

## **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	<b>Silver Burdett Ginn</b>	S 2004, P
<u>Blest Are We</u> (7-8) 2003		S 2005, P
<u>Call To Faith</u> (K-6) 2009	<b>Harcourt Religion Publishers</b>	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)	<b>Benziger</b>	S&P 2003
<u>Christ Jesus, the Way</u> (7-8)		S&P 2004
<u>Finding God</u> (1-6)	<b>Loyola Press</b>	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	<b>RCL-Resources for Christian Living</b>	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	<b>William H. Sadlier, Inc.</b>	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	<b>Harcourt Religion Publishers</b>	S/P
<u>Confirmed in the Spirit</u> (7-9)	<b>Loyola Press</b>	S/P 2007
<u>Eucharist</u> <u>Reconciliation</u> <u>Confirmation</u>	<b>RCL</b>	S/P 2003 S/P 2003 S/P 2007
<u>Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise</u> <u>Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace</u>	<b>Benziger</b>	S/P 2006 S/P 2006
<u>First Eucharist</u> <u>First Reconciliation</u> <u>We Believe and Celebrate First Communion</u> <u>We Believe and Celebrate First Penance</u>	<b>William H. Sadlier, Inc</b>	S/P 2000 S/P 2000 S/P 2006 S/P 2006
<u>God's Gift – Eucharist</u> <u>God's Gift – Reconciliation</u>	<b>Loyola Press</b>	S/P 2009 S/P 2009
<u>Together in Jesus – Eucharist</u> <u>Together in Jesus – Reconciliation</u>	<b>Pflaum Publishing Group</b>	S 2004 S 2004

Previously Approved Materials:

Publisher	Title	Age Group
Benziger	<u>Come, Follow Me</u> (1998)	K-8
	<u>Share the Joy</u> (1997)	<b>K-6</b>
	<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 2

Emphasis: Jesus nourishes and strengthens God's life of grace within us through the Sacraments and the Mass.

## 1. Church Teaching and Scripture

- A. There is only one God.
- B. In God there are three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- C. We call the three Persons in one God the Blessed Trinity
- D. Jesus is the Son of God.
- E. Jesus is fully God and fully human.
- F. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are called the Holy Family.
- G. Jesus suffered and died for us on the cross (the Crucifixion) and rose from the dead (the Resurrection) to save us and bring us new life.
- H. The Bible consists of the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- I. The Old Testament tells about God's People before the birth of Jesus.
- J. The New Testament tells us about the life and teachings of Jesus, and the early Church.

## 2. Liturgy and Sacraments

- A. There are seven sacraments.
- B. The sacraments are signs, words and actions, which give grace and celebrate God's love for us.
- C. Grace is God's life in us.
- D. In Baptism we are cleansed of sin and become members of the Church.
- E. At the Last Supper Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist when he changed bread and wine into his Body and Blood.
- F. The Eucharist is a sacrament of thanksgiving, sacrifice, unity, peace and justice.
- G. The Mass consists of two parts, Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of Eucharist.
- H. Sunday is the principle day of the week to celebrate the Eucharist.
- I. In the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation we express sorrow for our sins, receive and celebrate God's forgiveness.
- J. The Church celebrates liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time.

## 3. Prayer

- A. There are different kinds of prayer: thanksgiving, petition, praise and forgiveness.
- B. The Mass is our greatest prayer.
- C. We prepare prayerfully to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.
- D. We can create sacred space in the home and classroom for prayer.
- E. The Church invites us to pray throughout the day.
- F. Each day we are encouraged to reflect on our relationship with God and others.

G. Prayers to learn and practice:

- Act of Sorrow
- spontaneous prayer
- meditation- reflection
- examination of conscience
- review prayers learned in previous year

4. Morality

- A. Conscience is a gift from God that helps us make right choices.
- B. Conscience is developed through the help of parents, teachers (catechists), Church leaders and teachings, scripture and prayer.
- C. We are responsible for the choices we make and actions we take.
- D. Sin is choosing to turn away from God.
- E. As God forgives us we are called to forgive others.
- F. Like Christ, we are called to live just and peace-filled lives.

5. Church- The Christian Community

- A. The parish is the center of our worship and of our life in the Christian community.
- B. By the way they lived their lives, Mary and the saints invited others to know Jesus.

6. Ecumenism

- A. We recognize the likenesses and differences in how we worship and praise God.

7. Service

- A. As stewards we are responsible for respecting and caring for God's creation.
- B. We reach out to the poor and less fortunate members of our society.

8. Words to know

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| ambo/lectern             | chalice             |
| charity                  | Eucharist           |
| grace                    | host                |
| Lectionary               | Liturgy of the Word |
| Liturgy of the Eucharist | parish              |
| penance                  | Pentecost           |
| reconciliation           | reconciliation room |
| resurrection             | sacrament           |
| sanctuary                | tabernacle          |
| Trinity                  |                     |