



# Office of Catechesis

## List of Approved Texts for Catechetical Instruction in a School 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.

Our hope is that a variety of materials will be considered. Following are recommendations for discerning the appropriate series or texts for instruction at a parish catechetical program or Catholic school:

- 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,	S/P, TM/CM

## Sacramental Preparation Materials

These materials are only a part of catechetical preparation and do not reflect a complete presentation of all of the elements contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that should be present in catechetical formation.

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Encounter with Christ – Adolescent Confirmation</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	2025	S, CM, PM
<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

## High School Doctrinal Framework Texts

The Secondary Level Protocol was approved as a review instrument by the Subcommittee on the Catechism in April 2011 .

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Catholic Morality: Finding Truth in God's Law</i>	Ave Maria Press	2025	Core Course VI
<i>God Loves: Jesus Christ Enters the World</i>	Ave Maria Press	2025	Core Course II
<i>God Reveals: An Introduction to the Bible</i>	Ave Maria Press	2025	Core Course I
<i>God Saves: We Are Redeemed through the Paschal Mystery</i>	Ave Maria Press	2025	Core Course III
<i>The Holy Catholic Church: History and Mission of God's People</i>	Ave Maria Press	2025	Core Course IV
<i>The Seven Sacraments: Signs of God's Grace</i>	Ave Maria Press	2025	Core Course V

## 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>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	2014	S, TM
<i>Be My Disciples (7-8)</i>	RCL Benziger		S&P, TM&CM
<i>God's Promise in the Old Testament</i>		2019, 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	2004	S, TM
<i>Blest Are We (7-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2005 2010	S&TM S/P, TM&CM
<i>Blest Are We Faith and Word Edition (1-6)</i>	RCL Benziger	2010	S, TM
<i>Blest Are We Faith and Word Junior High (7- 8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2010	S
<i>Blest Are We Faith in Action Kindergarten</i>	RCL Benziger	2019	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Blest Are We Faith in Action School Edition (1-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2018	S, TM
<i>Call to Faith (K-6)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2005	S, TM
<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
<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

## Elementary Series: School and Parish *(continued)*

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<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.	1998	S, TM
<i>Coming to Faith/Keystone Edition (K-6)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	1998	S, TM
<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	2020	S
<i>Faith and Life (1-8)</i>	Ignatius Press	2002-2005, 2011	S/P, TM 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	2001	S, TM
<i>Faith First (7-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2001	S&P, TM&CM
<i>Faith First Legacy Edition Church History (7- 8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2007	S, TM
<i>Faith First Legacy Edition/Parish (K-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2007	S
<i>Faith First Legacy Edition/School (1-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2007	S, TM
<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>Faith of the Mountain (1-8)</i>	St. Maron's Publications	2000	S, TM
<i>Faith of the Mountain (K-8)</i>	St. Maron's Publications	2010	S
<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>Friends of Jesus (7-9)</i>	Legionaries of Christ	2003	S
<i>Image of God (K-8)</i>	Ignatius Press	1986-1993	S, TM
<i>Image of God (Pre-K-4)</i>	Ignatius Press	2014	S, TM
<i>Image of God Series, Grades 5-8 and Confirmation</i>	Ignatius Press	2019	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Beliefs and Traditions (1-8)</i>	Loyola Press	2000	S



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<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>Our Catholic Identity (1-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	1998	S
<i>Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches (Student Handbook) (K- 8)</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2010, 2018	S/P, TM
<i>Share the Joy (K-6)</i>	RCL Benziger	1997	S, TM
<i>Spirit of Truth (K-2) School Edition</i>	Sophia Institute for Teachers	2023	S
<i>Spirit of Truth (K-8) School Edition</i>	Sophia Institute for Teachers	2017	S
<i>St. Joseph Catechism for Young Catholics</i>	Catholic Book Publishing	2022	S/P
<i>This is Our Faith (K-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	1998	S, TM
<i>The Treasure of My Catholic Faith (1-6)</i>	Circle Press	2003	S
<i>Walking by Faith (K-6)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	1999	S/P, TM&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 Doctrinal Framework Texts

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TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Becoming Disciples: What It Means to Follow Jesus Today</i>	Dynamic Catholic	2018	Core Course III
<i>Catholic Social Teaching: Christian Life in Society</i>	Saint Mary’s Press	2012	Elective C
<i>Christian Morality: Our Response to God’s Love</i>	Saint Mary’s Press	2012	Core Course VI
<i>Church History: Apostolic Times to Today</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2013	Elective B
<i>Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue</i>	Veritas Communications	2019	Elective E

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TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue, Semester Edition</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2020	Elective E
<i>Encountering Christ in the Sacraments</i>	Veritas Communications	2015	Core Course V
<i>Encountering Jesus: Discovering His Invitation to Live Life to the Fullest</i>	Dynamic Catholic	2018	Core Course II
<i>Exploring Sacred Scripture</i>	Veritas Communications	2018	Elective A
<i>Exploring the Bible: An Introduction to the Living Word of God</i>	Dynamic Catholic	2018	Core Course I
<i>Faith and Revelation: Knowing God Through Sacred Scripture</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2009, 2012	Core Course I
<i>Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching</i>	Ave Maria Press	2015	Elective C
<i>God's Word Revealed in Sacred Scripture</i>	Veritas Communications	2013	Core Course I
<i>Jesus and the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic</i>	Ave Maria Press	2014	Core Course IV
<i>Jesus Christ and the New Testament</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2019	Core Course II
<i>Jesus Christ: God's Love Made Visible</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	Core Course II
<i>Jesus Christ: God's Love Made Visible, Second Edition</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2015	Core Course II
<i>Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World</i>	Ave Maria Press	2010	Core Course I
<i>Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World, Second Edition</i>	Ave Maria Press	2016	Core Course I
<i>Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry</i>	Ave Maria Press	2011	Core Course II
<i>Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry, Second Edition</i>	Ave Maria Press	2017	Core Course II
<i>Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation</i>	Ave Maria Press	2011	Core Course III
<i>Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation, Second Edition</i>	Ave Maria Press	2017	Core Course III
<i>Living and Loving as Disciples of Christ</i>	Veritas Communications	2015	Core Course VI
<i>Living as a Disciple of Jesus in Society</i>	Veritas Communications	2018	Elective C
<i>Marriage and Holy Orders: Your Call to Love and Service</i>	Ave Maria Press	2007	Elective D
<i>Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments</i>	Ave Maria Press	2010	Core Course V
<i>Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments, Second Edition</i>	Ave Maria Press	2018	Core Course V



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<i>Morality and God's Love</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2021	Core Course VI
<i>Our Moral Life in Christ</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2009, 2013	Core Course VI
<i>People of Celebration: Understanding the Genius of the Sacraments</i>	Dynamic Catholic	2018	Core Course V
<i>Responding to the Call of Jesus Christ</i>	Veritas Communications	2018	Elective D
<i>Revelation and the Old Testament</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2019	Core Course I
<i>Sacraments and God's Grace</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2021	Core Course V
<i>Sacred Scripture: A Catholic Study of God's Word</i>	Ave Maria Press	2013	Elective A
<i>Son of God and Son of Mary</i>	Veritas Communications	2013	Core Course II
<i>Spirit of Truth: A Moral Life in Christ</i>	Sophia Press	2020	Core Course VI
<i>Spirit of Truth: Catholic Social Teaching</i>	Sophia Press	2020	Elective C
<i>Spirit of Truth: Christ's Church and World Religions</i>	Sophia Press	2021	Elective E
<i>Spirit of Truth: Encountering Christ</i>	Sophia Press	2019	Core Course II
<i>Spirit of Truth: History of the Catholic Church</i>	Sophia Press	2021	Elective B
<i>Spirit of Truth: Revelation of Christ in Scripture</i>	Sophia Press	2019	Core Course I
<i>Spirit of Truth: Sacred Scripture</i>	Sophia Press	2020	Elective A
<i>Spirit of Truth: The Church is Christ's Living Body</i>	Sophia Press	2019	Core Course IV
<i>Spirit of Truth: The Paschal Mystery</i>	Sophia Press	2019	Core Course III
<i>Spirit of Truth: The Sacraments</i>	Sophia Press	2020	Core Course V
<i>Spirit of Truth: Your Vocation in Christ</i>	Sophia Press	2021	Elective D
<i>The Bible: The Living Word of God</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	Core Course I
<i>The Blessed Trinity and Our Christian Vocation</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2009, 2012	Core Course II
<i>The Body of Christ: The Church</i>	Veritas Communications	2014	Core Course IV
<i>The Catholic Church: Offering the Love, Healing, and Joy of God to the People of Every Age</i>	Dynamic Catholic	2018	Core Course IV
<i>The Church Our Story</i>	Ave Maria Press	2013	Core Course IV
<i>The Church: Christ in the World Today</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	Core Course IV

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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PUBLISHER</b>	<b>© YEAR</b>	<b>Specifics</b>
<i>The Church: Christ in the World Today, Second Edition</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2016	Core Course IV
<i>The Church: Foundations and Mission</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2020	Core Course IV
<i>The Church: Sacrament of Salvation</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2010, 2012	Core Course IV
<i>The History of the Catholic Church</i>	Ave Maria Press	2020	Elective B
<i>The History of the Catholic Church</i>	Veritas Communications	2019	Elective B
<i>The History of the Church</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2010, 2013	Elective B
<i>The Living Word: The Revelation of God's Love</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2015	Core Course I
<i>The Mission of Jesus Christ (The Paschal Mystery)</i>	Verbum	2017	Core Course III
<i>The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2014	Core Course III
<i>The Paschal Mystery: Christ's Mission of Salvation</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	Core Course III
<i>The Paschal Mystery: Christ's Mission of Salvation, Second Edition</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2016	Core Course III
<i>The Promised One: Servant and Savior</i>	Veritas Communications	2014	Core Course III
<i>The Revelation of Jesus Christ in Scripture</i>	Verbum	2016	Core Course I
<i>The Sacraments: Encounters with Christ</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2012	Core Course V
<i>The Sacraments: Source of Our Life in Christ</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2009, 2012	Core Course V
<i>The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2013	Elective C
<i>This is Our Church: A History of Catholicism</i>	Ave Maria Press	2013	Elective B
<i>Understanding the Scriptures</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2010, 2013	Elective A
<i>Vocations and the Universal Call to Holiness</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2018	Elective D
<i>Vocations: Answering God's Call</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2013	Elective D
<i>Walking With God: Encountering Jesus in Everyday Life</i>	Dynamic Catholic	2018	Core Course VI
<i>Your Christian Vocation</i>	Ave Maria Press	2019	Elective D
<i>Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality</i>	Ave Maria Press	2008	Core Course VI
<i>Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality, Third Edition</i>	Ave Maria Press	2019	Core Course VI

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<i>The Apostolate's Family Catechism</i>	Apostolate for Family Consecration	2003, 2005, 2008, 2011	S/P
<i>The Bible: The Living Word of God</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	S
<i>The Blessed Trinity and our Christian Vocation</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2009	S
<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>Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living Justice</i>	Ave Maria Press	2001, 2007	S
<i>The Church: Our Story</i>	Ave Maria Press	1999, 2006	S
<i>The Church Through History</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2007	S
<i>The Church: Christ in the World Today</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	S
<i>The Church: Sacrament of Salvation</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2010	S
<i>God's Word Revealed in Sacred Scripture</i>	Veritas Communications	2011	S, TM
<i>Encountering Jesus in the New Testament</i>	Ave Maria Press	2003, 2009	S
<i>Faith and Revelation: Knowing God through Sacred Scripture</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2009	S
<i>The History of the Church</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2005 2007	S TM
<i>Introduction to Catholicism</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2003, 2011	TM S
<i>Jesus Christ: God's Love Made Visible</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	S
<i>Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World</i>	Ave Maria Press	2010	S
<i>Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry</i>	Ave Maria Press	2011	S
<i>Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation</i>	Ave Maria Press	2011	S
<i>Journey Through the New Testament</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2006	S
<i>Journey Through the Old Testament</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2002, 2006	S
<i>Justice and Peace: Our Faith in Action</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2007	S
<i>The Light of Faith</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2005	S
<i>Living Justice and Peace</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2002, 2008	S

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<i>Marriage and Holy Orders: Your Call to Love and Service</i>	Ave Maria Press	2007	S
<i>Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments</i>	Ave Maria Press	2010	S
<i>Morality: Our Response to God's Love</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2005	S
<i>The New Testament: The Good News of Jesus Christ</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2012	S
<i>Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe</i>	Ave Maria Press	2006	S
<i>Our Moral Life in Christ</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2003	S, TM
<i>Our Moral Life in Christ (Complete Course Edition)</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2009	S
<i>Our Moral Life in Christ (Semester Edition)</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2009	S
<i>Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshiping in Christ</i>	Ave Maria Press	2003	S
<i>The Paschal Mystery: Christ's Mission of Salvation</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2011	S
<i>Sacraments: Celebrating, Living, Believing</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2008	S
<i>The Sacraments: Source of Our Life in Christ (Semester Ed.)</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2009	S
<i>Sacred Scripture</i>	Ave Maria Press	2012	S
<i>This is Our Church: A History of Catholicism</i>	Ave Maria Press	2007	S
<i>Understanding the Scriptures</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2005 2007	S, TM
<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
<i>Vocation: Our Response to God's Call</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2008	S
<i>Where Did I Come From? Where Am I Going? How Do I Get There?</i>	St. Augustine's Press	2009	S
<i>Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament)</i>	Saint Mary's Press	2002, 2009	S
<i>Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality</i>	Ave Maria Press	2001, 2008	S

# High School Series

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Catholicism Series Reason</i>	C.R. Publications	2009, 2007, 1997,	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Catholicism Series Reason: Life Ethics Society Scripture</i>	C.R. Publications	1997, 2006	S/P, TM/CM
<i>Dominican Series</i>	Priory Press	2000	S, TM
<i>Friends of Jesus/Witnesses of Christ</i>	Legionaries of Christ	2003	S

## Sacramental Preparation Materials

These materials are only a part of catechetical preparation and do not reflect a complete presentation of all of the elements contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that should be present in catechetical formation.

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 &amp; 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

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TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<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
<i>Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit Confirmation</i>	Loyola Press RCL Benziger	1997 2007	S/P, TM 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



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TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<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
<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>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

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TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<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 Confirmation: A Complete Preparation Course and Activities with Parents &amp; Sponsors</i>	Midwest Theological Forum	2018	S, TM
<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>Together in Jesus – First Eucharist</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2004, 2011, 2018	S, TM
<i>Together in Jesus – First Reconciliation</i>	Pflaum Publishing Group	2004, 2011, 2018	S, TM
<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>Acercandote a La Fe (K-6)</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	1999	S, TM

## Materials in Other Languages *(continued)*

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<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</i>	RCL Benziger	2014	S, TM
<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>Conociendo nuestra fe católica (1-3)</i>	Loyola Press	2011	S
<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>Cristo Jesús, el Camino (K-6)</i>	RCL Benziger	2003	S, TM
<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
<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

## Materials in Other Languages *(continued)*

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<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>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 &amp; 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>Nuestra Identidad Católica (1-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	1998	S
<i>Primera Comunión</i>	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	2000	S/P, TM
<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>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

## Materials in Other Languages *(continued)*

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<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>Benziger Family Life (K-8)</i>	RCL Benziger	2001	S (4 <sup>th</sup> ed.)
<i>Catholic Vision of Love (5-8)</i>	Our Sunday Visitor	1996	S, TM (rev. ed.)
<i>Family Life Series</i>	RCL Benziger	2011	S, TM
<i>Great People of the Bible (5-7)</i>	Saint Mary’s Press	2010	S
<i>Growing in Love (K-8)</i>	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	2001	S
<i>Heritage Bowl My Beliefs Workbook (6-8)</i>	You Turns	2004	S/P, TM/CM
<i>My Personal Power Trip A &amp; B (7-12)</i>	You Turns	2004	S/P, TM/CM

## Supplemental Materials *(continued)*

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>New Corinthians Curriculum (K-8)</i>	Foundation for the Family	1996	TM, Parent Guide
<i>Project Genesis (K-8)</i>	Leaflet Missal Company	1996	S, TM

## Special Materials

Special materials have been reviewed and judged to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. However, they cover 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.

TITLE	PUBLISHER	© YEAR	SPECIFICS
<i>Revealed (K-8)</i>	Ruah Woods Institute	2024	S/P, TM/CM
<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

# Resources

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:**

<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 AND THE CATECHETICAL ACCOMPANIMENT PROCESS



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 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.