

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.

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(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> <u>Reconciliation</u> <u>Confirmation</u>	RCL	S/P 2003 S/P 2003 S/P 2007
<u>Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise</u> <u>Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace</u>	Benziger	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>	William H. Sadlier, Inc	S/P 2000 S/P 2000 S/P 2006 S/P 2006
<u>God's Gift – Eucharist</u> <u>God's Gift – Reconciliation</u>	Loyola Press	S/P 2009 S/P 2009
<u>Together in Jesus – Eucharist</u> <u>Together in Jesus – Reconciliation</u>	Pflaum Publishing Group	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)	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

We Believe (2004)

K-6

Curriculum Framework for Grade 3

Emphasis: Jesus continues his life and work through his Church.

1. Church Teaching and Scripture

- A. The love the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have in the Trinity is the model of love we are to have for one another.
- B. Jesus gathered a community of followers called disciples.
- C. Jesus taught the disciples about the Kingdom of God.
- D. When we love others as Jesus taught us, God's Kingdom becomes more visible in the world.
- E. The Holy Spirit is the strength, guidance and inspiration who helps us live a Christian life.
- F. The Apostles' Creed is a summary of our faith.
- G. The Bible is the story of God's love for us which teaches us to live as God's people.
- H. The four gospels in the New Testament are the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- I. The Act of the Apostles tells about the early Church and how it grew.
- J. On Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to continue his mission of proclaiming the Good News to all.

2. Liturgy and Sacraments

- A. The sacraments are celebrated within the Church Community.
- B. The Sacraments of Initiation into the Church are Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- C. The Sacraments of Healing are Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick.
- D. Matrimony and Holy Orders are Sacraments of vocation and commitment.
- E. The Mass has specific parts and purposes.
- F. Through the sacraments we share God's life and love in the community of the Church.
- G. The Church divides the year into liturgical seasons which helps us celebrate the life of Jesus.

3. Prayer

- A. The Church responds to God's love in prayer and worship.
- B. Silent prayer allows us to listen to God.
- C. Prayers to learn and practice:
 - Apostles Creed
 - Prayers of petition
 - Introduction to the Rosary
 - Review of prayers learned in previous years

4. Morality

- A. The greatest commandment is to love God and to love others as ourselves.
- B. We recognize the goodness of each person.
- C. As members of the Church, we work for peace and justice in the world.

5. Church – The Christian Community

- A. The marks of the Church are one, holy, catholic and apostolic.
- B. The Church builds community, worships, preaches the Word of God and serves others.
- C. The Church is made up of many people: laity, religious, deacons, priests, bishops and the Pope.
- D. The Pope and bishops, as successors of the apostles, are responsible for teaching, governing and sanctifying the Church and its members.
- E. We honor Mary as Mother of the Church and the greatest disciple of Jesus.
- F. All members of the Church, living and dead are united by Baptism. This is what we mean by the Communion of Saints.
- G. The Church honors holy people as Saints.
- H. Like the saints, we are asked to use our gifts to continue the work of Jesus.

6. Ecumenism

- A. We respect the religious beliefs of others that are different from our own.
- B. All Christians are united in faith through Baptism.

7. Service

- A. We imitate Jesus who spent his life serving the needs of others.
- B. We help others at home, in school, in the parish and in the community.
- C. We pray for our families and friends, for those who have died, and for those who are in need.

8. Words to know

Apostle	bishop
Communion of Saints	creed
deacon	diocese
disciple	gospel
Kingdom of God	laity
liturgical year	marks of the church
parables	parish
pastor	Pentecost
petition	priest
Pope	religious sister/brother
savior	vocation
Sacraments of Initiation	Sacraments of Healing
Sacraments of Commitment and Service	