

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 6

Emphasis: We are called to a deeper understanding and love for Sacred Scripture which tells God's plan of salvation for all people.

1. Church Teaching and Scripture

- A. The Bible is the revealed Word of God written by many human authors with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- B. The Bible contains many books which are divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- C. The authors of the Bible used various literary forms to convey God's message (e.g. historical narrative, poetry, parables, letters, allegories, and proverbs).
- D. God revealed his relationship with the Chosen People through the stories of the early leaders of the Old Testament. The Book of Genesis tells us that all things have their beginning in God.
- E. The central, saving event of the Old Testament is the Exodus, when God established a covenant with his Chosen People, the Israelites.
- F. Our relationship with God is based on a covenant that began with the Israelites and was revealed in its fullness in Jesus Christ.
- G. The central saving event of the New Testament is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- H. Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God.

2. Liturgy and Sacraments

- A. At Mass we offer our lives together with Christ who offers himself to God for us.
- B. Sacramental actions of the Church originated in Jewish rituals: anointing with oil, laying on of hands, purifying with water, sharing a meal.
- C. At the Last Supper, Jesus celebrated the Jewish Passover in a new way.
- D. Jesus takes away the sins of the world by offering himself for the salvation of all.
- E. The words Jesus said at the Last Supper are proclaimed in the Eucharist Prayer.
- F. Throughout Holy Week and the Easter Vigil we recall and celebrate the story of our salvation.

3. Prayer

- A. Reading and reflecting on scripture passages is a powerful form of prayer.
- B. The Psalms are songs of faith that are prayed at Mass and in the Liturgy of the Hours.
- C. God answers all our prayers but sometimes not in the ways we expect.
- D. Prayers to learn and practice:
 - praying with scripture
 - meditation
 - contemplation
 - spontaneous prayer
 - Review Prayers learned in previous years

4. Morality

- A. Jesus calls us to live a moral life by following the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments.
- B. The Bible teaches us that sin and evil are the result of free choice/free will.

5. Church – the Christian Community

- A. The Church is a community of the followers of Jesus.
- B. The Holy Spirit is always at work in the Church, guiding its members and helping them to live and love as Jesus did.
- C. The holy men and women throughout salvation history who were faithful to God's covenant are called saints.
- D. The Church is a sign of God's presence in the world today.

6. Ecumenism

- A. Salvation history tells us about the beginnings, struggles and growth of the Church throughout the ages.
- B. We pray for the unity of all Christian Churches.
- C. Catholics appreciate the Jewish people's faithfulness to the covenant.

7. Service

- A. We are actively involved in the work and service of the Church.
- B. We reach out in service to the poor and the aged, to persons with disabilities, to the homeless and the lonely.
- C. We develop leadership qualities so that we may do the works of justice and charity in our community.
- D. We use our personal gifts and talents from God for the good of others and the environment.

8. Words to know

Bible	chosen people
community	covenant
Exodus	Genesis
Good news	incarnation
inspiration	Judaism
manna	messiah
oral tradition	paschal mystery
Passover	patriarch
prophets	psalms
revelation	synagogue
tradition	worship
Yahweh	