u>sacramentals</u> in our prayer lives.
		Identify the symbols and <u>sacramentals</u> in the Parish Church and associate them with the Eucharist and other sacraments.
Divine Office/ Liturgy of the Hours [1174-1175]	Identify the purpose, times and structure of the <u>Liturgy of the Hours</u> . Pray and reflect on the Canticle of Zachariah in Lk 1:68-70 within the <u>Liturgy of the Hours</u> . Participate in the <u>Liturgy of the Hours</u> using <u>Shorter Christian Prayer</u>	Participate in the <u>Liturgy of the Hours</u> using <u>Shorter Christian Prayer</u> format for <u>lauds</u> or <u>vespers</u> . Discuss how the <u>Liturgy of the Hours</u> is the public prayer of the Church and sanctifies human activity throughout the day and across the globe.
	format for <u>lauds</u> or <u>vespers</u> .	Pray and reflect on the Canticle of Mary, the Magnificat (Lk 1:36-45) with the <u>Liturgy of the</u> <u>Hours.</u>

Liturgical Rites:	Associate the funeral rite with the Paschal mystery.	Attend, reflect, and describe various liturgies in the Church: funeral; weddings; ordinations; and
Weddings [1621-		Benedictions.
1637]; Funerals	Identify New Testament passages where Jesus blesses others and	
[988-1029, 1680-	events, such as the Wedding at Cana and the Beatitudes.	Show familiarity with sharing prayers and blessings using the Catholic Household Blessings
1690]; and		and Prayers.
Blessings [1671-	Identify and use prayers and blessings from the Catholic Household	
1673]	Blessings and Prayers.	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 3 – MORAL FORMATION: Students develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, as modeled in a personal life of virtue and demonstrated in service of the Gospel's demands for society.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
THE HUMAN PERSON	Recognize that all people are created by God and with a capacity to know	Explain how God made each of us with the desire and capacity to respond to the gift of faith
[26-48, 1691-1876]:	Him, to love Him, and to respond to His will for our lives.	and to know, love, and serve Him.
	Locate and cite passages from the New Testament where people expressed a capacity and desire for God (e.g. Canaanite woman, woman caught in adultery, paralyzed young man, Zaccheus, Mary of Bethany).	Using examples from the lives of the <u>Saints</u> or from personal experience, describe how faith helps us to face the hardships of suffering, disappointment, and tragedy.
	Recognize how femininity and masculinity <u>complement</u> one another.	Describe the moral and <u>natural law</u> that is written and engraved in the heart of every person, as gift for our human reason that guides us to do good and to avoid evil.
	Recognize human <u>sexuality</u> is a gift from God that affects the whole person—body and spirit—and calls us to learn and practice the virtue of <u>chastity</u> .	Associate <u>natural law</u> with Church teachings on morality and how following these laws helps us live as happy, healthy, and holy people.
	Recognize that faith is a life-long journey and a gift from God that has	Describe how femininity and masculinity <u>complement</u> one another.
	been passed down through salvation history to each of us.	Recall how human <u>sexuality</u> is a gift from God that affects the whole person—body and spirit—and calls us to learn and practice the virtue of <u>chastity</u> .
Made in the Image of God: Foundation of	Describe how we are created in the image and likeness of God.	Explain why being made in the image and likeness of God is the foundation of human dignity .
Human Dignity [355-368, 1004, 1700- 1876]	Name New Testament people who demonstrated authentic love—to will the good of other people (e.g. Jairus' daughter, Centurion's son, raising of Lazarus).	Research the lives of some <u>Saints</u> and describe how they demonstrated authentic love, to will the good of the other, and how we can follow their model.
1070]	Identify New Testament passages that demonstrate the importance of <u>human dignity</u> (e.g. healing of lepers, blind man, paralyzed man brought down through the roof of Peter's home by his friends, Samaritan woman).	Discuss why all life is deserving of <u>respect</u> and demonstrate an understanding of the Church's stance on the sanctity of life, and how this is consistent with Scripture and Tradition (<u>right to</u> <u>life, human dignity, preferential option for the poor.</u>)
		Describe how the Church's opposition to abortion and capital punishment is consistent with our belief that all life is sacred.
Made for Happiness with God, Beatitudes [1218-1229, 1716-1717]	Name the characteristics of the <u>Kingdom of God</u> , as described in the <u>Beatitudes</u> .	Discuss how happiness is found in serving others in the name of Christ and how the Beatitudes show us the path to authentic happiness.
	Associate the Beatitudes with current events and people in our Church and society who are helping to build the Kingdom of God .	Describe associations between the <u>Beatitudes</u> with current events and people in our Church and society who are helping to build the <u>Kingdom of God</u> .

Human Freedom and Conscience Formation [1030-1037, 1730-1802]	 Understand how God's <u>natural law</u> is perfected in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, and leads us to what we must do and what we must avoid. Use the Beatitudes as a tool for <u>conscience formation</u>. Define <u>conscience</u> and provide examples of how our conscience helps guide moral decision-making. Define <u>morality</u> and understand the three sources of the morality of human acts: <u>object, intention, and circumstances</u>. Locate New Testament passages that provide examples of Jesus helping to form the consciences of believers, e.g., the Rich young man. Discuss the meaning of the Church's teaching that the end never justifies the means (c.f. CCC 1749-1761). Describe and use a moral decision making process that references both Scripture and the Church's moral teaching. 	 Describe how God's <u>natural law</u> is perfected in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7) and leads us to know what we must do and what we must avoid. Identify and describe how <u>conscience</u> is our inner voice of human reasoning, which is informed by the presence of God written on our hearts (<u>natural law</u>) and guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit within us to judge the moral implications of our choices and actions. Describe <u>free will</u> and its corresponding responsibilities to choose wisely and to form our <u>conscience</u> throughout our lives. Know that God created human beings with <u>intellect, a conscience</u> and <u>free will</u>. Discuss how we can use these gifts, the blessings of <u>natural law</u> and the guidance of the <u>Holy Spirit</u> when confronted with <u>moral</u> choices. Participate in moral decision-making role play that includes use of Scripture and Church teachings on <u>morality</u> and <u>objective truth</u> that we can use to guide our choices across different contexts and situations. Participate in an <u>examination of conscience</u> process that incorporates reflection on Scripture and Church teachings.
Covenant and Ten Commandments [2052-2557]	Identify how the Ten Commandments are a guide for moral living. Review how the Old Testament covenant between God and Abraham is fulfilled in Jesus as He institutes the New Covenant.	Explain how the <u>Ten Commandments</u> continue to offer us guidelines for moral living today. Develop a personal moral life statement based on the <u>Ten Commandments</u> or <u>Beatitudes</u> .
Virtues: Cardinal and Theological [1803-1845, 2656-2662]	Define and find scriptural examples of the <u>Theological</u> and <u>Cardinal</u> <u>Virtues</u> as modeled by Jesus and others in the New Testament.	List and describe the <u>Theological</u> and <u>Cardinal Virtues</u> . Identify and describe a saint who exemplifies a specific <u>virtue</u> . Identify a <u>virtue</u> you strive to live out in daily life and explain how this virtue helps you grow in <u>holiness</u> . Describe how <u>humility</u> is the virtue that supports all the other virtues, as it acknowledges that God is the author of all that is good. List and describe the <u>Gifts of the Holy Spirit</u> and the <u>Fruits of the Holy Spirit</u> . Describe the blessings of living a virtuous life.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
THE HUMAN COMMUNITY [1877-1948, 2204-2213]:	Understand one's responsibility to serve other people, especially those in most need.	Discuss how God's plan that humans need to live in community means that we need to give of ourselves for the <u>common good</u> and the needs of others.
[1011 1010, 2201 2210].	Find New Testament examples of persons responding to God's call to serve God and others.	Discuss how some <u>Saints</u> demonstrated the <u>common good</u> and gave of themselves to serve others.
Personal and Social Sin [1030-1037, 1846- 1876]	 Describe the effects of <u>Original Sin</u>. Identify and cite examples of Jesus' response to sin and sinners in the Gospels. Discuss how <u>personal sins</u> can have social consequences. Describe how the Church has the power to forgive sins through the Sacraments. Identify the communal impact of sin and explain how sin can be both <u>commission</u> and <u>omission</u>. Associate the consequences of social sin with societal problems of hunger, disease, and poverty. Retell a Gospel account in which Jesus' teaching confronted the current 	 Describe the effects of <u>Original Sin</u> by associating them with both personal temptations and societal problems today. Define <u>sin</u> as turning away from God, <u>repentance</u> as turning back to God and <u>reconciliation</u> as celebrating our loving relationship with God. Distinguish between <u>venial</u> and <u>mortal</u> sins and explain the importance of the <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>. Pray the <u>Confiteor</u> and describe the communal impact of <u>sin</u> and explain how sin can be both <u>commission</u> and <u>omission</u>. List and define each of the <u>seven capital sins</u> and describe how the <u>Theological</u> and <u>Cardinal Virtues</u> strengthen us to avoid these sins. Describe the blessings of admitting our sins and explaining the healing and loving <u>mercy</u> of God's forgiveness.
	culture such as the Woman at the Well or the Good Samaritan. Recall the descriptions of <u>purgatory</u> and <u>hell</u> .	Describe <u>purgatory</u> and <u>hell</u> .
Catholic Social Teaching: Consistent Ethic of Life; Love of neighbor; and Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy [2419-2449]	Using scripture stories from the New Testament, identify rights and responsibilities to care for God's creation, the poor and vulnerable (the right to life and the preferential option for the poor). Discuss the importance of Christians taking an active part in public life to promote the <u>common good</u> and to help build the <u>Kingdom of God</u> . Participate in service projects that involve giving of time and talent to others and reflect on how service is essential to being a <u>disciple</u> of Christ.	 Explain how being made in the image and likeness of God underlies <u>Catholic Social</u> <u>Teaching</u> (innate dignity of all humans). List and explain the seven principles of <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> and discuss how the Church applies these principles with social concerns and problems across the globe today. Discuss how to incorporate the seven principles of <u>Catholic Social Teachings</u> into our lives. Recognize that modern <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> began with Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical, <i>Rerum Novarum</i>, written on May 15, 1891.

Find scriptural examples of Jesus practicing the <u>Corpora</u> <u>Works of Mercy.</u>	I and SpiritualDescribe the importance of the principles of the right to life and the dignity of the humanpersonwith the formation of a moral conscience.
Identify Scripture passages that reflect themes of <u>Catholi</u> <u>Teaching</u> and reflect on the Scripture using the model of disturbance and response (resource: Maryknoll Missiona	encounter, creation in caring for and sharing of personal belongings, classroom, school building, and
Pray about, reflect on, and discuss faith responses to que suffering in the world today.	Associate <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> principles such as the <u>human dignity, common good,</u> <u>solidarity, subsidiarity, preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, peace, justice,</u> <u>dignity of workers</u> and care for creation with the biblical message of <u>God's saving love</u> .
	Identify Scripture passages that reflect themes of <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> , and reflect on the passage using the model of encounter, disturbance and response (resource: Maryknoll Missionaries).
	Identify and research persons/groups from the Pacific Northwest Catholic Church history that have influenced society/culture for the good (resource: <i>Journey of Faith</i>).
	Participate in a Christian service project and reflect on how serving others contributes to the building the Kingdom of God on earth.

TASK OF CATECHESIS 4 – LEARNING TO PRAY: Students experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO PRAYER, IMPORTANCE OF	Describe how and when Jesus prayed by citing passages from the New Testament.	Recall the definition of <u>prayer</u> as lifting up our hearts and minds to God and explain why prayer is so essential for deepening our relationship with God.
PRAYER [2558-2758]	Explain how prayer deepens our relationship with God. Know Jesus hears our prayers.	Describe the importance of prayer as a way of life and how we can incorporate prayer at all times and in all places (e.g. Eph 6:18).
	Explain how prayer can help us: express our deepest needs and feelings; during times of temptation; and of our greatest joys.	Describe and discuss how prayer can help us: express our deepest needs and feelings; during times of temptation; worry; and joy.
		Discuss how prayer helps us stay honest and accountable in relationship with God and others.
		Know that God hears all of our prayers, but they may be answered in unexpected ways.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
FORMS OF PRAYER:	Identify the forms of prayer in New Testament passages and understand	Actively participate in and/or lead prayers of Blessing, Adoration, Petition, Intercession,
Blessing; Adoration;	their relationship with our Church prayers today.	Thanksgiving, and Praise.
Petition; Intercession;		
Thanksgiving; and	Actively participate and/or lead prayers using the different forms of	Write or find prayers demonstrating the six Forms of Prayer.
Praise)	prayer.	
[2623-2649]		

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
EXPRESSIONS OF PRAYER, PROCESS:	New Testament	Church History, Morality
Personal and Shared; Vocal; Singing; Meditation; and Contemplation [2700-2724]	Identify <u>expressions of prayer</u> in the New Testament and understand their relationship with our Church prayers today. Use selected passages from the New Testament for <u>Lectio Divina.</u>	Recognize the blessings of the rich diversity of prayer within our Catholic faith traditions. Explore, experience, and reflect on the various <u>expressions of prayer</u> : vocal; meditative; and contemplative.
	Recognize the gift of scriptural meditation as prayer. Write and/or spontaneously recite a prayer using the " <u>You, Who, Do,</u> <u>Through</u> " model.	Research and describe favorite <u>Saints</u> to learn about how they prayed. Recognize how the Church's tradition of public prayer at daily intervals, the <u>Liturgy of the</u> <u>Hours</u> , was meant to remind Christians that all time is holy.

Engage in and/or lead a prayer service incorporating one or more expressions of prayer.	Use Scripture passages for Lectio Divina.
	Describe the gift of scriptural meditation as prayer.
	Pray using the <u>Examen</u> .

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
OUR FATHER:	Recognize the Our Father is a summary of faith and a model for Christian	Explain why the Our Father is the model of all prayer for us and summarizes our Catholic
SUMMARY OF THE	prayer.	Christian faith.
GOSPEL		
[2746-2865]	List the Seven Petitions in the Our Father and associate them with	
	situations in own lives.	

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
DEVOTIONAL	Know, identify in the New Testament, and explain the Sorrowful	Prayerfully participate in a variety of traditional devotions, such as the Divine Praises.
PRACTICES (e.g.,	Mysteries: Agony in the Garden; Scourging at the Pillar; Crowning with	
Rosary, Stations of the	Thorns; Carrying the Cross; and Crucifixion and Death.	Know and pray the Glorious Mysteries: Resurrection of Jesus, Ascension, Descent of the
Cross, Novenas,		Holy Spirit, Assumption of Mary into Heaven and the Crowing of Mary as Queen of Heaven
Simbang Gabi, etc.)	Identify where our current Church practices of almsgiving , prayer, and	and Earth.
[1200-1209, 1674-1679,	fasting are found in the New Testament.	
2683-2696]	Recite the Angelus, Hail, Holy Queen and Act of Love with others.	Pray and reflect on the Scripture passages associated with all the <u>Mysteries of the Rosary</u> (resource: <u>http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_letters/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_20021016_rosarium-virginis-mariae_en.html</u>).
		Recognize that the Rosary though clearly Marian in character, is at heart, a Christ centered prayer.
		Experience prayer before an <u>icon</u> .

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
PRAYERS WE KNOW	Prayers By Heart	Prayers By Heart
BY HEART,	Sorrowful Mysteries	Glorious Mysteries
EXPERIENCE AND	Angelus	Reinforce previously learned prayers
SHARE AT MASS	Hail, Holy Queen	Prayers to Experience
	Act of Love	Silent prayer
	 Reinforce previously learned prayers 	Meditation
	Prayers to Experience:	Lectio Divina
	Silent prayer	Rosary
	Meditation	Stations of the Cross
	Lectio Divina	The Examen
	Rosary	Divine Praises
	Stations of the Cross	Prayers to Recite and Lead:
	The Examen	 Prayers of blessing, adoration, praise, intercession, thanksgiving, petition
	Prayers to Recite and Lead:	One or more decades of the Rosary
	 Prayers of blessing, adoration, praise, intercession, 	Our Father (Lord's Prayer)
	thanksgiving, and petition	Hail Mary
	One or more decades from the Rosary	 Invitatory, Psalm(s) antiphonal style, Doxology and Canticle of Mary (Magnificat)
	Invitatory, Psalm(s) antiphonal style, Doxology and Canticle of	from the Liturgy of the Hours
	Zechariah from the Liturgy of Hours	Spontaneous Prayer using "You, Who, Do Through" sequence
	Spontaneous Prayer using "You, Who, Do, Through" sequence	Shared at Mass - Mass Responses
	Shared at Mass - Mass Responses	The Introductory Rite
	The Introductory Rite	Sign of the Cross
	Sign of the Cross	And with your spirit
	And with your spirit	The Penitential Act/Confiteor
	The Penitential Act/Confiteor	Gloria
	• Gloria	The Liturgy of the Word
	The Liturgy of the Word	Responses after Scripture: Readings and Gospel
	Responses after Scripture: Readings and Gospel	Alleluia
	Alleluia	Creed (Nicene or Apostles)
	Creed (Nicene or Apostles) The Liferrance of the Euclosite	The Liturgy of the Eucharist
	The Liturgy of the Eucharist	Preface Dialogue
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	Sign of Peace	Agnus Dei/Behold the Lamb of God
	Agnus Dei/Behold the Lamb of God	• Amen
	Amen Desuge Affect Communities	Prayer After Communion
	Prayer After Communion	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5 – EDUCATION FOR COMMUNITY LIFE: Students study and participate in the life and mission of the Church—the Body of Christ and the community of believers—as expressed in the Church's origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of Saints, and their family, the Domestic Church.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade New Testament	Eighth Grade Church History, Morality
Essential Concepts THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PLAN [748-780]: Church History [758-780]	Seventh Grade New Testament Recognize the beginning of our Church history through its institution by Christ, the presence of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the role of the Apostles to continue the mission of sharing the Good News. Identify the significant role of St. Peter as the first Pope.	Church History, Morality Read and describe Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-4) and explain why it is the birthday of the Church. Know that the Acts of the Apostles give insight into the early Church, and identify the differences between the ministry of Peter and Paul. Demonstrate a basic understanding of Church history through an overview of the Early Church in Acts; the Council of Jerusalem; the journeys of Paul; and the Letters. Create a timeline of the early period of the Church from 30 AD to 313 AD, including the role of the deacons, Roman persecutions, move from Jewish to Gentile membership, the contributions of the early Church Fathers, and the importance of the first seven Ecumenical Councils. Show familiarity with the geography and cities of middle eastern world and Rome. Explore the role of the Pope in leading the Church. Explore the lives and describe the special responsibilities of the Apostles and early Church Fathers. Recognize how the first seven Ecumenical Councils shaped our understanding of Christ, the Trinity, Mary and the Nicene Creed. Recognize the importance and the experiences of the desert fathers and mothers, St. Benedict and monasticism. Explore moments of transition in the life of the Church to include: 1054 Schism; the Crusades, Avignon Papacy; Mendicant Orders; Reformation; Council of Trent; and the Second Vatican Council.
		Show understanding of the causes of the Reformation, the rise of Protestantism and the Counter-Reformation of the Catholic Church, which triggered the inner work of reform begun in the Council of Trent in the age of reform from 1517 to 1891 AD.
		Recognize the contributions of the Doctors of the Church .
		Recognize the history leading up to the Second Vatican Council and know the names and topics of its 16 conciliar documents.

Explore the role of <u>Religious Orders</u> through the ages: Hermits; Monks; Monastics; Mendicants; and Missionaries.
Trace the history of the Catholic faith in Washington state, and know the history of one's Parish, recognizing how each person helps shape Church history (Resource: <i>Journey of Faith</i>).

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
MODELS OF THE CHURCH [781-810]:	Cite examples from the New Testament in which the Early Church acted as a model community – offering <u>agape</u> love, prayers, and support for its members. Recognize how the Catholic Church is present across the globe and includes many cultures and ethnic groups.	Examine how the institutional Church has evolved and also stayed the same during her history of more than 2,000 years. Recognize the different types and sources of Church documents (e.g., <u>Vatican</u> and <u>Pope</u> with Encyclicals , Apostolic Exhortations and Letters; <u>USCCB</u> ; and <u>Archbishop</u> of Seattle).
People of God [781-786]	Recognize the <u>People of God</u> includes all those who are united with God.	Describe the People of God , as the whole community of the baptized and how the People of God includes a rich diversity of men and women across social classes, world cultures, and ethnicities.
Body of Christ [787-796]	Read the Pauline passages and identify themes of the early Church in building the Body of Christ e.g. 1 Cor 12.	Explain how the Church helps those in need as the <u>Body of Christ</u> and also offers us the <u>Body</u> <u>of Christ</u> through the <u>Eucharist</u> .
Temple of the Holy Spirit [797-801]	Name and explain situations that do and do not demonstrate chaste living—honoring our bodies as Temples of the Holy Spirit .	Discuss the responsibility of the <u>Body of Christ</u> to work for the <u>Kingdom of God</u> on earth throughout history, today, and in the future.
		Describe the benefits of chastity/chaste lives with maintaining our bodies as <u>Temples of the</u> <u>Holy Spirit</u> .
		Understand how the Church is the <u>Temple of the Holy Spirit</u> , as it is guided and made holy the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
THE MYSTERY AND	Recognize how our Church originated through Jesus and continued with	List and describe each of the Four Marks of the Church: one; holy; catholic; and apostolic
MARKS OF THE	the Apostles and their successors and how this makes our Church,	(c.f. CCC 813, 823-824, 830-831 and 857).
CHURCH: One; Holy;	Apostolic.	
Catholic; and Apostolic		Understand that catholic (lower case "c") means universal, as Jesus Christ is fully present with
[811-870]		the Church and His mission includes all of humanity.
		Recognize we are part of the Latin (Roman) Rite of the universal Catholic Church and that there are other <u>Rites</u> that are in union with us through our shared Profession of Faith, celebration of the seven sacraments, and one Pope.
		Recognize that the various <u>Rites</u> within the Catholic Church are a sign of our unity and diversity.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
CHRIST'S FAITHFUL: HIERARCHY, LAITY, AND CONSECRATED LIFE [871-945]	Recognize the organizational structure of the Church and the Parish including the relationship among the Pope, Archbishop, Pastor, parents, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation, and catechists.	Describe the organizational structure of the Church and the Parish including the relationship among the Pope, Archbishop, Pastor, parents, Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation and catechists.
Church Order: The Hierarchy, Magisterium, and Infallibility [874-896]	Identify New Testament leaders and describe <u>Apostolic Succession</u> as it was established in the New Testament. Recall the definitions of <u>Magisterium</u> and <u>infallibility</u> .	Describe the <u>magisterium</u> and its important role in <u>Apostolic Tradition</u> and the authentic handing down of our Catholic <u>faith.</u> Explain the function of Papal <u>Encyclicals</u> , Pastoral Letters, and the <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> as a means for authentically passing on the faith.
The Laity: Rights and Responsibilities [897-913, 2041]	Identify the roles and responsibilities of the laity in the <u>Precepts of the</u> <u>Church</u> . Articulate how the life of Jesus calls us to live in community and how membership in the Parish is important for our faith lives. Identify how Jesus was <u>Priest, Prophet</u> , and <u>King</u> in the New Testament and associate this with our Baptismal promises and responsibilities.	Name the <u>Precepts of the Church</u> and identify ways that the precepts strengthen us to live out our Baptismal call to be <u>priest, prophet</u> , and <u>king</u> . Describe how we are called to participate in the life of our Parish.

The Domestic Church [1655-1658, 1666, 2204- 2257, 2685] The Universal Call to Holiness [2013-2014, 2028, 2813]	Describe how the <u>Holy Family</u> is the model for all families and families are called to be <u>domestic Churches</u> . Discuss how we can read and pray the Bible together in our homes, the <u>domestic Church</u> . Identify and describe qualities of holy people from the New Testament as models for our lives.	Read and discuss the following quote from the CCC on the <u>domestic Church</u> : "In and through sacramental marriage the family 'is the natural society in which husband and wife are called to give themselves in love and in the gift of life. Authority, stability, and a life of relationships within the family constitute the foundations for freedom, security, and fraternity within society. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society" (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> , #2207). Identify and describe <u>virtues</u> of holy men and women in Scripture and throughout Church history, and recognize ways we can develop these virtues in our own lives through the <u>grace</u> of God.
Vocation: Holy Matrimony/Marriage; Priesthood; and Religious Life [914-933]	Pray to discern one's life <u>vocation</u> and discuss how parents, Parish priests, deacons, vowed religious and catechists can help us discern our vocations. Name people in the New Testament who chose to follow God's call (<u>vocation</u>) in their lives (e.g., Mary Magdalene, Apostles, Paul, Timothy.)	 Describe how we all are called and equipped by God to be saints. Know that we are called to participate in the life of the Church and discuss how God helps us to know our <u>vocation</u> (discernment). Explore the different <u>vocations</u> in the life of the Church and pray for God's guidance in helping us recognize the unique way we are to respond to God's call in our lives.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
_	New Testament	Church History, Morality
COMMUNION OF		Tell the story, identify qualities, and celebrate the feast day of the parish's Patron Saint .
SAINTS	Give examples of Saints from the New Testament.	
[946-962]		Recognize that all the faithful in Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified and the blessed in heaven all together are in spiritual union with Christ and form the Communion of Saints (c.f. CCC 962).

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
MARY AS MODEL OF	Locate and cite passages about Mary in the New Testament and discuss	Discuss titles and celebrations honoring Mary and recognize her importance as the Mother of
THE CHURCH	how Mary is our model for prayer and discipleship.	God, the Mother of the Church, and our Mother.
[148-149, 963-975,		
2673-2682]	Describe how Mary responded to the call of the Holy Spirit to prepare the way for the Incarnation .	Know Mary is our model of <u>holiness</u> and <u>discipleship</u> .
		Explore religious artwork and symbols of Mary from around the world.
	Describe the Immaculate Conception and the importance of Mary's holiness as the Mother of God.	
	Recognize how the Magnificat shows God's power and justice.	

TASK OF CATECHESIS 6— MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE: Students acquire and demonstrate skills to recognize their gifts from God and their vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed in the world.

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
BAPTISMAL CALL AND	Identify people in the New Testament who answered God's call to	Articulate that at Baptism we are given a new life in the Holy Spirit that calls us to proclaim,
DISCIPLESHIP (the	discipleship.	witness, and share our faith with others in our daily lives.
mandate to go forth)		
[816, 849]	Discuss how Jesus is the way and the truth and the life (Jn 14:6).	Recognize that <u>charisms</u> come through the <u>grace</u> of the Holy Spirit and are to be used for the service of the Church.
	Identify in Scripture, recite, and understand the implications of the great commission given us by Jesus "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28:16-20).	Describe how the Church is missionary by nature (e.g., Mt 28:16-20).

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
CALL TO	Recognize how stewardship is important to both our spiritual life and the	Explore and describe various ways we can live out our call to honor God through stewardship
STEWARDSHIP AND	spiritual life of the Parish.	and service, realizing that often we accomplish this by how we share our time, talent and
SERVICE: Catholic		resources in our homes and other small communities, such as our classroom, team sports, etc.
Social Teaching about	Name talents and gifts from God that holy people in the New Testament	
the common good	used to serve God's people, and identify ways to serve God using the	Explain the stewardship equation: receive / cultivate / share / return.
[1905-1948, 2419-2422]	principles of the common good and preferential option for the poor.	

Essential Concepts	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
	New Testament	Church History, Morality
CALL TO ECUMENISM,	Recognize the importance of the New Evangelization .	Describe similarities and differences between our Catholic faith and other Christian faiths.
INTERFAITH		
DIALOGUE, AND THE	Understand the need to respect the religious beliefs of others, while also	Know the difference between ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue.
NEW	sharing our beliefs with them in word and action.	
EVANGELIZATION		Recognize the implications for our own lives that Jesus commanded His followers to "go and
[848-849, 927-933, 905,	Know Islam is a religion that shares the Jewish and Christian belief in	make <u>disciples</u> of all nations."
2044,2472]	one God (<u>monotheism</u>).	
		Describe why Catholics pray and work for Christian unity and the need to respect people of all
	Identify how we are called to know God and proclaim the Good News of	faiths.
	Jesus Christ through the way we both live and act.	
		Recognize that the New Evangelization calls each of us to: deepen our faith; follow Christ; and
		go forth to proclaim the Gospel with new ardor, methods, and expressions.