

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 Younger Adolescents (Grades 7-8, ages 12-14)

Note: This framework is designed to be covered over a two-year program.

Emphasis: Jesus came to teach about the Kingdom of God and to offer salvation to all people; the Church (people of God) continues his mission.

1. Scripture and Church Teaching

- A. Historic records exist to verify and support the existence of Jesus.
- B. Jesus was Jewish and practiced the traditions of his ancestors.
- C. Jesus grew in awareness of himself and his mission.
- D. Jesus is the second person of the Holy Trinity; he is fully human and fully divine.
- E. Jesus came to proclaim God's reign of love and justice for all.
- F. The Holy Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian faith. The resurrection of Jesus is the work of the Holy Trinity.
- G. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate promised by Jesus to be with his disciples.
- H. The Holy Spirit is active in our lives through sanctifying grace.
- I. Jesus is the full revelation of God's saving love.
- J. Jesus came to save all people.
- K. Jesus freely offered his life and experienced death for our salvation.
- L. Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- M. Those who have died remain united with us through Jesus and his Church (Communion of Saints).
- N. Through Baptism, Jesus calls us to be his disciples and carry on his mission.
- O. Faith is God's gift to us and our response to God.

2. Liturgy and Sacraments

- A. The paschal mystery is celebrated and made present in the Mass.
- B. The Church's liturgy involves ritual actions of signs and symbols relating to creation, human life and our relationship to Jesus.
- C. The mission of the Holy Spirit in the liturgy of the Church is to prepare the assembly to encounter Christ.
- D. When we come to the sacraments with an open heart they strengthen us to live a Christian life.
- E. The Eucharist is the memorial meal of Christ's Passover to his Father through his death and resurrection.

3. Prayer

- A. Prayer is a deepening of our relationship with God.
- B. Vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer are three major expressions of prayer within Christian tradition.
- C. Scripture leads to an encounter with God's message for our lives and challenges us to action.
- D. When we pray the Lord's Prayer our prayer becomes an expression of praise, adoration, thanksgiving, petition and reconciliation.
- E. Prayers to learn and practice:
 - Nicene Creed
 - Lord's Prayer
 - Review prayers learned in previous years

4. Morality

- A. The dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God.
- B. As followers of Christ we form our consciences and make moral decisions with the help of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of the Church.
- C. We face temptations through prayer, self-discipline and seeking help from others.
- D. We are called to grow in Christian love, chastity, honesty, justice and truthfulness.

5. Church

- A. The Church is a sacrament, a sign of Christ's presence in the world.
- B. The Church is a community of persons who believe, evangelize, pray, worship and serve together.
- C. The Church develops different rituals and traditions that reflect cultural and geographic uniquenesses.
- D. Councils were held to identify the needs within the Church.
- E. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church continues to grow in understanding of its mission.

6. Ecumenism

- A. Through Baptism, all Christians are united as brothers and sisters in Christ.
- B. The Church prays for the reconciliation of all Christians in the unity of the one and only Church of Christ.
- C. The Church seeks to lead all people to salvation.
- D. We seek opportunities to teach others about God – evangelization.
- E. The Catholic Church respects those of other faith traditions.

7. Service

- A. A Christian steward receives God's gifts gratefully, cares for them and uses them for the benefit of others.
- B. Christians work to uphold the quality of life and the dignity of the human person.
- C. Jesus taught his followers to work for justice within the social, economic and political life of the community.

8. Words to know

Advocate	abstinence
catholic	church
councils	creed
disciples	evangelization
ecumenism	faith
grace	incarnation
moral conscience	paschal mystery
Pentecost	revelation
sacrament	salvation
sanctifying grace	social justice
stewardship	tradition
Vatican II Council	vices
virtues	