

Office of Catechesis

List of Approved Texts for Catechetical Instruction in a Parish Setting

The role of the catechist is to evangelize and teach the Gospel to all. As evangelizers, we are tasked with providing opportunities for young persons to encounter Christ and to develop an intimate relationship with Him. Evangelization and catechesis go hand in hand; evangelization is like the seed that is planted on fertile ground and catechesis is the process of nurturing, caring, and guiding that helps the plant grow and become fruitful. We do this by providing the resources and instruction that meet the particular needs of the people as we accompany them in their journey of transformation.

This list will help pastors and catechetical leaders (DRE's, religious education coordinators and youth ministers) discern the series or texts that would best meet the needs of the parish or school. The final decision should be made by the pastor or principal from this approved list. The texts come from the **Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** (USCCB). These correlate with the Diocese of Austin's Religious Education Curriculum approved by our bishop and implemented in our parish programs and Catholic schools. **Texts not listed below can only be used as supplemental resources and are not to be used as the primary texts for instruction.** At the end of this list is our "frequently asked questions" which provides further information about the appropriate use of supplemental materials.

discerning the appropriate series or texts for instruction at a parish catechetical program or Catholic school:

Our hope is that a variety of materials will be considered. Following are **recommendations for**

- The series should promote a knowledge of God, a true conversion to Jesus Christ, and **help the student develop an intimate relationship with Christ**, who calls us to discipleship and sacramental life.
- The series or textbooks should include the **best practices in psychological and pedagogical processes** which will facilitate the student's learning and growth in faith in a holistic manner (GCD 121). The selected texts should emphasize the development of materials and resources to help meet the needs of children with disabilities, special needs and multiple intelligences.
- The series should be **relatable to the generation addressed** [e.g., age appropriate in content and visuals], showing close acquaintance with anxieties and questionings, struggles and hopes that students experience.
- Texts and series should have **practical resources** such as manuals, lesson plans, multimedia, on-line resources and tangible materials for the catechist to facilitate the instruction, and to provide **ways for parents and family members to continue the instruction at home.**

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*:

"In catechesis too, we have rediscovered the fundamental role of the first announcement or kerygma...On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: 'Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.' This first proclamation is called 'first' not because it exists at the beginning and can then be forgotten or replaced by other more important things. It is first in a qualitative sense because it is the principal proclamation, the one which we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment".

Catechetical Accompaniment Process

This process evaluates catechetical materials for conformity to the *Catechism* using the same Protocols as prior Conformity Reviews, but with a new methodology that permits the evaluation and use of digital materials. Materials in this section are evaluated (accompanied) throughout their creation to ensure conformity to the *Catechism* and to promote effectiveness in how they present the truths of faith. *This interim process was implemented in 2021 while the current Conformity Review Process remains active and valid.*

Key to the Interim Accompaniment Process Listings:

S = School Student Text	P = Parish Student Text	TM = Teacher Manual
S/P or TM/CM = single edition applicable to both school and parish		CM = Catechist Manual
S&P or TM&CM = two separate editions, both found in conformity		PM = Parent Manual
		V = Videos

Elementary Series: School and Parish

Titles with an asterisk (*) are continuations of series found under the Conformity Review Process

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Alive in Christ: Discovering and Sharing the Kerygma</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2023	S&P, TM&CM
<i>Blest Are We (1-6)</i>	RCL Benzinger	2026	P, S, CM, TM
<i>Christ in Us (7-8)*</i>	William H. Sadlier	2023	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church, Revised and Expanded Edition (3-5)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2023	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church, Revised, and Expanded Edition (6-8)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2023	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Fusión en la fe: Conocer, amar, y servir a Cristo en la Iglesia Católica, Revisado y ampliado (3-5)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2024	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Fusión en la fe: Conocer, amar, y servir a Cristo en la Iglesia Católica, Revisado y ampliado (6-8)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2024	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Studio 3:16</i>	Cross Boss Media	2022	S&P, TM&CM, V
<i>Word of Life (K-8)</i>	Ignatius Press, Augustine Institute	2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024	S/P, TM/CM

Sacramental Preparation Materials

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TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Crecer en la Fe Católica Primera Eucaristía: Sesiones familiares para hacer en la parroquia y en la casa (Edades 7-9, 10-14)</i>	The Pastoral Center	2024	P, CM, PM, V
<i>Crecer en la Fe Católica Primera Reconciliación: Sesiones familiares para hacer en la parroquia y en la casa (Edades 7- 9, 10-14)</i>	The Pastoral Center	2024	P, CM, PM, V
<i>Growing Up Catholic First Eucharist: Whole Family Sessions for Parish and Home (Ages 7- 9, 10-14)</i>	The Pastoral Center	2024	P, CM, PM, V
<i>Growing Up Catholic First Reconciliation: Whole Family Sessions for Parish and Home (Ages 7-9, 10-14)</i>	The Pastoral Center	2024	P, CM, PM, V
<i>R.E.A.L. Formation: Confirmation</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2025	S/P, TM/CM, V
<i>Rejoice: Preparing for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation</i>	Loyola Press	2026	S/P, TM/CM, PM
<i>Word of Life (K-2)</i>	Ignatius Press, Augustine Institute	2019, 2020, 2022	S/P, TM/CM

Conformity Review Process

The texts listed under the Conformity Review Process typically do not include videos, parent and sponsor materials, websites (other than the USCCB's, the Vatican's, and the publisher's own websites), digital libraries, or any other materials listed on the letter on eligibility and applicability. Only the interim accompaniment process has provisions for the review of most digital materials: <http://www.usccb.org/about/evangelization-and-catechesis/subcommittee-on-catechism/conformity-review/upload/NEW-Letter-on-Criteria-and-Applicability.pdf>

Further information about the Conformity Review Process can be found on the Subcommittee's website: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catechism/conformity-review-process>

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Preschool Series

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TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus (3, 4, 5, and K)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2010-12	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus (3, 4, 5, and K)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2019	S/P, CM
<i>Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus, Ages 3-4 (PreK-3)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2019	TM&CM
<i>Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus, Ages 4-5 (PreK-4)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2019	TM&CM
<i>Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus, Kindergarten</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2019	TM&CM
<i>Christ Our Life: God Loves Us (Ages 5-6/Kindergarten)</i>	Loyola Press	2019	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Discovering God</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2000	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts (Ages 4 to 6)</i>	Loyola Press	2018	S, TM/CM
<i>God Made Everything (3, 4, and K)</i>	Loyola Press	2008, 2010	S/P, TM/CM
<i>God Made Everything (ages 3 and 4)</i>	Loyola Press	2008, 2010, 2019	S/P, TM/CM
<i>I am Special (3, 4, and K)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2007-2009	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches (Student Handbook) (3,4)</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2010, 2018	S/P, TM
<i>Questions for God</i>	VirTru Powers	2007	S/P
<i>Stories of God's Love (3,4, 5, and K)</i>	RCL Benziger	2009, 2011, 2024	S/P, TM/CM

Elementary Series: School and Parish

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Adventure Catechism Series (K-8)</i>	Adventure Catechism Media	2021, 2023	S/P
<i>Alive In Christ</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2014	S&P, TM&CM
<i>Alive In Christ (7-8)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2014	S&P, TM&CM
<i>Alive In Christ Young Adolescents (7-8)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2019	P, CM
<i>The Apostolate's Family Catechism</i>	Apostolate for Family Consecration	2003, 2005, 2008, 2011	S/P
<i>Be My Disciples (1-6)</i>	RCL Benziger	2013, 2023	P, CM
<i>Be My Disciples (7-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2019, 2023	S&P, TM&CM
<i>God's Promise in the Old Testament</i>		2014, 2023	
<i>Christ in the New Testament</i>		2014, 2023	
<i>Christ Reveals God's Mystery</i>		2014, 2023	
<i>Christ in the Liturgy</i>		2014, 2023	
<i>Life in Christ Jesus</i>		2014, 2023	
<i>Blest Are We (1-6)</i>	RCL Benziger	2002	P, CM
<i>Blest Are We (7-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2003, 2010	P&CM, S/P, TM&CM
<i>Blest Are We Faith and Word Edition (1-6)</i>	RCL Benziger	2008	P, CM
<i>Blest Are We Faith in Action Kindergarten</i>	RCL Benziger	2019	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Blest Are We Faith in Action Parish Edition (1-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2019	P, CM
<i>Call to Faith (K-6)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2009	P, CM
<i>Call to Faith (7-8)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2007	S&P, TM&CM
<i>Call to Faith Junior High Faith Booklet Series</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2008	S/P, TM/CM
<i>The Catholic Connections for Middle Schoolers</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2009, 2014, 2009, 2010	S/P, TM
<i>Christ In Us, K-6</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2021	S&P, TM&CM
<i>Christ Jesus, the Way (K-6)</i>	RCL Benziger	2003	S&P, TM&CM
<i>Christ Jesus, the Way (7-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2004	S&P, TM&CM

Elementary Series: School and Parish (continued)

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Christ Our Life (K-8)</i>	Loyola Press	1997, 2002, 2009, 1999, 2009	S/P, TM, CM
<i>Christ Our Life (1-8)</i>	Loyola Press	2024	S/P, TM&CM
<i>Christ Our Life: The New Evangelization Edition (1-8)</i>	Loyola Press	2016	S/P, TM&CM
<i>Come Follow Me (K-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	1998	S/P, TM&CM
<i>Coming to Faith (K-6)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	1999	P, CM
<i>Coming to Faith/Keystone Edition (K-6)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	1999	P, CM
<i>Connect! Bringing Faith to Life (6-8)</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2022	S/P
<i>Consecration in Truth</i>	Apostolate for Family Consecration	2001, 2006, 2011	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Discover! Finding Faith in Life (Grades 1-5)</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2019	P
<i>Faith and Life (1-8)</i>	Ignatius Press	2002-2005 2011	S/P, TM
<i>Faith and Life (1-8)</i>	Ignatius Press	1984-87	S/P, TM
<i>Faith and Witness Program (7-8)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	1998-1999	S&P, TM&CM
<i>Faith First (K-6)</i>	RCL Benziger	2000	P, CM
<i>Faith First (7-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2001	S&P, TM&CM
<i>Faith First Legacy Edition/Parish (K-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2006	P, CM
<i>Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church (3-5)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2016	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church (6-8)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2010	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Family Formation Home Lessons and Classroom Lessons (K-6)</i>	Family Formation	2019	S, CM
<i>Finding God (7-8)</i>	Loyola Press	2007, 2014	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts (1-6)</i>	Loyola Press	2005, 2013, 2021	S&P, TM&CM
<i>Image of God Series, Grades 5-8 and Confirmation</i>	Ignatius Press	2019	S/P, TM/CM
<i>One Faith, One Lord (7-8)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2003, 2009	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Our Catholic Faith (4-6)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2009	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches (Student Handbook) (K- 8)</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2010, 2018	S/P, TM

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TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Spirit of Truth (K-2) Parish Edition</i>	Sophia Institute for Teachers	2023	P
<i>Spirit of Truth (K-8) Parish Edition</i>	Sophia Institute for Teachers	2018	P
<i>St. Joseph Catechism for Young Catholics</i>	Catholic Book Publishing	2022	S/P
<i>Walking by Faith (K-6)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	1999	S/P, TM&CM
<i>Walking with Jesus</i>	Sophia Institute for Teachers	2023	P, CM
<i>We Believe (K-6)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2004, 2011	S&P, TM&CM
<i>We Believe, Catholic Identity Editon</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2015	S/P
<i>We Believe Series, We Live Our Faith (7-8)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2007, 2016	S/P, TM/CM

High School Texts

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>The Apostolate's Family Catechism</i>	Apostolate for Family Consecration	2003, 2005, 2008, 2011	S/P
<i>Catholic Essentials: An Overview of the Faith</i>	Ave Maria Press	2009	S/P
<i>The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2004, 2008	S/P
<i>The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, Third Edition</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2013	S/P
<i>Understanding the Catechism: Creed</i>	RCL Benziger	1998	S/P, TM
<i>Understanding the Catechism: Liturgy and Sacraments</i>	RCL Benziger	1998	S/P, TM
<i>Understanding the Catechism: Morality</i>	RCL Benziger	1998	S/P, TM
<i>Understanding the Catechism: Prayer</i>	RCL Benziger	1998	S/P, TM

High School Series

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Catholicism Series Reason Life Ethics Society Scripture</i>	C.R. Publications	2009, 2007, 1997, 1997, 2006	S/P, TM/CM

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TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Adventure Catechism Series: Confirmation</i>	Adventure Catechism Media	2021	S/P
<i>Adventure Catechism Series: First Penance/First Communion</i>	Adventure Catechism Media	2021	S/P
<i>Anointed in the Spirit – A High School Confirmation Program</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Anointed in the Spirit – A Middle School Confirmation Program</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2010	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Be Sealed</i>	Pauline Books and Media	1998	S/P, TM
<i>Believe Celebrate Live Confirmation</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2018	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Believe Celebrate Live Eucharist (Primary)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2017	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Believe Celebrate Live Reconciliation (Primary)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2017	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Believe Celebrate Live Reconciliation & Eucharist (Intermediate)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2017	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Older Adolescents)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2008	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Younger Adolescents)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2008	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Call to Celebrate: Eucharist</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2007	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2007	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation and Eucharist (Intermediate)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2007	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Called to Mercy</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2018	S/P
<i>Celebrate and Remember: Eucharist</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Celebrate and Remember: Reconciliation</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2000	S/P, TM
<i>Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2000	S/P, TM
<i>Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist (II)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2002	S/P, TM
<i>Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation</i>	Ascension Press	2016, 2022	S/P, TM/CM

Sacramental Preparation Materials (continued)

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit</i>	Loyola Press	1997	S/P, TM
<i>Confirmation</i>	RCL Benziger	2007	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Confirmation, Inspired by the Spirit</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2012	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Confirmation: Gifted with the Spirit (6-8)</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2010	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit (9-12)</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2010	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidate's Handbook</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2006	S/P
<i>Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidates Handbook (Immediate Preparation)</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2006	S/P
<i>Confirmed in the Spirit (7-9)</i>	Loyola Press	2007, 2013	S/P, TM
<i>Encounter with Christ, Eucharist and Reconciliation</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2016	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Eucharist</i>	RCL Benziger	2003	S/P, TM
<i>Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (Intermediate)</i>	RCL Benziger	2006, 2015	S/P, TM
<i>Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (Primary)</i>	RCL Benziger	2006, 2015	S/P, TM
<i>Family Formation: First Communion Preparation</i>	Family Formation	2019	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Family Formation: First Reconciliation Preparation</i>	Family Formation	2019	S/P, TM/CM
<i>First Eucharist</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2000	S/P, TM
<i>First Reconciliation</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2000	S/P, TM
<i>Gifted with the Spirit-Confirmation: Junior High Edition</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2018	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Gifted with the Spirit-Confirmation: Senior High Edition</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2018	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Go Seek Find: Eucharist</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2017	S/P
<i>Go Seek Find: Reconciliation</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2017	S/P
<i>God's Gift Eucharist (Primary)</i>	Loyola Press	2009, 2016	S/P, TM/CM
<i>God's Gift Reconciliation (Primary)</i>	Loyola Press	2009, 2016	S/P, TM/CM
<i>God's Gift Reconciliation and Eucharist (Intermediate)</i>	Loyola Press	2016	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Image of God (Mass Books and Confirmation)</i>	Ignatius Press	1986-1993	S/P, TM
<i>Invited by Christ Reconciliation and Eucharist (Intermediate)</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2024	S/P, TM/CM

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<i>Jesus Brings Us Life</i>	Pauline Books and Media	1996	S/P, TM
<i>Little Catechism on the Eucharist</i>	New Hope Publications	2009	S/P
<i>Meet the Gentle Jesus: First Communion (for children, catechist guide, family guide)</i>	Liguori Publications	2020	P, CM
<i>Reconciliation</i>	RCL Benziger	2003	S/P, TM
<i>Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (intermediate)</i>	RCL Benziger	2006, 2015	S/P, TM
<i>Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (primary)</i>	RCL Benziger	2006, 2015	S/P, TM
<i>Renewed: Your Journey to First Reconciliation; Received: Your Journey to First Communion</i>	Ascension Press	2023	S/P, TM
<i>Renewed: Your Journey to First Reconciliation, Second Edition; Received: Your Journey to First Communion, Second Edition</i>	Ascension Press	2024	S/P, TM
<i>Send Out Your Spirit: A Confirmation: Candidate's Handbook for Faith</i>	Ave Maria Press	2003, 2010	S/P, TM
<i>Signs of Grace: You are Forgiven-Preparing for First Reconciliation</i>	Augustine Institute	2018	S/P
<i>Signs of Grace: You are Loved-Preparing for First Holy Communion</i>	Augustine Institute	2018	S/P
<i>Signs of Grace: You Are Sent (Primary)</i>	Augustine Institute	2021	S/P
<i>The Gift of Eucharist</i>	RCL Benziger	2000	S/P, TM
<i>The Gift of Reconciliation</i>	RCL Benziger	2000	S/P, TM
<i>The Holy Mystery of First Communion</i>	St. Maron's Publications	2005	S/P
<i>The Sacrament of Confirmation</i>	New Hope Publications	2011, 2013	S/P
<i>The Sacrament of First Holy Communion</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2019	S/P
<i>The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2000	S/P, TM
<i>This Is Our Faith: Confirmation</i>	Our Lady Queen of Peace R.C. Church	2024	S/P
<i>We Believe and Celebrate First Communion</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2006	S/P, TM/CM
<i>We Believe and Celebrate First Penance</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2006	S/P, TM/CM

Materials in Other Languages

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>¡Alelú! Crecer y celebrar con Jesús (3-4)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2012	S/P, TM/CM
<i>¡Alelú! Crecer y celebrar con Jesús (4,5)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2010	S/P, TM/CM
<i>¡Alelú! Crecer y celebrar con Jesús (K)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2011	S/P, TM/CM
<i>A Catholic Catechism in English and Polish</i>	Rev. Edmund Siedlecki	2009	
<i>Bendecidos / Blest Are We (1-6)</i>	RCL Benziger	2008	P, CM
<i>Celebrar nuestro fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2000	S/P
<i>Celebrar nuestro fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía (Nivel II)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2002	S/P
<i>Confirmación: Inspirados por el Espíritu</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2013	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Confirmados en el Espíritu (7-9)</i>	Loyola Press	2007, 2013	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Creed: A Course on Catholic Faith</i>	Vietnamese Catechetical Community U.S.A.	2000	S/P
<i>Creemos y celebramos Primera Comunión</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2007	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Creemos y celebramos Primera Reconciliación</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2007	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Creemos/We Believe (K-6)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2005, 2011, 2017	S/P, CM
<i>Creer • Celebrar • Vivir La Eucaristía, Primaria</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2017	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Creer • Celebrar • Vivir Reconciliación – Primaria</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2017	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Cristo en nosotros (K-6)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2022	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Don de Dios, la Eucaristía (Primaria)</i>	Loyola Press	2009, 2016	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Don de Dios, la Reconciliación (Primaria)</i>	Loyola Press	2009, 2016	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Don de Dios, la Reconciliación y Eucaristía (Intermedio)</i>	Loyola Press	2016	S/P, TM/CM

Materials in Other Languages (continued)

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<i>El Catecismo para la Familia del Apostolado</i>	Apostolate for Family Consecration	2007, 2008	S/P
<i>El Espíritu Santo nos Libera: Preparando a los jóvenes para la Confirmación</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2000	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Elegido: tu camino hacia la Confirmación</i>	Ascension Press	2023	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Elegido: tu camino hacia la Confirmación [2da. Edición]</i>	Ascension Press	2024	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Encontrando a Dios (Bilingual Edition of Finding God, 1-8)</i>	Loyola Press	2015	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Encontrando a Dios (Bilingual Edition of Finding God, Ages 4-6)</i>	Loyola Press	2018	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Encuentro con Cristo Eucaristía y Reconciliación</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2017	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Eucaristía</i>	RCL Benziger	2003	S/P, TM
<i>Eucaristía: Damos gracias y alabanza</i>	RCL Benziger	2006, 2015, 2018	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church (Bilingual Edition, 3-5)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2016	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Family Formation: First Communion Preparation (Spanish/Bilingual)</i>	Family Formation	2019	P, CM
<i>Family Formation: First Reconciliation Preparation (Spanish/Bilingual)</i>	Family Formation	2019	P, CM
<i>Fusión en la fe: Conocer, amar y servir a Cristo en la Iglesia Católica</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2023	P, CM
<i>Fusión en la fe: Conocer, amar y servir a Cristo en la Iglesia Católica (6-8)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2011	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Invitados por Cristo</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2024	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Mi fe católica: What the Church Believes & Teaches (Pre-K - 8)</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2015, 2018	S/P
<i>Nuestra fe católica (4-6)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2009	S/P
<i>Nuestra fe católica Guía</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2009	TM/CM
<i>Primera Comuni3n</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2000	S/P, TM

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<i>Primera Reconciliación</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2000	S/P, TM
<i>Reconciliación</i>	RCL Benziger	2003	S/P, TM
<i>Reconciliación Perdón y Paz Bilingüe Intermedia</i>	RCL Benziger	2017	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Reconciliación: Perdon y Paz</i>	RCL Benziger	2006, 2015	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Relatos del amor de Dios Kindergarten</i>	RCL Benziger	2012	S/P, TM
<i>Renovado: Tu camino a la primera Confesión; Recibido: Tu camino a la primera Comunión</i>	Ascension Press	2023	S/P, TM
<i>Renovado: Tu camino a la primera Confesión [2da. Edición]; Recibido: Tu camino a la primera Comunión [2da. Edición]</i>	Ascension Press	2024	S/P, TM
<i>Sean Mis Discípulos, 1-6 (Be My Disciples Bilingual Edition)</i>	RCL Benziger	2014	P, CM
<i>Sean Mis Discípulos: Cristo en el Nuevo Testamento, Jr. High (Bilingual Edition)</i>	RCL Benziger	2015	P, CM
<i>Sean Mis Discípulos: Cristo en la Liturgia, Jr. High (Bilingual)</i>	RCL Benziger	2014	P, CM
<i>Sean Mis Discípulos: Cristo Revela el Misterio de Dios, Jr. High (Bilingual Edition)</i>	RCL Benziger	2015	P, CM
<i>Sean Mis Discípulos: Vida en Cristo Jesus, Jr. High (Bilingual)</i>	RCL Benziger	2014	P, CM
<i>The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth</i>	Vietnamese Catechetical Community U.S.A.	2001	S/P
<i>Un llamado a celebrar: la Confirmación</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2008	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Un llamado a celebrar: la Eucaristía</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2007	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2007	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía (intermediario): Un llamado a la Fe (Level A-F)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2007	S/P, TM/CM

Supplemental Materials

In order to be eligible for conformity review, as of January 2016, all supplemental materials must cross reference a specific basal text/series already granted a declaration of conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Be My Disciples: Our Catholic Heritage</i>	RCL Benziger	2013	P, CM
<i>Heritage Bowl My Beliefs Workbook (6-8)</i>	You Turns	2004	S/P, TM/CM
<i>My Personal Power Trip A & B (7-12)</i>	You Turns	2004	S/P, TM/CM
<i>New Corinthians Curriculum (K-8)</i>	Foundation for the Family	1996	TM, Parent Guide
<i>Family Formation Foundations-Home Lessons and Classroom Lessons (K-6)</i>	Family Formation	2022	P, CM, V

Special Materials

Special materials have been reviewed and judged to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. However, they cover only a specific topic and are not directed towards sacramental preparation. They are considered supplemental material and should not be used as a main source of catechetical instruction.

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<i>Crecer en la Fe Católica Proyecto de Avivamiento de la Reconciliación: Sesiones familiares para hacer en la parroquia y en la casa (Edades 7-9, 10-14)</i>	The Pastoral Center	2024	P, CM, PM, V
<i>Crecer en la Fe Católica Proyecto de Avivamiento Eucarístico: Sesiones familiares para hacer en la parroquia y en la casa (Edades 7-9, 10-14)</i>	The Pastoral Center	2024	P, CM, PM, V
<i>Growing Up Catholic Eucharistic Revival Project: Whole Family Sessions for Parish and Home (Ages 7-9, 10-14)</i>	The Pastoral Center	2024	P, CM, PM, V
<i>Growing Up Catholic Reconciliation Revival Project: Whole Family Sessions for Parish and Home (Ages 7-9, 10-14)</i>	The Pastoral Center	2024	P, CM, PM, V
<i>Who Am I? What it Means to be Made in the Image of God (pre-teens and teens)</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2025	S/P
<i>Revealed (K-8)</i>	Ruah Woods Institute	2024	S/P, TM/CM

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<https://www.usccb.org/committees/catechism> - Subcommittee on the Catechism

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis> - Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/catechism/conformity-review-process> Conformity Review Process & Catechetical Accompaniment Process

Frequently Asked Questions

List of Approved Texts for Catechetical Instruction in a Parish Setting

What does it mean that a text is on the Conformity List?

A text or series on the Conformity List has been reviewed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Subcommittee on the Catechism and has received a declaration of conformity. This declaration states that **the text or series conforms to the teaching of the Church as found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church**. The review process is primarily intended for a *complete series* of catechetical materials which encompass, for example, grades K-8, grades 9-12, or a Catechumenate program (OCIA adapted for Children). The review process, however, can be adapted for a *single work* or *portions* of a complete catechetical series.

What does it mean if a text is not on the Conformity List?

A text not on the Conformity List may not yet have been reviewed by the Subcommittee on the Catechism. It may also be that the publisher has not submitted the text for review. In addition, a text that is not listed on the Conformity List may be outside the purview and mandate of the Subcommittee on the Catechism.

Who makes the decision as to which texts may be used in the diocese?

The local Ordinary (the Bishop) in his role as chief catechist determines which texts may be used. The Bishop typically relies on the work of the catechetical office of the diocese to help him develop a list that should be considered for review. The listing may also be shared with other experienced catechetical leaders and educators for feedback and recommendations. These are given to Bishop to review for possible modification and final approval.

How are approved texts chosen for use in the Diocese of Austin?

The texts on our diocesan approved list come from the [Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series](#) of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), which is revised at least bi-annually. The texts chosen from the USCCB Conformity list are the ones that correlate with the Diocese of Austin Religious Education Curriculum which is approved by our Bishop and implemented in our parish programs and Catholic schools. An approved religion text or series should meet these criteria:

- The series should promote a knowledge of God, a true conversion to Jesus Christ, and **help the student develop an intimate relationship with Christ**, who calls us to discipleship and sacramental life.
- The series or textbooks should include the **best practices in psychological and pedagogical processes** which will facilitate the student's learning and growth in faith in a holistic manner (GCD 121). The selected texts should emphasize the development of materials and resources to help meet the needs of children with disabilities, special needs and multiple intelligences.
- The series should be **relatable to the generation addressed** [e.g., age appropriate in content and visuals], showing close acquaintance with anxieties and questionings, struggles and hopes that students experience.
- Texts and series should have **practical resources** such as manuals, lesson plans, multimedia, on-line resources and tangible materials for the catechist to facilitate the instruction, and to provide **ways for parents and family members to continue the instruction at home**.

How is this approved list to be used?

Very simply, this list should be used as a reliable guide to help pastors and catechetical leaders (i.e. DRE's, RE coordinators, youth ministers, and Catholic school religion teachers) review acceptable options and discern the series or texts that would best meet the needs of the parish or school; the *final authorization should be made by the pastor or principal*. Texts not listed, can only be used as supplemental resources, not as the primary texts for instruction.

Are supplemental texts typically on a USCCB list of conformity? If not, how is the diocesan catechetical office able to determine if the text should be considered supplemental?

All texts from the USCCB Conformity listing that were not included in the diocesan list are deemed “supplemental” by the catechetical office of the Diocese of Austin; thus, they can be used only in combination with an approved text. In other words, supplemental material is permitted for use only to enhance the curriculum in the approved books. The criteria for our office not proposing these USCCB-approved texts (which are nevertheless in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church) for the Diocesan list include the following:

- The text has not recently been revised to include cultural and social trends that can help students connect what they learn with their real-world experiences.
- The method of delivering the material is not set up in a systematic way that builds from one year to the other.
- The Publisher does not follow our diocesan curriculum based on scope and sequence.
- The language and vocabulary used might be too difficult for the intended grade level.
- The method of instruction does not follow a kerygma-centered approach that invites a student to develop a relationship with Jesus who is at the center of our faith.

What about texts or curricula which are not found on a current USCCB list of conformity?

Sometimes there are texts that are not found on the USCCB conformity listing because the Subcommittee on the Catechism has either not completed their evaluation, or the curriculum might not include a sufficient amount of text to evaluate. In some circumstances these may be deemed suitable for use but *only with prior approval from the Office of Catechesis*, and only as a supplemental resource and not as the main text for instruction.

How are we assured that supplemental texts are not being used as the primary texts?

Ultimately, we can only provide improved clarity through the publication of the List of Approved Texts for the Diocese of Austin, relying on ratification from the Office of the Bishop. The list is published and promulgated with a letter from the local ordinary authorizing its use in the diocese. The diocesan catechetical office also conducts a periodic census of the programs used in parishes and schools by collecting information from the DRE, parish catechetical leader/youth minister, Catholic school religion coordinator, or the Pastor. This will help the diocesan office identify those who are not using the correct texts and give appropriate counsel.

The goal of our office is to assist catechetical leaders and youth ministers in using a primary text that is approved by not only the USCCB but also by our Bishop—while employing supplemental material creatively but not exclusively.