

Grades 1 through 8

Learning Outcomes for Religious Education

1. The learner will articulate and put into practice the Church teachings and gospel values.
2. The learner will participate in liturgical and sacramental celebrations in the context of the liturgical year.
3. The learner will develop a life of prayer.
4. The learner will know the moral teachings of the Church and be able to apply them to their lives.
5. The learner will demonstrate the skills to live in Christian community.
6. The learner will gain an appreciation for other Christian churches and ecclesial communities.
7. The learner will apply the social teachings of the Church to a life of service.
8. The learner will demonstrate knowledge of Sacred Scripture.

Based on the Tasks of Catechesis which are outlined in the General Directory for Catechesis.

Grades 1 through 8 Textbooks

These guidelines do not replace the approved textbooks but are designed to summarize the scope of instruction for each grade level. Each school religious education program should use an approved textbook series for Grade One through Eight.

We have not included the references from the Catechism for the Catholic Church in the guidelines because they are included in the Catechist Manual of the textbooks however these guidelines are based on the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Children Grades 1 through Grade 8 will receive from 90 to 120 hours of religious education instruction per year depending on the grade level. Lectionary-based Catechetical Materials should be used as supplemental materials to one of the approved textbook series. Liturgy of the Word for Children should not be included in the hours of instruction. Schools should encourage families to participate in parish based whole family programs in addition to the students' school religious education instruction.

Approved Textbook Series June 2008

(S = School, P = Parish)

Title Group/Copyright	Publisher	
<u>Blest Are We</u> (1-6) 2008	Silver Burdett Ginn	S 2004, P
<u>Blest Are We</u> (7-8) 2003		S 2005, P
<u>Call To Faith</u> (K-6) 2009	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S&P 2005,
<u>Call To Faith</u> (7-8)		S/P 2007
<u>Call to Faith Junior High Booklet Series</u>		S/P 2008
<u>Christ Jesus, the Way</u> (K-6)	Benziger	S&P 2003
<u>Christ Jesus, the Way</u> (7-8)		S&P 2004
<u>Finding God</u> (1-6)	Loyola Press	S&P 2005
<u>Finding God</u> (7-8)		S/P 2007
<u>Christ Our Life</u> (K-8)		S/P 2009
<u>Faith First</u> (K-6) 2001	RCL-Resources for Christian Living	S/P 2000,
<u>Faith First</u> (7-8)		S/P 2001
<u>Faith First Legacy Edition Church History</u> (7-8)		S 2007

<u>Faith First Legacy Edition/Parish</u> (K-8)		P 2006, 2007
<u>Faith First Legacy Edition/School</u> (1-8)		S 2007
<u>One Faith, One Lord</u> (7-8) 2009	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P 2003,
<u>Our Catholic Faith</u> (4-6)		S/P 2009
<u>We Believe</u> (K-6)		S&P 2004
<u>We Believe Series, We Live Our Faith</u> (7-8)		S/P 2007

Sacramental Preparation Materials

<u>Call to Celebrate Series</u> 2007, 2008	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P
<u>Confirmed in the Spirit</u> (7-9)	Loyola Press	S/P 2007
<u>Eucharist</u>	RCL	S/P 2003
<u>Reconciliation</u>		S/P 2003
<u>Confirmation</u>		S/P 2007
<u>Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise</u>	Benziger	S/P 2006
<u>Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace</u>		S/P 2006
<u>First Eucharist</u>	William H. Sadlier, Inc	S/P 2000
<u>First Reconciliation</u>		S/P 2000
<u>We Believe and Celebrate First Communion</u>		S/P 2006
<u>We Believe and Celebrate First Penance</u>		S/P 2006
<u>God's Gift – Eucharist</u>	Loyola Press	S/P 2009
<u>God's Gift – Reconciliation</u>		S/P 2009
<u>Together in Jesus – Eucharist</u>	Pflaum Publishing Group	S 2004
<u>Together in Jesus – Reconciliation</u>		S 2004

Previously Approved Materials:

Publisher	Title	Age Group
Benziger	<u>Come, Follow Me</u> (1998)	K-8
	<u>Share the Joy</u> (1997)	K-6
	<u>Christ Jesus, The Way</u> (2003-2004)	K-8 school K-6 parish
Harcourt	<u>Walking by Faith</u> (1999)	K-6 parish

Sacramental Program:

Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist (2000)

Level I and II (2002)

Un Llamado a la Fe

Loyola Press

Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Beliefs and Identity (2000)

1-8

Finding God Our Response to God's Gift (2005)

K-6 parish
K-6 school

Resources for Christian Living

Faith First (2000, 2001)

1-8

Nuestra Identidad Catolica (1998)

1-8

Silver Burdett-Ginn

This is Our Faith (1998)

K-8 school

Blessed Are We (2002)

Sacramental Program

The Gift of the Eucharist (2000)

The Gift of Reconciliation (2000)

William H. Sadlier, Inc.

Coming to Faith (1998-1999)

K-6

Acercandote a La Fe (1999)

K-6

K-6

We Believe (2004)

Curriculum Framework for Grade 1

Emphasis: God the Creator gives us life and grace, and promises us eternal life through Jesus.

1. Church Teaching and Scripture

- A. God is the Creator who made all things.
- B. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit together are called the Trinity.
- C. God is our Father who loves us.
- D. Jesus is the Son of God who tells us about our Father.
- E. Jesus became man and was born of the Virgin Mary.
- F. The Holy Spirit is God's love, which helps us to love one another and to live together in peace.
- G. The Bible is a Holy Book, the Word of God.
- H. The Bible contains many books. Different people who were chosen by God wrote the books in the Bible.
- I. The Bible tells about God's love and his saving action.

2. Liturgy and Sacraments

- A. The sacraments are signs of God's life (grace) which we celebrate within the Church.
- B. The Church celebrates God's love through the sacraments.
- C. At Baptism we celebrate our new life in Jesus.
- D. The Eucharist is a sign of Jesus' love.
- E. At Mass we thank and praise God.
- F. The Church comes together especially on Sundays and holy days to worship God.
- G. The Church's special seasons (Lent, Easter, Advent, Christmas) help us celebrate our faith.

3. Prayer

- A. Prayer is listening and talking with God.
- B. We talk each day with God our Father to express our love, to say thanks, to ask for forgiveness, and to ask for help in our need.
- C. There are many places we can pray such as at home and in the Church.
- D. Prayers to learn and practice:
 - Sign of the Cross
 - Our Father
 - Hail Mary
 - Glory to the Father (Doxology)
 - blessing at meals
 - spontaneous prayer

4. Morality

- A. As Christians, we should try to be like Jesus and love others.
- B. God gives us gifts to share with others.

C. We are responsible for taking care of God's creation.

5. Church- The Christian Community

A. We belong to God's family, the Church

B. The Church continues the forgiveness of Jesus.

C. The Church honors Mary and the saints and teaches us to imitate their holy lives.

6. Ecumenism

A. All Christians call Jesus their brother.

B. Catholics are Christians.

C. All people are created by God and loved by God.

7. Service

A. We help others in need.

8. Words to know

Advent

Bible

Christian

Church

Easter

Mass

saint

Baptism

Catholic

Christmas

Creator

Lent

parish