

# **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>	<b>RCL</b>	S/P 2003
<u>Reconciliation</u>		S/P 2003
<u>Confirmation</u>		S/P 2007
<u>Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise</u>	<b>Benziger</b>	S/P 2006
<u>Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace</u>		S/P 2006
<u>First Eucharist</u>	<b>William H. Sadlier, Inc</b>	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>	<b>Loyola Press</b>	S/P 2009
<u>God's Gift – Reconciliation</u>		S/P 2009
<u>Together in Jesus – Eucharist</u>	<b>Pflaum Publishing Group</b>	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)	<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 5**

Emphasis: We are called to live a Sacramental life.

### 1. Church Teaching and Scripture

- A. The seven sacraments are powerful signs and rituals given by Christ to the Church to give grace.
- B. The sacraments unite us with the Holy Trinity.
- C. All the works and teachings of Jesus points to the love of the Father.
- D. The Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection shows us a way to new life.
- E. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in us, sanctifying us and giving us life.
- F. Jesus used signs and stories to make God present to us.
- G. The celebrations of the sacraments are grounded in scripture.

### 2. Liturgy and Sacraments

- A. Liturgy, the work of the people, is the official public worship of the Church.
- B. Sacramentals are blessings, actions or objects that remind us of God's presence.
- C. Through the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, we become full members of the Catholic Church.
  - A. The Catechumenate is the process of preparation, for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil.
  - B. Baptism makes us members of God's family and frees us from sin.
  - C. In Confirmation we more fully realize the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit present in our lives.
  - D. In the Mass (Eucharist) we are fed by the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ.
  - E. In the Mass we celebrate the paschal mystery of Jesus.
  - F. Jesus himself is present in the Eucharist under the appearance of the bread and wine.
  - G. Through the Sacraments of Healing- Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, we are strengthened in body, soul and spirit.
  - H. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) we receive God's merciful forgiveness for our personal sins and are reconciled with God, the Christian community, and ourselves.
  - I. In the Anointing of the Sick, Jesus brings strength, healing and forgiveness to people who are ill.
  - J. Viaticum – “food for the journey” is when a dying person receives Holy Communion usually along with Anointing of the Sick.
  - K. Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony are sacraments of service and commitment.
  - L. Holy Orders celebrate God's call to the special ministry of bishop, priest and deacon.
  - M. Matrimony celebrates God's call to a man and a woman to be a sign of his love for all people.
  - N. Easter is the high point of the liturgical year.

### 3. Prayer

- A. Prayer and worship are our response to God's loving presence in the sacraments.
- B. Prayers to learn and practice:
  - Gloria
  - Rosary
  - Hail Holy Queen
  - morning prayer
  - evening Prayer
  - Review Prayers learned in previous years.

### 4. Morality

- A. Living in the Kingdom of God involves making wise choices and acting justly.
- B. As a Sacramental Church we are called to make moral choices for the good of the community.
- C. We are responsible for forming our conscience through scripture, prayer, Church teachings, following the good example of others and practicing virtues.
- D. The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit help us live moral Christian lives.
- E. Sin is a deliberate choice through our thoughts, words, deeds or omissions to fail to love God and neighbor.
- F. Prejudice blinds us to the goodness and truth of others and has consequences in a community.

### 5. Church – The Christian Community

- A. The Church is the Sacrament of the Risen Christ in the world.
- B. The marks of the Church are one, holy, catholic, apostolic.

### 6. Ecumenism

- A. Jesus came to save all people and invites everyone into the Kingdom of God.
- B. We share the marks of the Church in common with other Christians.

### 7. Service

- A. Our sacramental life nurtures us to be like Jesus in our service to others.
- B. Everyone has a part to play in carrying on the mission of Jesus.
- C. Christians have a special duty to care for the sick and suffering by prayer, visits and other means of support and encouragement.
- D. We actively work against prejudice and other social sins when we encounter them in our communities.

8. Words to know

absolution	anointing of the sick
apostolic	baptism
confession	catechumen
catholic	chrism
contrition	evangelization
fruits of the Spirit	gifts of the Spirit
healing	holy
holy orders	initiation
liturgy	Eucharistic liturgy
matrimony	minister/ministry
ordination	original sin
Paschal Mystery	penance
reconciliation	reign/kingdom of God
Rite of Christian Initiation	sacrament
sacramental	sacrifice
signs	symbols
viaticum	vocation