



Diocese of Kalamazoo's Theology Standards

Kindergarten – Eighth Grade

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Diocese of Kalamazoo's Curriculum Standards

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Kalamazoo utilize the established curricula and materials promoted by the Diocese through the Office of Schools, which includes rigorous and high academic standards. We believe that our diocesan standards are foundational to the development and implementation of a successful education plan. It is understood and expected that each teacher approach and implement these standards through the lens of our Catholic faith.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo, with a team of teachers, administrators, DRE, and Diocesan personnel, adapted and adopted our current Theology standards from the Diocese of Fargo. Incorporated within the implementation of these standards are a foundation in the twelve truths, a focus on Scripture, the Saints, and the Creed. Catholic Social Teaching and Theology of the Body are woven throughout the curriculum. There is also special attention payed to sacramental and prayer life. The whole of the curriculum is designed to engage the student not only in the intellectual standards of the faith, but also as an introduction to the person of Jesus.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has adapted and adopted the state of Michigan's standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science into their education plan and consider these standards to be under regular review as we consider how teachers' instructional practice and student learning are impacted and influenced by the implementation of these standards across our school communities.

How does the Diocese of Kalamazoo define curriculum standards?

The Diocese of Kalamazoo defines curriculum standards as those measureable learning targets which are established within each grade that identifies the minimum that each student is expected to understand and the skills they are expected to master.

Across grade levels, standards are presented in a developmentally-appropriate learning progression which supports teachers' instructional practice; aids in the selection of learning resources/tools; and guides the integration and development of effective assessment practice.

How do we use standards?

The Diocese of Kalamazoo uses curriculum standards in many ways:

- To serve as a comprehensive list of instructional content that informs teachers, parents, and students of what a child is expected to learn in any given year;
- To act as a foundation of teachers' lesson planning and assessment development;
- To track student learning within and across grade levels in any particular area;
- To show progression of student learning within any content area;
- To inform teachers of what they can expect a classroom of incoming students to know at the beginning of any school year;
- To identify what a student is expected to understand and the skills they should be able to demonstrate when the learning target has been achieved. This student learning is then reflected in our Standards Based Report Cards.

KINDERGARTEN	
Creed	
K.I.1:	God is a loving Father who made us and cares for us CCC 301, 303, 305
K.I.2:	Creation is a gift of God. God made everything, all that is seen and unseen. God calls us to be Gifts to one another. CCC 293-295, 315
K.I.3:	God, the Father, sent Jesus, His Son, as our friend. Jesus lived, died, and rose for us. He gives us new life. (Redemption) CCC 571, 599, 601, 604
K.I.4:	We can know God through our relationships with others and through stories about Him. CCC 36, 40, 53-64
K.I.5:	Mary is a woman who became Jesus' mother and our mother. Joseph is a man who became the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are called the Holy Family. CCC 495, 564, 963
K.I.6:	Prayer is listening and talking to God. We are called to pray every day. CCC 2559, 2659-2660
K.I.7:	The Bible is a special book that tells us about God's love. CCC 104
K.I.8:	Jesus teaches us how to love God and others by making ourselves a gift to one another. CCC 804, 1213, 1267
K.I.9:	During the Mass, Jesus is with us in a special way. CCC 1373
K.I.10:	In the Mass, we remember that Jesus gave His life for our happiness; we take part in His sacrifice whenever we attend Mass. CCC 1364-1365
K.I.11:	The Mass is a special meal that Jesus celebrates with His family. CCC 1329
Sacraments	
K.II.1:	We become members of God's Family through Baptism -- His Children, His Daughter, or His Son. CCC 804, 1213, 1267
K.II.2:	God wants His Family, the Church, to gather each Sunday. CCC 1066-1075
K.II.3:	During the Mass, Jesus is with us in a special way. CCC 1373
K.II.4:	In the Mass, we remember that Jesus gave His life for our happiness; we take part in His sacrifice whenever we attend Mass. CCC 1364-1365
K.II.5:	The Mass is a special meal that Jesus celebrates with His Family. CCC 1329
K.II.6:	Be introduced to liturgical gestures (genuflection, kneeling, sign of the cross, handshake of peace, folding hands for prayer).
K.II.7:	Be introduced to the liturgical calendar through the liturgical colors and celebrating in the classroom.
K.II.8:	Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus' birthday and Easter is when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection.
K.II.9:	Priests are men who serve God in a special way.
Moral Development	
K.III.1:	Have a sense of being loved by the important people in his/her life. (Faith, Love)
K.III.2:	Be aware of his/her uniqueness and that he/she is loved by God.
K.III.3:	Realize that there are right and wrong choices and be able to express "I'm sorry" to those injured by wrong choices (i.e., God, family, classmates, neighbor).

K.III.4: Understand that we must avoid wrong because it is sinful. Sin breaks our relationship with God.
K.III.5: Realize that he/she is responsible for decisions and actions in caring for God's gifts of creation, especially the protection of all human life.
K.III.6: Be introduced to models of love and service within his/her community, priests, religious, lay ministers of the parish, as well as traditional examples like the Holy Family and the lives of the saints. They should see how real people love God and one another and make themselves gifts to one another.
Prayer and Worship
K.IV.1: Be able to recite the following during the Kindergarten year: K.IV.1.a: Sign of the Cross K.IV.1.b: Our Father K.IV.1.c: Hail Mary K.IV.1.d: Angel of God K.IV.1.e: Morning Prayer K.IV.1.f: Evening Prayer K.IV.1.g Words of Prayer: Alleluia; Holy, holy, holy; Glory to God; Amen, Thank-you God; I love you God; For my family, Lord hear our prayer.
K.IV.2: Participate in a variety of prayer forms: K.IV.2.a: spontaneous prayer K.IV.2.b: gesture K.IV.2.c: song K.IV.2.d: reflection/silence
K.IV.3: Experience belonging to family, kindergarten class, etc. as the basis for belonging to Church.
K.IV.4: Know that the Church is God's special people and the church building is a place to worship as a family. The priest is the leader of the worship. (Vocations)
K.IV.5: Recognize the Lord's Day as a day of prayer, rest, and togetherness.
K.IV.6: Describe something of religious significance about Christmas and Easter.
K.IV.7: Realize in some way the symbol of silence (especially in the parish church).
Saints
K.V.1: God wants us all to be saints. Saints are what we call people who are in God's family in heaven.
K.V.2: Know that God is a Family: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
K.V.3: Know that we become part of God's Family through Baptism.
K.V.4: Know that angels are not saints, they are God's helpers.
K.V.5: Know the following new saints: K.V.5.a: Sts. Joachim K.V.5.b: Archangel Gabriel; the one who came to Mary, awaited her "yes", and announced Jesus' birth Ann, Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents
K.V.6: Review: K.V.6.a: Jesus' first family: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. K.V.6.b: Jesus' family on earth began with: Mary, Jesus, and Joseph (the Holy Family)

Scripture
K.VI.1: The child knows that the Bible is a special book where God speaks to us.
K.VI.2: Begin to develop a love for God in Sacred Scripture.
K.VI.3: The child, hearing the stories of Jesus and His life, becomes more and more aware of God's love. K.VI.3.a: Creation -- Gen. 1:1-24, 31 K.VI.3.b: Noah's Ark -- Gen. 7:11 - 8:22 K.VI.3.c: Annunciation (Mary's yes) -- Lk. 1:26-35 K.VI.3.d: Nativity -- Lk. 2:1-20 K.VI.3.e: Visit of the Magi -- Mt. 2:1-12 K.VI.3.f: Parables: K.VI.3.f.1: The Mustard Seed -- Mt. 13:31-32 K.VI.3.f.2: The Pearl of Great Price -- 13:45-46 K.VI.3.f.3: The Leaven -- Mt. 13:33

FIRST GRADE	
Creed	
1.I.1:	There is only one God, and He always was. CCC 228
1.I.2:	Know that we believe in God the Father, Gods the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Trinity). CCC 232-237, 249-260
1.I.3:	Express the basic concept of God as loving Father who made us and loves and cares for us. CCC 301, 303, 305
1.I.4:	God made us in His image and likeness with eternal souls and physical bodies. Humans are able to know and love God. God wants us to care for the rest of creation. CCC 355-361, 380
1.I.5:	God the Father loves and cares for us in the things He made and in sending Jesus His Son. CCC 288, 293-294, 299, 399, 443-444, 458, 460, 571, 724, 733, 1065
1.I.6:	Jesus is both God and Man. He was born in Bethlehem. CCC 464-478
1.I.7:	Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother. She helps us to heaven. CCC 502-507, 512
1.I.8:	Know that Jesus is the model of how we should live. CCC 459, 520-521, 615, 915, 1900, 2242
1.I.9:	Know that Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead for the salvation of all people. (Redemption) Jesus is our Savior and Lord. CCC 612, 619, 627, 629, 639-646
1.I.10:	The Gospels are the most special part of the Bible because they tell us about Jesus' life and teaching. CCC 125, 129
1.I.11:	Locate significant places in Jesus' life: Bethlehem, Egypt, and Jerusalem.
1.I.12:	Know that we are called to live with God forever. (Salvation) We are to be holy. We are to be saints. CCC 293-294
1.I.13:	Know that the Holy Spirit encourages us to pray and helps us to live as God's children. CCC 2652, 2659, 2670-2672
1.I.14:	Experience the Church as God's Family. CCC 169, 759, 762, 764
Sacraments	
1.II.1:	Jesus gave the Church, His Family, the seven sacraments. CCC 1131
1.II.2:	The names of the seven sacraments are Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony
1.II.3:	The sacrament of Baptism is the gateway to all other sacraments. CCC 1213
1.II.4:	Through Baptism we receive: CCC 1265-66, 1279-80
1.II.4.a:	Forgiveness of original and all personal sin.
1.II.4.b:	Birth into a new life by which we become adopted children of the Father, members of the Body of Christ (the Church, the Family of God), and temples of the Holy Spirit. We are co-heirs of the Kingdom.
1.II.4.c:	Indelible spiritual mark (can never be repeated or undone).
1.II.4.d:	Receive everything we need to grow as His Child (theological virtues, gifts of the Holy Spirit).
1.II.5:	Christ is always present in the Church, His Family, especially in the Sacraments, which are the times we receive God's life (sanctifying grace). CCC 1088
1.II.6:	There are two main parts of the Mass:
1.II.6.a:	Liturgy of the Word
1.II.6.b:	Liturgy of the Eucharist CCC 1324-1327
1.II.7:	There is a liturgical year in which we celebrate the life of Christ, Mary, and the saints. CCC 2698

1.II.8: The liturgical seasons throughout the year and their colors: Advent (purple), Christmas (white), Ordinary Time (green), Lent (purple), and Easter (white). CCC 1163-1173
1.II.9: Describe something of the significance of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost through verbal and/or artistic forms of creative expressions. CCC 1163
1.II.10: Be able to identify: altar, tabernacle, baptismal font, confessional, crucifix, sanctuary light, and holy water font. CCC 2177
1.II.11: Be aware that the Bible is God's Word and has a special place in Church, but should also be read in the classroom and at home. CCC 81-113
1.II.12: Recognize Sunday as the Day of the Lord, when His Family gathers to worship. The priest takes the place of Jesus at the Mass and leads the worship. Deacons are special helpers (vocations).
Moral Development
1.III.1: Be aware of his/her own uniqueness and the uniqueness of each person whom God has created. CCC 339
1.III.2: Be aware that God is the Giver of life in creation and as such all life is a precious gift. CCC 341
1.III.3: Name the human body as a sign of God's love in the world and our call to love as God loves. CCC 364
1.III.4: Know that family and friends are a way of knowing God's love. CCC 1766
1.III.5: Know that helping, sharing, and being kind to others are ways of imitating Jesus.
1.III.6: Realize that he/she is responsible for decisions and actions in caring for God's gift of creation. CCC 2415
1.III.7: Memorize the Ten Commandments. Know that they are a gift from God. Understand their meaning in a manner that applies to their life. CCC 1422-1424
1.III.8: Know that there are right choices (good) and wrong choices (bad).
1.III.9: Understand that wrong choices are called sins. These break our relationship with God. Understand that good choices are called virtues. These help our relationship with God grow.
1.III.10: Be aware of the need to forgive (others) and/or ask forgiveness (from God and others). Practice using the phrases, "I forgive you" and "I'm sorry." CCC 1446
1.III.11: Know that even if others don't forgive them, God always forgives when we are sorry.
1.III.12: Enjoy the stories of the saints and of good modern day Christians as models of living the Gospel values. CCC 2013-2014
1.III.13: Know that they should tell others about Jesus and His Family, the Church. (Evangelization) CCC 915
Prayer and Worship
1.IV.1: Attend Mass & participate.
1.IV.2: Realize that quiet times of listening help us to grow in our knowledge and love for God. Prayer is a vital and personal relationship with God, who loves us CCC 2558
1.IV.3: The memorization of basic prayers offers an essential support to the life of prayer, yet it is also important to help students savor their meaning. Children should be able to recite the following: CCC 2688 1.IV.3.a: All prayers from previous grade

<p>1.IV.3.b: Glory Be</p> <p>1.IV.3.c: St. Michael the Archangel</p>
<p>1.IV.4: Recite and/or sing selected communal prayers and responses of the Mass:</p> <p>1.IV.4.a: Responses to the Greeting and Penitential Rite</p> <p>1.IV.4.b: Gloria</p> <p>1.IV.4.c: Responses to the Readings and Gospel</p> <p>1.IV.4.d: Response to Intercessions</p> <p>1.IV.4.e: Response to Preparation of Gifts and Eucharistic Preface</p> <p>1.IV.4.f: Holy, Holy, Holy</p> <p>1.IV.4.g: Memorial Acclamation</p> <p>1.IV.4.h: Great Amen</p> <p>1.IV.4.i: Our Father</p> <p>1.IV.4.j: For the Kingdom, the power?</p> <p>1.IV.4.k: Response to the Sign of Peace</p> <p>1.IV.4.l: Lamb of God and Response</p> <p>1.IV.4.m: Final Blessing and Dismissal</p>
<p>1.IV.5: Have experienced prayer in a spontaneous way: with Scripture, with song, with gestures, with spontaneous words, reflection, and silence.</p>
<p>1.IV.6: Begin and end each day with prayer. Bring the help of prayer into everyday situations. CCC 2660</p>
<p>1.IV.7: Recognize the church as God's special dwelling where His Family gathers. Know that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament kept in the tabernacle. This is the reason for genuflection, reverence, and silence in church.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saints</p>
<p>1.V.1: God wants everyone to be a saint. Saints are the people in God's family in heaven.</p>
<p>1.V.2: Know that God is a family: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.</p>
<p>1.V.3: Know that we become part of God's Family through Baptism, but we keep growing as His children until we get to heaven. People in heaven are called saints. We are all to desire to be saints. With God's grace (both His life and His help), we can be saints.</p>
<p>1.V.4: We should also ask the saints to help us be holy. They are our friends, our brothers and sisters, in heaven. They want us to be with them in heaven.</p>
<p>1.V.5: Know that the angels are not saints, they are God's helpers.</p>
<p>1.V.6: Know the following new saints and angels:</p> <p>1.V.6.a: Sts. Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist, Jesus' cousins. Circumstances surrounding John's birth. The Visitation. John the Baptist as the last prophet, sent to prepare the way for Jesus and calling for repentance. Jesus' baptism by John.</p> <p>1.V.6.b: St. Nicholas, the first real Santa Claus.</p> <p>1.V.6.c: St. Francis of Assisi, his love for all God's creatures, great and small, the happy friar who gave up his family and fortune to devote his life to God and the poor.</p> <p>1.V.6.d: St. Valentine, priest, martyr, secretly married couples, was arrested, while there converted the jailor by restoring sight to his daughter</p> <p>1.V.6.e: Guardian Angels. Everybody has at least one guardian angel, who is our special helper and protector.</p> <p>1.V.6.f: Mary is the Mother of God and Our Mother.</p>

1.V.7: Review:

1.V.7.a: Jesus' first family: Father, Jesus (Son), and the Holy Spirit

1.V.7.b: Jesus' family on earth began with: Mary, Jesus, and Joseph (the Holy Family)

1.V.7.c: Archangel Gabriel: the one who came to Mary, awaited her "yes", and announced Jesus' birth

1.V.7.d: Sts. Joachim and Ann, Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents

Scripture

1.VI.1: Creation Story -- Gen. 1:1-31

1.VI.2: God's resting and the Sabbath -- Gen. 2:1-3

1.VI.3: Noah's Ark -- Gen. 7:11-8:22

1.VI.4: Moses and the Burning Bush -- Ex 2:23-3:14

1.VI.5: David and Goliath -- 1Sam 17:17-58

1.VI.6: Annunciation and Visitation -- Lk 1:26-56

1.VI.7: Nativity and the Visit of the Magi/Shepherds -- Lk 2:1-20, Mt 1:18-2:12

1.VI.8: Presentation of Jesus in the Temple -- Lk 2:22-38

1.VI.9: Finding Jesus in the Temple doing the Will of His Father -- Lk 2:41-52

1.VI.10: Passages that show Jesus' love for many people.

1.VI.11: The prayer which Jesus taught us, the Our Father -- Mt 6:9-13

1.VI.12: Jesus rose from the dead -- Mk 16:1-8

1.VI.13: Pentecost -- Acts 2:1-4

1.VI.14: Circumstances around John the Baptist's birth -- Lk 1:5-25, 57-66

1.VI.15: John the Baptist preaching and Jesus' Baptism -- Lk 3:1-22

SECOND GRADE	
Creed	
2.I.1:	God exists. He is all-loving, almighty, all-knowing and all present. CCC 233, 268-278
2.I.2:	God is three persons in one being: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Blessed Trinity who is with us and in us. CCC 238, 240, 243-248, 262-263
2.I.3:	God made us in His image and likeness. We have a body and a soul. Humans do not become angels when they die. People become saints, fully human, reunited body and soul, when Jesus returns at the end of time. CCC 362-368
2.I.4:	Each person has a guardian angel who helps them become holy and protects them from harm. CCC 330, 336, 352
2.I.5:	Know that Jesus is God's Son, who became man, and who came to earth for all people to save them from sin (salvation) and to make them His children (sanctification). CCC 443-444, 571, 724, 733
2.I.6:	Mary is the Mother of God, because she is the mother of Jesus, who is God. CCC 487, 495, 509
2.I.7:	Know that Jesus suffered, died on the cross, and rose on Easter Sunday (Redemption). Know that Jesus did this to save us from our sins and death so that we could be with Him in heaven forever. CCC 612, 619, 627, 629, 639-646
2.I.8:	Know that when Jesus ascended to His Father (Ascension), He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always (Pentecost). CCC 690, 730, 733-737, 767, 2003
2.I.9:	Know that Jesus is still present among us, specifically in God's Word, in the Church, in the person of the priest, and the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. CCC 662, 947, 1069, 1084-1088, 1340-1341, 1373-1378
2.I.10:	The seven sacraments were given to us by Jesus and are the means by which Jesus gives us His life. CCC 1131, 824, 1266, 1999, 2000, 2023-2024
2.I.11:	Recognize the many gifts that Jesus gives us: a sharing in God's life through Baptism, His forgiveness of our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. CCC 1084-1087, 1115-1116. Baptism: 1262-1265. Reconciliation: 1442, 1444. Eucharist: 1340-1341, 1373-1378.
2.I.12:	Jesus also gives us His help constantly through the Holy Spirit. We need to ask for this help and trust that He is helping us always. CCC 2000, 2024
2.I.13:	Know Jesus' two-fold Law of Love: to love God and to love others as one's self and to never use another person. CCC 1823-1825, 1844, 1970, 2196
2.I.14:	Understand the Commandments in a positive way. They show us how to love God and others. They tell us how to be His children. Realize that the Holy Spirit strengthens us to do this. CCC 1724, 2060-2062, 2067, 2074
2.I.15:	Understand the story of how sin entered the world: the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve. Because of their sin, we are all born with original sin. We need Jesus to save us. CCC 385-421
2.I.16:	Know that sin is a break in our relationship with God. When we sin we are disobedient. CCC 386, 1487, 1850
2.I.17:	Jesus was obedient. Understand that Jesus' obedience to the Father as a sign and model of our life. CCC 615, 915, 1900, 2242
Sacraments	
2.II.1:	The sacred Liturgy of the Church is the work of the Holy Trinity. CCC 1076-1112
2.II.2:	A sacrament is generally a visible sign in this world that points us to an invisible reality in heaven. CCC 1210

2.II.3: Recognize the difference between ordinary bread and the Eucharist.
2.II.4: Describe something of the significance of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost through verbal and/or artistic forms of creative expressions.
2.II.5: Identify these in the church: 2.II.5.a: adoration chapel 2.II.5.b: alb 2.II.5.c: altar 2.II.5.d: baptismal font 2.II.5.e: Blessed Sacrament 2.II.5.f: bread 2.II.5.g: brother 2.II.5.h: catechist 2.II.5.i: chalice 2.II.5.j: confessional 2.II.5.k: crucifix 2.II.5.l: cruets 2.II.5.m: deacon 2.II.5.n: holy water 2.II.5.o: host 2.II.5.p: incense 2.II.5.q: missalette 2.II.5.r: monstrance 2.II.5.s: paten 2.II.5.t: pew 2.II.5.u: priest 2.II.5.v: sanctuary light 2.II.5.w: sister 2.II.5.x: Stations of the Cross 2.II.5.y: stole 2.II.5.z: tabernacle 2.II.5.aa: votive candle 2.II.5.ab: wine
2.II.6: Be aware that the Bible is the book of God's Word and has a special place in the church, in the classroom, and at home. Take time to read the Bible. Recognize the readings at Mass as the Word of God.
2.II.7: Learn the rite of Baptism and its symbols, its necessity, and its effects. CCC Symbols: 1234-1245 Necessity: 1257-1261 Effects: 1262-12743
2.II.8: Learn the rite of Reconciliation, its necessity, effects, and minister. CCC Rite: 1491-94 Necessity: 1486-90, 1497 Minister: 1495
2.II.9: Understand that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is important for preparing to receive the other sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We must be in the state of grace to receive the other sacraments. Through Reconciliation, Jesus acts as the doctor of our souls. CCC 1415, 1421, 1468-1470
2.II.10: Know the Act of Contrition. CCC 1449
2.II.11: Sin is primarily an offense against God. CCC 1440-1445
2.II.12: When we are sorry and seek forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God forgives us.

2.II.13: When the priest celebrates the sacrament of Reconciliation, he is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep. The priest is a man called by God to be a sign of God's forgiving love for us. CCC 1466
2.II.14: We go to the priest, because Jesus calls these men and gives them the unique authority to bind and loose sins in His name. CCC 1495
2.II.15: Every priest who hears confessions must keep these absolutely secret. There is no exception. This is called the sacramental seal of confession. CCC 1467
2.II.16: The sacrament is called the Sacrament of Confession, Forgiveness, Penance, and Reconciliation. CCC 1423-1424
2.II.17: Avoidance of sin is a struggle for everyone due to the lost grace of our first parents our inheritance of an inclination towards sin. We can always be forgiven if we are sorry.
2.II.18 Know the steps to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2.II.18.a: Pray to the Holy Spirit and think about our Lord's sufferings. 2.II.18.b: Find out my sins (examination of conscience) CCC 1448 2.II.18.c: Be sorry for my sins (contrition) CCC 1448, 1451 2.II.18.d: Make up my mind not to sin again (contrition) CCC 1448, 1451
2.II.19 Know the steps to make a good reconciliation: 2.II.19.a: Go into the confessional, sit or kneel, make the Sign of the Cross. 2.II.19.b: Tell my sins to the priest (confession) CCC 1448 2.II.19.c: Listen to what the priest says. 2.II.19.d: Say the Act of Contrition loud enough for the priest to hear me (true sorrow) 2.II.19.e: After leaving the confessional, do the penance the priest gives (satisfaction) CCC 1448 2.II.19.f: Thank God for forgiving my sins.
2.II.20: The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, that is, of the work of salvation accomplished by the life, death, resurrection of Christ, the one historical event made present by the liturgical action. CCC 1409
2.II.21: In the celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus acts through the priest and is truly present (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity) under the appearances of bread and wine. CCC 1410, 1413
2.II.22: Know that only a bishop or a priest through the power of the Holy Spirit can consecrate bread and wine so that it becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus. CCC 1120
2.II.23: When we receive the most Holy Eucharist we become living tabernacles of the Lord. "Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me." (Gal 2, 20)
2.II.24: Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist completes our initiation into God's family. CCC 1212
2.II.25: The fruits of receiving the Eucharist: The Eucharist more fully joins us to Jesus and His Family, the Church, frees us from small (venial) sins, and preserves us from grave (mortal) sins, sustains. CCC 1391-1401, 1416, 1419 2.II.25.a: unites us more fully with Jesus and His Family, the Church 2.II.25.b: forgives small (venial) sins and preserves us from grave (mortal) sins 2.II.25.c: sustains us on our earthly pilgrimage 2.II.25.d: makes us long for eternal life, heaven
2.II.26: Know what is necessary to receive the Eucharist 2.II.26.a: must be free from grave (mortal) sin CCC 1385 2.II.26.b: must observe the fast required by the Church, specifically not to eat or drink anything other than water for one hour before Holy Communion CCC 1387 2.II.26.c: bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) must convey respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment CCC 1387, 1415

Moral Development
2.III.1: Recognize signs of God's love in his/her life and in the world around.
2.III.2: Respect all human life which is created in God's image from the unborn to the elderly.
2.III.3: Relate the care of all living things to God's care for us.
2.III.4: Know that we were created to be holy, to become saints.
2.III.5: Know that we have a tendency to commit sins because of original sin.
2.III.6: The devil and his co-horts try to tempt us to sin (temptation).
2.III.7: Know that the Holy Spirit helps us to resist temptation and to make good choices as we follow Christ.
2.III.8: Receiving the sacraments regularly, praying, reading the Bible, doing good works, making the Sign of the Cross, using Holy Water, etc. strengthen us to resist temptation and to make good choices.
2.III.9: Identify and talk about reasons for sorrow and signs of forgiveness.
2.III.10: Develop the habit of regular participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2.III.11: Know that God has a plan for their lives. The child should know to ask God what He desires them to do each day.
2.III.12: Participate in a service program with their families.
2.III.13: Enjoy the stories of the saints and of good modern-day Christians as models of living the Gospel.
2.III.14: Know that they can tell others about Jesus and His Family, the Church. Look for opportunities to tell others.
Prayer and Worship
2.IV.1: Attend Mass; participate actively in mind, heart, and actions in the Liturgy.
2.IV.2: The memorization of basic prayers offers an essential support to the life of prayer, yet it is also important to help students savor their meaning. Children should be able to recite the following: CCC 2688 2.IV.2.a: All prayers from previous grades 2.IV.2.b: Act of Contrition
2.IV.3: Experience prayer in a spontaneous way, as silent time, with Scripture, with song, gesture and movement, reflection, silence, and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.
2.IV.4: Understand and be familiar with five reasons for praying: to praise God, to thank God, to ask God for help, to say "I'm sorry" and listen to God.
2.IV.5: Have begun a habit of personal prayer both in the morning and the evening, encouraged by consistent classroom experience of prayer.
2.IV.6: Know that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray.
2.IV.7: Be familiar with and experience individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite 1)
2.IV.8: Know how to say the Rosary.
Saints

2.V.1: God wants everyone to be a saint. Saints are the people in God's Family in heaven.
2.V.2: Know that God is a Family: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2.V.3: Know that we become part of God's Family through Baptism, but we keep growing as His children until we get to heaven. People in heaven are called saints. We are all to desire to be saints. With God's grace (both His life and His help) we can be saints.
2.V.4: We should also ask the saints to help us to be holy. They are our friends, our brothers and sisters, in heaven. They want us to be with them in heaven.
2.V.5: Know that angels are spiritual beings created by God as His helpers.
2.V.6: Know the following saints and angels: 2.V.6.a: St. John Nepomucene, priest who was executed for not breaking the seal of confession. 2.V.6.b: St. Faustina, religious sister who received private revelation from Jesus on Divine Mercy. She was to spread the message through an image He showed her and her writings. The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Children should have access to the image. 2.V.6.c: St. Edward the Confessor, King of England, title of confessor because of love for God and the poor, had gift of healing, body is incorrupt. 2.V.6.d: St. Therese of the Child Jesus the Little Flower, Carmelite nun learned that love is the key to all, known for very ordinary or little ways for following Jesus. Doctor of the Church. Patroness of missions. Novena. 2.V.6.e: St. Bridget of Sweden. Mother of eight children, widow, religious, began receiving visions of Jesus and the Crucifix at age seven. 2.V.6.f: St. John Vianney, Cure de Ars. Priest famous for his ability to assist others in the sacrament of Reconciliation. 2.V.6.g: St. Padre Pio. Priest famous for his ability to assist others in the sacrament of Reconciliation. 2.V.6.h: Raphael, the Archangel. 2.V.6.i: Our Lady of Guadalupe. Know miraculous story and that she is the patroness of the Americas and the unborn. 2.V.6.j: St. Juan Diego was a married farmer without children. Became a Catholic when he was around 50 years old. 2.V.6.k: St. Pius X
Scripture
2.VI: Be familiar with the passages and stories from Scripture, specifically:
2.VI.1: The First Sin and the Promise of Salvation -- Gen 3
2.VI.2: Moses Crossing the Red Sea -- Ex 14:1-22
2.VI.3: The Golden Calf -- Ex 32
2.VI.4: Moses and the Ten Commandments -- Ex 20:1-17
2.VI.5: Annunciation, Visitation, and Nativity -- Lk 1:26-2:20
2.VI.6: Jesus' hidden life at Nazareth -- Lk 2:40
2.VI.7: The devil tempts Jesus -- Mt 4:1-11, Mk 1:12, Lk 4:1-13
2.VI.8: Wedding at Cana begins Jesus' public life (do whatever he tells you) -- Jn 2:1-11
2.VI.9: The Good Shepherd -- Jn 10:11-415, Ps 23
2.VI.10: Story of Zacchaeus -- Lk 19:1-10

2.VI.11: Parables of the Prodigal Son, Lost Coin, Lost Sheep -- Lk 15
2.VI.12: Story of the Woman who was Sorry -- Lk 7:36-50
2.VI.13: Daughter of Jairus -- Mt 9:18-26
2.VI.14: The Ten Lepers -- Lk 17:11-19
2.VI.15: Healing of the Paralyzed Man -- Mt 9:1-8
2.VI.16: Jesus teaches the two-fold Law of Love -- Mt 22:34-40; Mk 12:28-34; Lk 10:25-28; Jn 14:31-55
2.VI.17: The Golden Rule -- Mt 7:12
2.VI.18: Agony in the Garden (Jesus chooses to obey the Father for us) -- Mt 26:36-46; Mk 14:32-42; Lk 22:39-46
2.VI.19: Death and Resurrection of Jesus -- Lk 23:44-56, 24:1-8; Jn 20:1-17
2.VI.20: Jesus is still with us -- Mt 28:20
2.VI.21: Baptism accounts in Acts -- Acts 2:37-41, 10:44-48
2.VI.22: Reception of the Eucharist in state of grace -- 1 Cor 11:27-29
2.VI.23: Reception of the Eucharist, living tabernacle -- Gal 2:20
2.VI.24: Melchizedek offering Bread and Wine -- Gen 14:18-20; Heb 7:1-10

THIRD GRADE

Creed

3.I.1: God created everything for humans, who are the summit of his creation CCC 343, 355-361, 380

3.I.2: God made us in His image and likeness. We have a body and soul. We have an intellect and a free will to decide to follow God or not to follow God. If we follow God, we become saints. Humans never become angels. CCC 362-368

3.I.3: Know that Jesus is God's Son, who became man, and who came to earth for all people to save us from sin, to show us His love, to be our model for holiness and to make us His children (Incarnation). CCC 443-444, 456-460

3.I.4: Know that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are the Holy Family. They are the model for all families, and give us the example of holiness in the daily life of family and work. CCC 437, 525, 564, 1655

3.I.5: Understand that during His life on earth, Jesus gathered a group of followers. His closest followers are called the Twelve Apostles. CCC 542, 551, 831, 858

3.I.6: Know that Jesus taught His followers about the Kingdom of God, which was begun on earth by Jesus. He invited them to live it and gave them a model to follow. CCC 541-550, 763

3.I.7: Understand that Jesus chose the Twelve Apostles as the first leaders to be of service among His people. Jesus appointed Peter as the leader of the Apostles, our first pope. CCC 551-553, 664

3.I.8: Know that the Bishops, as successors of the Apostles, are the leaders of Jesus' people today. The Pope takes St. Peter's place. Our Pope's name is (N.) and our Bishop's name is (N.). CCC 880-886

3.I.9: Know that when Jesus ascended to His Father (Ascension), He sent the Holy Spirit to be with His people (Pentecost). The Holy Spirit continues to be with us and helps us grow in holiness. We receive the Holy Spirit in the sacraments (sanctification). CCC 690, 730, 733-737, 767, 2003

3.I.10: Know and experience the Church as the Family of God who share their faith in Jesus who is God the Son. We enter this family in Baptism, when all our sins are first taken away, we become a Child of God, and we receive faith, hope, and love and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are strengthened in Confirmation and completed in the Eucharist. CCC 1265-1266, 1655

Sacraments

3.II.1: Liturgy is the participation of the People of God in the work of the Holy Trinity. CCC 1069

3.II.2: The seven sacraments are given to us by Jesus Christ through the Church. In the sacraments divine life is given to us (sanctifying grace). CCC 1131

3.II.3: Frequent reception of the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation is needed if we want to follow Christ - to be saints.

3.II.4: Understand that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is important for preparing to receive the other sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We must be in a state of grace to receive the other sacraments. Through Reconciliation, Jesus acts as the doctor of our souls. CCC 1415, 1421, 1468-1470

3.II.5: A church is a house of prayer in which the Eucharist is celebrated and reserved. It is a visual symbol of the Father's house where all God's children are welcome and Christ is present. It is not simply a gathering place, but the dwelling place of God and His Family, the Church. CCC 1180-1199

3.II.6: Be able to describe something of the significance of Advent, Christmas, Solemnity of Mary, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and All Saint's Day through verbal and/or artistic forms of creative expression.

3.II.7: Understand the use of holy water when entering and exiting the church.

3.II.8: Jesus told us that unless we eat of His Body and drink of His Blood we shall not have eternal life. He gave us His Body and Blood at the Last Supper when He commanded the Twelve Apostles to celebrate this memorial until His return. (Jn 6:51 ff) CCC 1406, 1337

3.II.9: The Eucharist is the heart and summit of the Church's life, her highest prayer. CCC 1407
3.II.10 : Know that even though the bread (host) and wine look like ordinary bread and wine after the consecration, they are really Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. He is really there. Holy Eucharist is the Bread of Life, that is, the living risen Lord (Transubstantiation). CCC 1413
3.II.11: The inexhaustible richness of the sacrament of the Eucharist is expressed in different names: CCC 1328-1332
3.II.12.a: the Lord's Supper 3.II.12.b: Breaking of Bread 3.II.12.c: Memorial 3.II.12.d: Holy Sacrifice 3.II.12.e: Holy and Divine Liturgy 3.II.12.f: Sacred Mysteries 3.II.12.g: Most Blessed Sacrament 3.II.12.h: Holy Communion 3.II.12.i: Holy Mass
3.II.13: Have a cursory understanding of the parts of the Mass: CCC 1408 3.II.13.a: the gathering in which we come together to pray as one family CCC 1348 3.II.13.b: the readings through which we listen to God's Word CCC 1349 3.II.13.c: the presentation and preparation of the gifts in which we get ready to thank God and offer ourselves with Jesus to the father. CCC 1350 3.II.13.d: the Eucharistic Prayer in which, at the consecration the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus CCC 1352-1353 3.II.13.e: the Lord's Prayer (Our Father) sums up the Church in prayer and prepares us for the banquet reception in heaven CCC 2770 3.II.13.f: the reception of the Eucharist in which we receive Jesus CCC 1331, 1355 3.II.13.g: the dismissal in which we are blessed to go out and help others CCC 1332, 1397
3.II.14: Although only obliged to receive once a year, the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more still, even daily. CCC 1389
3.II.15: Realize that Jesus is present in the Church, even after Mass, because the consecrated hosts are kept in the tabernacle. We may be with Jesus and adore Him even outside of Mass. CCC 1377-1381
3.II.16: To visit Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament is? a proof of gratitude, and expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord. CCC 1418
Moral Development
3.III.1: Know that the Holy Spirit helps us to love and follow Jesus as Christians.
3.III.2: Realize that through relationships with others we can come to know and understand God's love for us, and the ways we make ourselves a gift to one another. God can help us to grow in holiness as Christians.
3.III.3: Strive to know Jesus personally through the Gospel stories, so that He can be imitated.
3.III.4: Understand the Commandments in a positive way. They show us how to love God and others.
3.III.5: Understand that we sin (do bad) in our thoughts, words, actions, and things we fail to do. Think of examples of each. Help children understand that we practice doing good in the same ways.
3.III.6: We need to resist temptation even when it is very hard. We can always resist temptation with God's help. Receiving the sacraments regularly, praying, reading the Bible, doing good works, making the Sign of the Cross, using Holy Water, etc. strengthen us to resist temptation.

3.III.7: Know that Jesus wants us to pray for those who have hurt and sinned against us. Practice.
3.III.8: Know that Jesus wants us to use our talents and to share them with others, especially persons who are in need, e.g. the poor, homeless, hungry, handicapped, lonely, etc.
3.III.9: Be aware that one's prayers and sacrifices can really help other people.
3.III.10: Participate in a service program with their family.
3.III.11: Enjoy the stories of the saints and good contemporary witnesses.
3.III.12: Practice telling others about Jesus and His Family, the Church. Share ideas with your peers (evangelization).
Prayer and Worship
3.IV.1: Fully participate at Mass. CCC 1389
3.IV.2: Continue to regularly (monthly if possible) receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3.IV.3: The memorization of basic prayers offers an essential support to the life of prayer, yet it is also important to help students savor their meaning. Children should be able to recite the following: CCC 2688 3.IV.3.a: All prayers from previous grades 3.IV.3.b: Apostles Creed 3.IV.3.c: Grace Before and After Meals 3.IV.3.d: Prayer to the Holy Spirit 3.IV.3.e: Prayer Before Eucharist 3.IV.3.f: Prayer After Eucharist
3.IV.4: Participate in formal and spontaneous prayer situations.
3.IV.5: Realize that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray.
3.IV.6: Continue to develop a habit of personal prayer by the experiences of brief silent reflection; prayer with Scripture, prayer with song/music, readings, gesture/movement. Know to pray every morning and evening.
3.IV.7: Experience devotions such as the Rosary, especially in October and May; blessing of throats on the feast of St. Blaise; receiving ashes, palms, etc.
3.IV.8: Take time to make visits and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. To visit Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament is? a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord. CCC 1378-1381, 1418
3.IV.9: Know that God may call a person to parenthood or to priesthood or to religious life or to single life. Pray to know God's call.
Saints
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3.V.4: We should also ask the saints to help us to be holy. They are our friends, our brothers and sisters, in heaven. They want us to be with them in heaven.
3.V.5: Know that angels are not saints, they are God's helpers.

3.V.6: Know the following new saints:

3.V.6.a: Sts. Peter and Andrew. First Apostles. Brothers. Peter is the first pope.

3.V.6.b: Sts. Martha and Mary Magdalene. Two of the first women to follow Jesus.

3.V.6.c: St. Paul. Not one of the Twelve, Jesus appears to him after the Ascension on the road to Damascus. Persecuted and killed many Christians, until his conversion. Scripture writer.

3.V.6.d: St. Stephen, deacon and first martyr. True followers of Jesus are willing to give all to Jesus, even one's own life. Confirmation strengthens us to be witnesses even unto death.

3.V.6.e: St. Tarcisius, and altar boy who defended the Eucharist with his life.

3.V.6.f: Blessed Imelda Lambertini, experienced Eucharistic miracle as a young teenager because of her great desire to receive communion.

3.V.6.g: St. Clare of Assisi, religious sister and friend of St. Francis, who gave up everything in order to devote her life to God. Once she defended her community from an attack of soldiers by holding up the monstrance.

3.V.6.h: St. Pius X, the pope who wanted children to receive the Eucharist.

3.V.6.i: St. Michael the Archangel. Defeated Lucifer and his cohorts. Continues to protect us from evil along with the other angels, especially our guardian angels.

3.V.6.j: Our Lady Queen of Peace. Know the story of Fatima: Jacinta, Francesco, and Lucia.

Scripture

3.VI.1: Calling of Abraham -- Gn 12:1-4

3.VI.2: Abraham and the Test (see type of God the Father and Jesus) -- Gn 22:1-19

3.VI.3: Moses and Passover -- Ex 12; Quail and Manna in the Desert -- Ex 16

3.VI.4: Joseph in Egypt -- Gn 41-47

3.VI.5: Mary and Joseph's obedience -- Mt 1:18-25, Lk 2; Flight into Egypt -- Mt 2:13-15

3.VI.6: Jesus and the Multiplication of the loaves

3.VI.7: Parables of the Kingdom -- Mt 13:1-53

3.VI.8: Fraternal Correction -- Mt 18:15-18

3.VI.9: Healing of the paralyzed man (notice how friends brought him to Jesus) -- Mt 9:1-8

3.VI.10: Call to Goodness -- Lk 6:43-49; Call to Repentance -- Mk 1:14-15

3.VI.11: Call to the Twelve Apostles -- Mk 3:13-19, Lk 5:1-11 (Vocations); Mission of the Twelve -- Mt 10:1-8; Authority of St. Peter -- Mt 16: 13-20; Easter Night -- Jn 20:19-23

3.VI.12: Accounts of the Last Supper -- Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:7-20, I Cor 10:16-17

3.VI.13: Jesus teaching about the Father and the Holy Spirit -- Jn 14:9-10; 26

3.VI.14: Ascension -- Lk 24:44-53; Mk 16:19-20

3.VI.15: Pentecost -- Acts 2:1-13; Holy Spirit in the Church -- Acts 9:31

3.VI.16: Story of Nicodemus -- Jn 3: 1-5

3.VI.17: Be Witnesses of Jesus -- Mt 28:16-20; Acts 23:11; 2 Tim 2:1-3

FOURTH GRADE
Creed
4.I.1: God, the Father, from the beginning, loved us and desired us, human persons, body and soul, to be with Him in heaven. He revealed this plan through His Word. CCC 51-53
4.I.2: Understand the story of how sin entered the world - the disobedience of the pure spirit angels and the disobedience of our first human parents, Adam and Eve. Because of their sin, we are all born in original sin. We need Jesus to save us. CCC 385-421
4.I.3: The obedient angels serve as God's messengers and our helpers and protectors. The disobedient angels (devils, demons, or evil spirits), try to get us to disobey God (temptation and sin). The devil even tried to get Jesus to disobey, but Jesus remained faithful to His Father. CCC 334-336, 351-352, 391-92, 414, 538-40, 566
4.I.4: Know the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. Acknowledge Jesus as the Giver of the New Law and know His two-fold Law of Love. Associate the Commandments as part of the Covenant -- the never-ending promise between God and His people. The Commandments are the way we love Our Father in return, a way we are grateful. CCC 709, 1970, 1972, 2055, 2060-2062, 2072-2073
4.I.5: By God's help, Mary, Jesus' mother, was born without original sin and she never committed any personal sin. She always obeyed God (Immaculate Conception). CCC 490-493, 508
4.I.6: Jesus called His followers to be a community of disciples and His true witnesses. CCC 542, 618, 645, 647, 787
4.I.7: Claim being a son/daughter of God by adoption through Jesus Christ by means of Baptism. CCC 1213
4.I.8: Know that everything is a gift from God; that we are called to be gifts to one another; and gratefulness should be our response. CCC 311, 1700, 1704-1706, 1711, 1730-1734
4.I.9: Learn care for others by knowing some examples of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and living them where appropriate. CCC 1829, 2447
Sacraments
4.II.1: The Church celebrates and makes present it the liturgy, above all else, the Paschal mystery (Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ) by which Christ accomplished the work of salvation. CCC 1067
4.II.2: The liturgy is the public prayer of the Church. It includes Holy Mass, the Sacraments, and Liturgy of the Hours.
4.II.3: Liturgy is the participation of the People of God and the work of God. It is celebrated by the faithful present on earth and all of heaven (the saints, Mary, the Holy Trinity, and the angels). CCC 1069
4.II.4: In the liturgy, we pray what we believe.
4.II.5: Through the liturgy Christ, our Redeemer and High Priest, continues the work of our redemption in, with, and through His Church which we receive in the sacraments. CCC 1069
4.II.6: God is a Trinity of Persons, a Family. We are united to this Family of God through the sacraments. This Family of God is also called the Communion of Saints of the Church. This Family of God includes the faithful on earth and everyone in purgatory and in heaven. CCC 950, 962, 1655
4.II.7: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist lay the foundations of every Christian life. They are the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. CCC 1212
4.II.8: Describe in his/her own words something of the significance of the different liturgical seasons, colors and symbols of Advent, Christmas (Epiphany), Lent (Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Triduum), Easter (Mercy Sunday, Pentecost), and Ordinary Time.
4.II.9: Know the Holy Days of obligation in the United States unless otherwise determined by the local diocese: Immaculate Conception (Dec 8), Christmas (Dec 25), Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1), Ascension (40 days after Easter), Assumption (Aug 15), and All Saints' Day (Nov 1).
4.II.10: Understand that we each receive a personal call from God, called a vocation CCC 2030

Moral Development	
4.III.1:	Realize that the Lord through the Holy Spirit calls him/her to make good (holy) choices.
4.III.2:	Realize that God has given us a will to choose the good and an intellect to know good from evil.
4.III.3:	Share examples from his/her experience of how to carry out Jesus' commandment of Love. Know that when we serve the poor (anyone in need -- physically, spiritually) we serve Jesus. CCC 2443-2449
4.III.4:	Understand conscience as an inner gift of God that helps us to distinguish right from wrong. CCC 1776, 1795
4.III.5:	Understand virtue is the habit of doing good. Practice the virtues of humility, generosity, honesty, and patience. CCC 1833
4.III.6:	Recognize personal sins in regard to Jesus' Law of Love, the Ten Commandments, and the Precepts of the Church.
4.III.7:	Give examples of how reconciliation may take place between one's friends and family.
4.III.8:	Understand that sin is a deliberate turning away from God.
4.III.9:	Understand that sin can be doing something that God does not want or not doing something that calls for our action (omission).
4.III.10:	Understand that some sins are very serious and destroy one's friendship with God. The only way to restore that friendship is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
4.III.11:	Grasp a simple method for moral decision-making. CCC 1750-1754
4.III.12:	Begin to understand the meaning of grace as a gift of God's life in us (sanctifying grace) and the help (actual grace) we need to live fully.
4.III.13:	Give examples of loving and unselfish behavior in the lives of people, stories of heroism, examples of service from the saints or real life today, and lay persons active in the local parish.
4.III.14:	Along with family members, be involved in service projects. Understand that "service" is more than being "nice" but service is a way to "love God" and "know God" by loving our neighbors who He created in His image and likeness. We should serve even when we do not feel like serving.
4.III.15:	Tell others about Jesus and His Family, the Church. Think of people to share the Gospel with and ways to do this in their own lives (Evangelization).
4.III.16:	Begin a life of personal stewardship, e.g. giving of their time, talent, and treasure to those in need, e.g. giving 10% of their allowance to charity, helping a neighbor who is in need, etc. (stewardship).
Prayer and Worship	
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4.IV.3.c:	Morning Offering
4.IV.3.d:	The Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary
4.IV.3.e:	Hail Holy Queen
4.IV.3.f:	Fatima Prayer

4.IV.4: As the habit of personal prayer develops, be comfortable with silence in meditation, prayer with Scripture, and "listening" to the Holy Spirit.
4.IV.5: Experience communal prayer both formal and spontaneous, including prayer of petition in general intercessions ("prayers of the faithful") format.
4.IV.6: Experience such devotions as praying the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross, blessing of throats on the feast of St. Blaise, receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, palms on Palm Sunday, etc.
4.IV.7: Express sorrow for his/her sins through a prayer.
4.IV.8: Know that it is always possible to pray -- even while walking, being in school, riding the bus, doing household chores, playing sports, taking a test, arguing with your siblings, etc. CCC 2743
4.IV.9: Take time to make visits and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. To visit Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament is? a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord. CCC 1378-1381, 1418
Saints
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4.V.6: Know the following new saints: 4.V.6.a: St. Anthony of Padua. Franciscan, doctor of the Church, patron of Native Americans, finder of lost. 4.V.6.b: St. Arnold. 4.V.6.c: St. Bernadette of Lourdes. Virgin. When she was a teenager, Mary appeared to her. Know story. Miraculous spring. Millions of people still today have been healed. Immaculate Conception. 4.V.6.d: St. Brigid of Ireland. Abbess and virgin. Raised on a dairy farm. Dedication to the poor began as a child. She would often get in trouble for giving everything to friends and beggars. 4.V.6.e: St. Clotilde. Queen and mother. Brought husband to be Catholic through her example. As a widow, she suffered greatly over the affairs of her children and relatives. 4.V.6.f: St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Queen and mother, dedicated to the poor, abandoned, and aged. 4.V.6.g: St. Mother Katharine Drexel. Born in Philadelphia. Earlier in life dedicated her life to working for Native and African Americans. Believed education was for all. Loved the Eucharist. 4.V.6.h: St. Maximilian Kolbe. Franciscan priest. Great devotion to Mary. Already at age 16, began a group to defend the Catholic faith. Sent to a Nazi concentration camp. Took the place of a husband and father who was chosen to die. 4.V.6.i: St. Vincent de Paul. Was wealthy, then dedicated life to service the poor. Societies today. 4.V.6.j: St. William Bourges. Monk. Led austere life. Great confessor. Great devotion to the Eucharist. Defended the faith. Helped the poor. Made a bishop (under obedience to pope). 4.V.6.k: Blessed Damien of Molokai, the Leper. United States blessed. 4.V.6.l: Our Lady of Lourdes.

4.V.7: Review saints and angels from previous years.
Scripture
4.VI.1: Calling of Samuel -- 1 Sam 3:1-19
4.VI.2: God Chooses David -- 1 Sam 16:1-13
4.VI.3: Jesus' Great Commandment: Love of God and Love of Neighbor -- Dt 6:5; Lk 10:25-28; Mk 12:28-34; 1 Jn 4:21; 1 Pt 4:10; Jn 13:34-35, 15:12
4.VI.4: Jesus calls His Disciples -- Mt 4:18-23
4.VI.5: Jesus and the Children -- Is 43:1-4; Mt 19:13-15
4.VI.6: Jesus Living out the Rule of Love -- Lk 7:1-10, 11-17, 14:1-6
4.VI.7: The Gift of the Spirit -- Jn 14:25-27, 20:19-23
4.VI.8: We must serve the poor among us -- Lk 12:33, 18:18-27; Mt 25:31-46 4.VI.8.a: Story of the Beggar Lazarus -- Lk 17:19-31 4.VI.8.b: Story of the widow's mite -- Lk 21:1-4
4.VI.9: Parables of Jesus: purpose -- Mt 13:10-15; Mk 4:10-20 4.VI.9.a: Sower - Mt 13:1-9, 18-23 4.VI.9.b: Lamp- Mk 4:2-25 4.VI.9.c: Weeds among Wheat - Mt 13:24-30, 36-43 4.VI.9.d: Two Sons - Mt 21:28-32 4.VI.9.e: The Wicked Tenants - Mt 21:33-46, Lk 20:9-19 4.VI.9.f : Wedding Feast - Mt 22:1-4 4.VI.9.g: Ten Virgins - Mt 25:14-30
4.VI.10: Transfiguration of Jesus - Mt 17:1-8

FIFTH GRADE

Creed

5.I.1: Know the Catholic belief in the Trinity. There are three persons in One God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. There are not three gods. The love shared among the persons of the Blessed Trinity provides the exemplar of spousal love in that it is free, total, faithful, and fruitful. CCC 238, 240, 243-248, 253, 262-263

5.I.2: There are three persons in One God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. There are not three gods. They each play a distinct but not separate role in our salvation and sanctification. CCC 232-40, 243-248, 253-267

5.I.3: Know that the Church is both visible and invisible. CCC 770-771, 779

5.I.4: God revealed Himself and gave Himself to us fully in Jesus as a true human person (body and soul) united to a fully divine person. Jesus tells us who God is and who we are, thus giving the answers about the meaning and purpose of life. CCC 65-69

5.I.5: Jesus is inseparably true God and true Man. He is one person with two natures: divine and human CCC 464-469, 470-483

5.I.6: See Mary as the model of faith and as the perfect example of awaiting the Messiah with a pure and humble spirit CCC 64, 144, 273, 489, 437, 494, 511, 967-969, 2030

5.I.7: By His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan and all the other bad angels, so we do not need to fear them if we are united with Jesus Christ and follow Him. CCC 407-409, 421, 447, 539, 550, 566, 635-636, 1086, 1708

5.I.8: Jesus knew and loved each of us by name all during His life, His agony and His Passion and gave Himself up for each one of us. Jesus dies to forgive your sins. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is the chief sign of this unsurpassable love CCC 478

5.I.9: All are the authors of Jesus Christ's suffering, crucifixion and death, because all have sinned CCC 598

5.I.10: Realize Jesus' role of redemption and explain what this involved and why everyone needs to be saved from sin and death. Jesus has not only conquered sin, He has given meaning to suffering and death, they have become the gateways to eternal life. CCC 599-623, 388-409

5.I.11: After Jesus rose from the dead, He spent 40 days with His disciples to help them understand all that God had done (Lk 24:13-53; Jn 20-21; Acts 1:1-11).

5.I.12: Be aware that after His Ascension, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with us until the end of time (Pentecost). In this way the Church, the Family of God, was openly displayed on earth and her mission to make disciples through the sacraments and teaching of Jesus was begun. CCC 731, 767

5.I.13: Explain the phrase, "resurrection of the body" CCC 988-1019

5.I.14: Explain the four marks of the Church:

5.I.14.a: the Church is One CCC 787-790, 866

5.I.14.b: the Church is Holy CCC 825-826

5.I.14.c: the Church is Catholic CCC 831, 835, 868

5.I.14.d: the Church is Apostolic CCC 857, 869

5.I.15: Explain the phrase in the Creed "the Communion of Saints." CCC 954-959, 2683-2684

5.I.16: Know that the Church is nothing other than the Family of God, and includes the Trinity, Mary, and all the saints (everyone in heaven), the dead in purgatory, and the faithful on earth. CCC 1655; 1, 542, 759, 815, 854, 959, 1439, 1632, 2233

5.I.17: Know the precepts of the Church and how to apply the precepts to his/her life. CCC 2032-2033, 2041-42

5.I.18: Begin to understand the phrase, "I believe in life everlasting" including death, particular judgment, heaven, purgatory, and hell.

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5.I.20: The desire for God is written in the human heart. We are made to be saints. CCC 27-30, 44-45
Sacraments
5.II.1: In the liturgy, our earthly worship is united with the heavenly worship. The people of earth join the saints and the angels in worshipping God.
5.II.2: Describe in his/her own words something of the significance of the different liturgical seasons, colors, and symbols of Advent, Christmas, Lent (Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Ash Wednesday), Easter (Mercy Sunday, Ascension, Pentecost), and Ordinary Time.
5.II.3: The meaning and use of all the liturgical colors: green, violet (purple), white, red, and rose.
5.II.4: The liturgical year celebrates the life of Christ, and also honors Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary with special feasts, as well as commemorating the martyrs and the saints. Know the holy days of obligation (10 in Latin Rite and 6 observed in the U.S.) and 17 solemnities, feast days and memorials CCC 1168-1172 5.II.4.a: Immaculate Conception (Dec 8) 5.II.4.b: Christmas (Dec 25) 5.II.4.c: Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1) 5.II.4.d: Epiphany (in US, Sunday after Jan 1) 5.II.4.e: St. Joseph (Mar 19) 5.II.4.f: Annunciation (Mar 25) 5.II.4.g: Easter (first Sunday in spring) 5.II.4.h: Ascension (40 days after Easter) 5.II.4.i: Pentecost (50 days after Easter) 5.II.4.j: Trinity Sunday (Sunday after Pentecost) 5.II.4.k: Body and Blood of Christ (in US, Sunday after Trinity Sunday) 5.II.4.l: Sacred Heart (Friday after the Body and Blood of Christ) 5.II.4.m: Birth of John the Baptist (Jun 24) 5.II.4.n: Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) 5.II.4.o: Assumption (Aug 15) 5.II.4.p: Distinguish All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day 5.II.4.q: Christ the King (last Sunday in ordinary time)
Moral Development
5.III.1: Know that each person is of inestimable value from the unborn to the elderly, since we are made in God's image and likeness and called by God to be in His Family, the Church. Show respect for and be prepared to defend all human life
5.III.2: Practice the virtues of self-control, meekness, kindness and charity
5.III.3: Be able to recognize personal sin in regard to Jesus' Law of Love, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Precepts of the Church
5.III.4: Memorize the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Think of ways they apply in their lives
5.III.5: Start to see that a personal sin is twisting or lacking what God had intended. CCC 1857
5.III.6: Continue practicing a simple method for moral decision-making CCC 1750-1754
5.III.7: Begin to be aware of the need for peace and justice in the world, with some understanding of hunger of the poor, the need for world peace, the need for human rights, especially the protection of human life-the

unborn, the elderly, the handicapped, the very sick.
5.III.8: Along with family members, be involved in service projects. Understand that "service" is more than being "nice" but service is a way to "love God" and "know God" by loving our neighbors who He created in His image and likeness. We should serve even when we do not feel like serving.
5.III.9: Be attentive to the possibility of God's invitation to a vocation, such as: priesthood, religious or single life, or faithful married life.
5.III.10: Enjoy the stories of the saints and good contemporary Christians whose lives are witness to Jesus
5.III.11: Tell others about Jesus and His Family, the church. Think of people to share the Gospel with and ways to do this in their own lives (Evangelization)
5.III.12: Continue a life of personal stewardship e.g. giving of their time, talent and treasure to those in need, e.g. giving 10% of their allowance to charity, helping a neighbor who is in need, etc. (Stewardship)
Prayer and Worship
5.IV.1: Fully participate at Mass, including recitation of all responses
5.IV.2: Continue to regularly (monthly if possible) receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
5.IV.3: The memorization of basic prayers offers an essential support to the life of prayer, yet it is also important to help students savor their meaning. Children should be able to recite the following: CCC 2688 5.IV.3.a: All prayers from previous grades 5.IV.3.b: Memorare 5.IV.3.c: Act of Faith 5.IV.3.d: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5.IV.4: Continue the habit of personal prayer through brief silent meditation, prayer with Scripture, spontaneous prayer, and "listening" to Holy Spirit. Humility is the foundation of prayer CCC 2559
5.IV.5: Experience traditional devotions such as praying the rosary, the Stations of the cross, prayer to patron saint or important saints on their feast days
5.IV.6: Contribute to an environment for worship and personal prayer through the creative use of music, space, and symbols, such as candles, flowers, and pictures. Be familiar with liturgical colors and their meaning
5.IV.7: Experience planning and participating in class liturgies and paraliturgies
5.IV.8: Take time to make visits and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. To visit Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, is a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord. CCC 1378-1381, 1418
5.IV.9: Tie the meaning of the Our Father to the role of fathers in our Faith development
Saints
5.V.1: God wants everyone to be a saint. Saints are the people in God's Family in heaven.
5.V.2: Know that we become part of God's Family through Baptism, but we keep growing as his children until we get to heaven. People in heaven are called saints. We are all to desire to be saints. With god's grace (both His life and His help) we can be saints.
5.V.3: We should also ask the saints to help us to be holy. They are our friends, our brothers and sisters, in heaven. They want us to be with them in heaven. *Due to the large number of new saints, classes are encouraged to adopt two or three saints as their special friends for the year who they should know better than the other new saints. Each student should also adopt one of the new saints as their particular friend.
5.V.4: Know that angels are not saints, they are God's helpers

5.V.5: Know the following new saints:

5.V.5.a: St. Agnes, virgin and martyr. Patroness of girls. Gave life for Christ at age 12

5.V.5.b: St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr. Patroness of music and arts

5.V.5.c: St. Dominic Savio, patron of boys and falsely accused persons. Pupil of St. John Bosco. He received the Eucharist and Reconciliation as often as possible until he died at age fifteen.

5.V.5.d: St. Henry II, emperor and his wife, St. Cunigunda

5.V.5.e: St. John Bosco, priest and confessor. Patron of school children and catechists. Provided a home, education, and the sacraments to the boys.

5.V.5.f: St. Lawrence, martyr and deacon

5.V.5.g: St. Louis IX, King of France. Crowned at age 12 and served the poor

5.V.5.h: St. Maurice, martyr. Soldier and layman

5.V.5.i: St. Sebastian, martyr. Patron of athletes

5.V.5.j: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

5.V.5.k: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

5.V.6: We only worship God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). We honor Mary and the saints.

5.V.7: Review saints and angels from previous grades.

Scripture

5.VI.1: Creation Story -- Gen. 1-3

5.VI.2: Trinity? Is 6:3; Amos 5:8; Ps 102: 25-27, & 139; Rev 4:8; Jn 14: 26; 15: 26; Mk 1: 10-11; Mt 28: 19; Jn 16: 5-15; Lk 3: 21-22

5.VI.3: Annunciation-Lk 1: 26-35

5.VI.4: Who is Jesus: Mt 1: 1-17; Lk 2: 41-52, 3: 23-38; Jn 1: 29, 9: 35-38

5.VI.5: Nativity-Mt 2: 1-23; Lk 2: 1-20

5.VI.6: Passages showing Jesus valued prayer highly Lk 6:12-16; 11:1-4; 11:5-13

5.VI.7: Purposes of Jesus' coming - Lk 19:9-10; Jn 10:10b

5.VI.8: Jesus' power over evil - Mk 1:23-28

5.VI.9: Jesus compassion for others; cure of the leper Mk 1:40-45; feeding the hungry Mk 6:34-44; blessing the children Mk 10:13-16

5.VI.10: Passion-1 Thess 4:14; Mk 14-16; Lk 18: 31-33; Mt 26: 30-56

5.VI.11: Resurrection-Mt 27: 55---28:8; Mk 16: 1-5; Lk 23: 53---24: 49; Jn 19: 40---20: 18; Acts 1: 1-11

5.VI.12: 40 days between the Resurrection and Ascension - Lk 24:13-53, Jn 20-21, Acts 1:1-11

5.VI.13: Holy Spirit?Is 11: 2; Jn 15:L 26; Acts 2:1-6

5.VI.14: The importance of Jesus sending the Spirit Jn 14:26; 20:19-22

5.VI.15: Jesus' teaching on the Last Judgment Mt 25:31-46; 2 Tim 4:1

5.VI.16: Following Jesus' Way Jn 13:34-35; Lk 10:25-27; Lk 6:27-49

5.VI.17: Communion of Saints?Mt 16: 16-18; Mac 12: 44

5.VI.18: Forgiveness of Sins?Jn 20: 23

5.VI.19: Resurrection of the Body?Lk 24: 36-43; Jn 20: 26-28, 21: 5-14; Mk 16: 14

5.VI.20: Life Everlasting Jn 3: 14-15

5.VI.20.a: Heaven - Mt 25:31-46, Jn 12:25, Rev 21:2-3, 2 Cor 12:2-4, 1 Cor 2:9

5.VI.20.b: Hell - Mt 25:31-46, Mt 13:42, Lk 16:28, 1 Tim 6:9

5.VI.20.c: Purgatory - Mt 5:26, 2 Mc 12:43-46, Rev 21:27

5.VI.21: Service through the use of your talents Mt 25:14-30; I Cor 12:4-11 (Stewardship)

SIXTH GRADE

Creed

6.I.1: We can know and speak about God because the beauty, truth and the goodness of creation bear a certain resemblance to God, especially in humans, who are made in the image and likeness of God. CCC 39-49; 342, 355, 380

6.I.2: Know the Beatitudes and explain them in his/her own words. CCC 1717, 1726, 1728

6.I.3: Understand the phrase, "outside the Church there is no salvation" and its motivation to be Jesus' witnesses. CCC 846-856

6.I.4: We are to read the Scriptures frequently. Scripture is strength for our faith, food for the soul and a pure and lasting fount of spiritual life CCC 103, 313-132, 141

6.I.5: Sacred Tradition (the Church's Faith, life and worship) and Sacred Scripture (written Word) make up a single sacred deposit of the Faith which is given to every generation. They contain all that has been revealed by Jesus and entrusted to the Church through the Twelve Apostles CCC 74-87, 96-100

6.I.6: The task of authentically interpreting the Word of God (Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture) has been entrusted by Jesus solely to the Magisterium of the Church, that is, to the Pope and to the bishops in communion with him. The Twelve Apostles made up the first Magisterium CCC 84-87, 100

6.I.7: God is the author of Sacred Scripture because He inspired its human authors. Scripture is free from all error in the truths God wished to see confided CCC 105-108, 136

6.I.8: In the Bible, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet His children and talk with them. Scripture is the words of God in the words of man. Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. CCC 104, 133

6.I.9: The Scriptures were not dropped from heaven as a complete book. The early bishops discerned which writings were inspired. There are 46 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books. CCC 120, 138

6.I.10: The bible was originally written in Hebrew, Greek and Arabic. We use the New American Bible translation at liturgy

6.I.11: Recognize Mary as the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church, thus our mother. CCC 487-495, 509, 723-724

6.I.12: Scripture has both a literal and spiritual sense (what it tells us about Jesus, what it tells us about Christian life, and what it tells us about heaven) CCC 115-117

6.I.13: Understand the structure of the Bible: Old Testament and New Testament, Historical Books, Prophets and Writings; and Gospels and Letters CCC 121-123, 124-125, 128-130, 140

6.I.14: Understands how to and practices looking up various Scripture verses by book, chapter and verse.

6.I.15: Understands how to and practices using a concordance.

6.I.16: The New Testament lies hidden in the Old Testament and the Old Testament is unveiled in the new Testament CCC 124-130, 140

6.I.17: The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are the heart of Scripture, because they are the words and life of Jesus Christ. The gospels are read only by deacons, priests or bishops at liturgy because they are ordained to act in the person of Jesus Christ, the head. CCC 125, 139, 1581, 1591

6.I.18: The books of the Old Testament record God's formation of His people and His covenant with them. Be able to see both the literal and spiritual meanings behind the various texts, specifically, what do the people, places, and events tell us about Jesus, the Christian life and heaven. CCC 54-64, 70-73, 1079-1082, 2568-2580

6.I.18.a: beginning with creation and Adam - Gn 1-3; Rom 8:18-23 CCC 54-55, 198, 280, 338, 2569

6.I.18.b: renewed and expanded with Noah - Gn 6, 9:1-9 CCC 56-58, 71, 2569

6.I.18.c: then Abraham -- Gn 12, 15, 17, 21-22:15, 25, 32:28, 37-50 CCC 59-61, 72, 144-5, 2570-73

6.I.18.d: then Moses -- Ex 1-20, 32, 40 CCC 62-64, 2574-2577

6.I.18.e: then David -- 1 Sm 17; 2 Sam 1, 5, 23:5 CCC 2578-2580

6.I.18.f: and finally, established forever and for all by Jesus Christ CCC 65, 73, 436-440, 528-529, 535, 540

<p>6.I.19: Comprehend the major themes present throughout the Scriptures:</p> <p>6.I.19.a: Revelation CCC 50, 53</p> <p>6.I.19.b: Covenant CCC 56-62</p> <p>6.I.19.c: Salvation and Sanctification CCC 55, 122, 124, 571, 601</p>
<p>6.I.20: Be familiar with some of the major and minor prophets and their role in speaking God's message, especially calling people to return to the Covenant during the time of the divided kingdom. See how these relate to our modern age. CCC 64, 281, 243, 702</p>
<p>6.I.21: Recognize the coming of Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Messiah. CCC 436-440, 528-529, 535, 540</p>
<p>6.I.22: Know that the Scriptures reveal that angels are spiritual beings who honor God at all times and sometimes act as God's messengers. CCC 328-329, 332-333</p>
<p>6.I.23: Scripture uses the theme of marriage more than any other to describe God's love for his people.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sacraments</p>
<p>6.II.1: Our Lord Jesus Christ is High Priest and unique mediator between God and man. Priests and bishops act in the person of Christ (in persona Christi) to give us the sacraments CCC 1548</p>
<p>6.II.2: Liturgy is at once the work of the Holy Trinity and each Divine Person. The distinct roles of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in liturgy. CCC 1077-1134</p> <p>6.II.2.a: Father is the source and goal.</p> <p>6.II.2.b: The actions of Christ, namely from His Incarnation to His sending of the Holy Spirit, make the sacraments possible.</p> <p>6.II.2.c: The Holy Spirit is the teacher of the faith. In the Liturgy, the Holy Spirit prepares us (the Church) to encounter God, recalls and makes Christ present here and now, and unites us to the life and mission of Jesus. CCC 1091-92</p>
<p>6.II.3: When we participate in the Liturgy we are making a response of faith and love to our Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. CCC 1083</p>
<p>6.II.4: We do not all have the same function at the liturgy. Those who are ordained as bishops or priests are to serve the Church by acting in the person of Christ the Head. Sometimes, those who are not ordained may assist in liturgical functions or ministries (servers, readers, commentators and choir members). CCC 1142-1144</p>
<p>6.II.5: Those who are ordained are ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, all others are extraordinary ministers.</p>
<p>6.II.6: Only a validly ordained priest or bishop may consecrate the Eucharistic species (bread and wine) so that they become the Body and Blood of Jesus. CCC 1411, 1413</p>
<p>6.II.7: A priest may apply the Mass for anyone, living or dead. The faithful may ask the priest to celebrate Mass for their specific intentions.</p>
<p>6.II.8: The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Easter is the solemnity of solemnities. CCC 1324; 1168-1169</p>
<p>6.II.9: Funerals are liturgical celebrations in which the Church, as Mother, accompanies the one who has died in order to surrender them to the Father's hands. Funerals are fully celebrated in the context of Mass; the blessings before and after Mass are sacramentals. CCC 1680-1690</p>
<p>6.II.10: In the Liturgy of the Word, knows that in general the first reading is from the Old Testament, the responsorial psalm is from the Psalms, the second reading is from the New Testament letters, and the Gospel is from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. The reader (lector) reads from the lectionary.</p>
<p>6.II.11: Holy Matrimony is the primordial sacrament, it prefigures all other sacraments as the first to point us to the Blessed Trinity.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Moral Development</p>
<p>6.III.1: Realize that reflecting regularly on the Bible helps us to understand God's guidance for us to become our best-selves -- to become saints.</p>

6.III.2: Recognize God's faithfulness to His people in the Scriptures. Every time they failed, He forgave them and gave them the power to continue.
6.III.3: Come to a deeper awareness of the importance of asking forgiveness and giving pardon in the circumstances of daily life. Connect this with the passage in the Lord's Prayer -- "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."
6.III.4: Practice a method for moral decision-making. Be able to explain the method and the power of the method due to the grace of Jesus Christ. CCC 1750-1754
6.III.5: Know ways to resist temptation.
6.III.6: Understand the obligation to teach (form) one's conscience throughout our lives. CCC 1783-1785
6.III.7: Practice the virtues of chastity, modesty, obedience, and hopefulness.
6.III.8: Grave or serious matters of mortal sin is specified by the Ten Commandments and includes murder, stealing, bearing false witness, and disobeying ones parents. CCC 1858
6.III.9: Compare the moral values in media with the values of Catholic teachings. Assist students in evaluating and choosing the good in television, commercials, movies, video games, popular music and lyrics, internet, chatrooms, magazines, etc. Do this activity weekly, if not daily.
6.III.10: Realize that one can be forgiven if they are addicted to drugs, alcohol, sex, and material possessions which are falsely promoted as happiness. (Forgiveness)
6.III.11: Realize that emotions can be used for good and evil. Know the difference between emotion and sin. CCC 1771-1774
6.III.12: Enjoy the stories of the saints and good contemporary Christians whose lives are witness to Jesus.
6.III.13: Be attentive to the possibility of God's call to priesthood and/or religious life.
6.III.14: Plan and carry out activities that promote peace and justice, care for the environment, and service to others and the other corporal and spiritual works of mercy.
6.III.15: Continue a life of personal stewardship, e.g. giving of their time, talent, and treasure to those in need, e.g. giving 10% of their allowance to charity, helping a neighbor who is in need, etc. (stewardship.)
6.III.16: Tell others about Jesus and His Family, the Church. Think of people to share the Gospel with and ways to do this in their own lives (evangelization).
Prayer and Worship
6.IV.1: Fully participate at Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation, including recitation of all responses and their meaning. We pray what we believe.
6.IV.2: Continue to regularly (monthly if possible) receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
6.IV.3: The memorization of basic prayers offers an essential support to the life of prayer, yet it is also important to help students savor their meaning. Children should be able to recite the following: CCC 2688 6.IV.3.a: All prayers from previous grades 6.IV.3.b: Angelus 6.IV.3.c: Act of Hope 6.IV.3.d: Divine Praises 6.IV.3.e: Prayer of Saint Francis
6.IV.4: Continue the habit of daily personal prayer through brief silent meditation, prayer with Scripture, spontaneous prayer, and "listening" to the Holy Spirit. Also, begins to include forms of penance as a means of conversion. CCC 1434

6.IV.5: Understand the differences between vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation. CCC 2700-2719
6.IV.6: Understand and be familiar with basic forms of praying: blessing, praise, thanksgiving, petition, intercession, and contrition. CCC 2644
6.IV.7: Realize that God is present with us always and everywhere, but this is a different than the Real Presence in the Eucharist.
6.IV.8: Contribute to an environment for worship and personal prayer through the creative use of music, space, and symbols, such as candles, flowers, and pictures. Be familiar with liturgical colors and their meaning.
6.IV.9: Experience planning and participating in class liturgies and paraliturgies.
6.IV.10: Take time to make visits and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. To visit Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, is a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord. CCC 1378-1381, 1418
Saints
6.V.1: There is a process the church uses to determine if someone is a saint. After investigation a person is declared venerable, blessed, and then saint. The church never declares someone to be in hell.
6.V.2: God wants everyone to be a saint. Saints are the people in God's Family in heaven.
6.V.3: Know that God is a Family: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
6.V.4: Know that we become part of God's Family through Baptism, but we keep growing as his children until we get to heaven. People in heaven are called saints. We are all to desire to be saints. With god's grace (both His life and His help) we can be saints.
6.V.5: We should also ask the saints to help us to be holy. They are our friends, our brothers and sisters, in heaven. They want us to be with them in heaven. *Due to the large number of new saints, classes are encouraged to adopt two or three saints as their special friends for the year who they should know better than the other new saints. Each student should also adopt one of the new saints as their particular friend. As one class project, students might prepare a short report on their adopted saint.
6.V.6: Know that angels are not saints, they are God's helpers.
6.V.7: We only worship God - Latria (Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit). We honor Mary - Hyperdulia, and the Saints - Dulia
6.V.8: Know the following new saints: 6.V.8.a: St. David, Bishop of Mynyw, patron of Wales 6.V.8.b: St. Dominic, priest and confessor. Founder of Dominicans. Mary instructed him to preach the Rosary as a remedy for sin since its mysteries are on the life of Jesus. 6.V.8.c: St. Francis de Sales, bishop, confessor, and doctor of the church. Patron of writers and journalists. Always careful to follow God in every way. Became a great evangelizer, especially by going door to door to tell others about Jesus Christ. 6.V.8.d: Gospel Writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. 6.V.8.e: Sts. James and Jude, apostles and writers of epistles. 6.V.8.f: St. Jerome, confessor and doctor of the church. Translated the Bible into Latin. Wrote many commentaries on Scripture. 6.V.8.g: St. Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton. Mother of five. Convert at age thirty. Widowed and founded order of sisters dedicated to establishing Catholic schools in the United States. 6.V.8.h: St. Olaf of Norway. Began life as a pirate, converted to Catholicism later on. Became King of Norway, and thus brought missionaries to evangelize the people.

<p>6.V.8.i: St. Philip Neri, priest and confessor. Wonderful preacher.</p> <p>6.V.8.j: St. Rose of Viterbo, virgin. As a child preached in the streets of her own village.</p> <p>6.V.8.k: Sts. Timothy and Titus. Recipients of epistles of St. Paul.</p> <p>6.V.8.l: St. Junipero Serra. Priest and missionary. Settled California and brought Catholicism to the New World and the Native Americans.</p> <p>6.V.8.m: Our Lady of Mount Carmel</p> <p>6.V.8.n: Our Lady of the Rosary</p>
6.V.9: Review saints and angels from previous grades.
Scripture
6.VI.1: Creation Story -- Gn 1:1-24
6.VI.2: The fall of man and the promise -- Gn 3:1-24
6.VI.3: Passages dealing with the life of Noah -- Gn 6:5-9:17
<p>6.VI.4: Passages dealing with the life of Abraham:</p> <p>6.VI.4.a: Call of Abraham -- Gn 12:1-9</p> <p>6.VI.4.b: Covenant with Abraham -- Gn 15:1-21</p> <p>6.VI.4.c: Birth of Isaac -- Gn 21:1-18</p> <p>6.VI.4.d: Testing of Abraham -- Gn 22:1-19</p>
<p>6.VI.5: Birth of Esau and Jacob -- Gn 25:19-34</p> <p>6.VI.5.a: Choice of Jacob -- Gn 27</p>
<p>6.VI.6: Joseph sold into slavery -- Gn 37</p> <p>6.VI.6.a: Joseph in Egypt -- Gn 39-45</p>
<p>6.VI.7: Review the events dealing with the life of Moses:</p> <p>6.VI.7.a: Moses' birth -- Ex 1-2</p> <p>6.VI.7.b: Call of Moses -- Ex 3-4</p> <p>6.VI.7.c: Dealing with Pharaoh and the plagues -- Ex 5-11</p> <p>6.VI.7.d: Night of the Passover -- Ex 12</p> <p>6.VI.7.e: Various events connected with Exodus: Quail and Manna -- Ex 16</p> <p>6.VI.7.f: Sinai Covenant -- Ex 19-20</p> <p>6.VI.7.g: Golden Calf -- Ex 32</p> <p>6.VI.7.h: Death of Moses -- Dt 34:1-8</p>
6.VI.8: Royal leaders and the Covenant: Kings David and Solomon -- 2 Sam 7:1-17; 1 Kings 3:5-15
6.VI.9: Passages from major and minor prophets -- Is 6:1-8; Ez 37:1-14; Mic 5:1; Is 7:2-1; Amos 3:9b-11, 15, 4:13; Zeph 2:3, 3:11-13
6.VI.10: John the Baptist -- Lk 1:57-66, 80
6.VI.11: Life of Jesus in the Gospels
6.VI.12: The Beatitudes -- Mt 5:1-12

SEVENTH GRADE

Creed

7.I.1: By natural reason and our conscience, we can be certain of the existence of God CCC 31-35, 46, 50; 1776, 1795

7.I.2: By His wisdom and love, God created everything out of nothing, and is infinitely greater than all His works, yet is present to His creatures inmost being, providing for their every need CCC 296-301, 317-320

7.I.3: God created everything for humans, who are the summit of his creation, and man in turn is to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to Him. Lk 12:6-7, Mt 12:12 CCC 343, 355-361, 380

7.I.4: What Jesus Christ entrusted to the Twelve Apostles, they in turn handed on by their preaching and writing, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to all generations, until Christ returns in glory CCC 96

7.I.5: Trust that the Holy Spirit inspires us to holiness and strengthens us to follow Christ through the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. CCC 684, 737, 739, 741, 799-800, 1303-1305, 2003

7.I.6: Know the meaning of the word grace, as both the life and help of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Sanctifying grace (God's life) is received in the sacraments and actual grace (God's help) is available constantly. Learn to value grace as a gift necessary to live. CCC 1996-2000

7.I.7: Esteem the saints, especially Mary who is the perfect model of faith, as those who have responded to the call to follow Jesus. CCC 459, 1692-1694, 1696, 1724, 1728, 2429

7.I.8: The Church as hallways venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord CCC 103, 141

7.I.9: As Jesus' followers, we have a responsibility to listen to His call and to use our talents. CCC 459, 1692-1694, 1696, 1724, 1728, 2429

7.I.10: Following Jesus often means that we will suffer. We can unite our sufferings to Jesus' on behalf of other people. (Col 1:24) CCC 1435, 1468, 1521, 2648

7.I.11: Our response to God and all He has given to us is faith. Identify and begin to understand the characteristics of faith. CCC 153-166, 176-184

7.I.11.a: Faith is both a divine and human act CCC 153-155, 160, 179-180

7.I.11.b: faith comes before understanding CCC 156-159

7.I.11.c: faith is necessary for salvation CCC 161, 183

7.I.11.d: faith requires perseverance CCC 162

7.I.11.e: faith is the beginning of eternal life CCC 163-165, 184

7.I.11.f: faith is both personal and ecclesial

7.I.11.f.1: faith is a relationship with the Lord Jesus and His Family, the Church CCC 166-169, 176

7.I.12: Know that one's faith is sustained through prayer, both personal prayer and communal prayer, especially the sacraments. CCC 2665, 2673, 2697-2699, 2744-2745

7.I.13: Knows that the Catechism of the Catholic Church or CCC is a compendium of all that Jesus teaches -- Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium. Knows how to and practices consulting the CCC. CCC 11-25,

7.I.13.a: aim and intended readership

7.I.13.b: structure of the CCC including:

7.I.13.b.1: the four pillars

7.I.13.b.2: marginal cross-references

7.I.13.b.3: quotations

7.I.13.b.4: footnotes

7.I.13.b.5: in brief sections

7.I.13.b.6: table of contents

7.I.13.b.7: index

7.I.13.b.8: footnotes and their source material

Sacraments

7.II.1: The Sacred Liturgy is celebrated unceasingly in heaven with Mary, the apostles, the saints, and the angels and we join this celebration when we celebrate the liturgy on earth. CCC 1187

7.II.2: Sacramentals prepare us to receive the sacraments. Blessings (of persons, meals, objects, and places) are the first sacramentals and they consecrate people to God and objects for use in worship. Become familiar with sacramental objects and their use: churches, altars, sacred vessels, vestments, bells, oil, candles, relics, rosaries, chaplets, holy water, medals, holy cards, statues, etc. CCC 1671-1677

**The seven sacraments are efficacious signs instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is given to us. We need all seven of the sacraments. CCC 1114-1116, 1123, 1127, 11129-1134*

7.II.2.a: The seven Sacraments are words and actions instituted by Jesus

7.II.2.b: Jesus gave them to the Church (the Family of God) beginning with Peter and the rest of the Twelve Apostles (Mt 16:19, 18:18, 28:16-20)

7.II.2.c: efficacious (do what they say, not simply represent) because Jesus works through, with and in these actions, things and words (matter and form)

7.II.2.d: in the sacraments we receive the grace of God's life (sanctifying); we receive the grace of God's help at all other times (actual)

7.II.2.e: grace is necessary to be freed from sin (salvation) and to grow in holiness (sanctification)

7.II.3: Jesus works in and through the sacraments independent from the holiness of the minister. However, the fruits seen in the life of the one receiving the sacrament does depend on their disposition. CCC 1128

7.II.4: The seven Sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life. There is a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life. CCC 1113, 1210

7.II.4.IN: *SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION - NEW LIFE IN CHRIST - Recognize Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist as Sacraments through which we are initiated into the Church. These are the Sacraments of Initiation. Through these we are all enabled to be holy (to be saints) and to carry out the mission of evangelizing the world so that others may be holy.*

7.II.4.IN.a: Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as a Child of God, a member of the church, the Family of God and sharers in her mission. (Know effects listed in CCC 1265-66) CCC 1213-1284, 1655

7.II.4.IN.b: Confirmation, strengthening, necessary for the completion of Baptism; true witness of Christ obliged to share the Faith by word and deed. (Know effects listed in CCC 1302-1305) CCC 1285-1321

7.II.4.IN.c: Eucharist, nourishment to feed, strengthen and unite us with Jesus Christ and People of God, and enables us to take part in the Holy Sacrifice of Jesus (Know effects listed in CCC 1416) CCC 1322-1419

7.II.4.HL: *SACRAMENTS OF HEALING - JESUS, PHYSICIAN OF OUR SOULS AND BODIES - Life as a child of God can be weakened and even lost by sin. The Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit, continues Jesus' work of healing and salvation through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Here Jesus works as the physician of our souls and bodies just as He did in the Gospels.*

7.II.4.HL.a: Reconciliation restores peace in relationship with God, the Christian community, and one's self by forgiving sins and increasing spiritual strength. (Know effects listed in CCC 1496) CCC 1420-1498

7.II.4.HL.b: Anointing of the Sick, healing for those who are seriously ill, old, and/or close to death. Its full celebration includes Reconciliation, Anointing and Eucharist. The name "Viaticum" is given to the Eucharist for those who are about to leave this life, so that Jesus is with them as they pass from this world to the Father. (Know effects listed in CCC 1532) CCC 1420-21, 1499-1532

7.II.4.SV: *SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE - DIRECTED TOWARDS THE SALVATION OF OTHERS - Holy Orders and Matrimony are directed to the salvation of others; if they contribute to personal salvation it is only through service to others that they do so.*

<p>7.II.4.SV.a: Holy Orders, continues the mission entrusted by Jesus Christ to His apostles until the end of time. Three degrees: bishop, priest and deacon CCC 1533-1600</p> <p>7.II.4.SV.a.1: receive an indelible mark (like Baptism and Confirmation)</p> <p>7.II.4.SV.a.2: bishops are successors of the apostles; they lead the Church; they are to teach the Faith and administer the sacraments; they ordain priests and deacons to help them; they receive the fullness of Holy Orders and are the living image of God the Father, typos tou Patros CCC 1549, 1555-1561</p> <p>7.II.4.SV.a.3: priests are co-workers of bishops, especially to preach the gospel, celebrate the sacraments (not Holy Orders), shepherd the faithful; priests make a promise of obedience to the bishop at ordination; they act in the person of Jesus Christ the head, in persona Christi Capitis CCC 1548, 1562-1568</p> <p>7.II.4.SV.a.4: deacons are ordained for tasks of service; they are never able to administer the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, or Holy Orders CCC 1596</p> <p>7.II.4.SV.b: Matrimony is a covenant between one man and one woman for a lifetime, to show their love for one another, to have children, and to be a witness of the union of Christ and His Church. This union should model Christ's love in that it is free, total, faithful, and fruitful. Just as we are made in the image and likeness of God, so the family is an image and likeness of the Family of God, the Church CCC 1533-1535, 1601-1666</p> <p>7.II.4.SV.c: God calls some people to serve others by being single and/or living in community. These people do not need another sacrament to live out their vocation. People called to this life live as a sister, nun, brother, monk, hermit, consecrated virgin, or a single person CCC 1618-20</p>
<p>7.II.5: Explain briefly the words, actions and symbols of each Sacrament</p> <p>7.II.5.a: Baptism CCC 1229-1245</p> <p>7.II.5.b: Confirmation CCC 1297-1301, 1312</p> <p>7.II.5.c: Eucharist CCC 1348-1355</p> <p>7.II.5.d: Reconciliation CCC 1449, 1480</p> <p>7.II.5.e: Anointing of the Sick CCC 1517-1519</p> <p>7.II.5.f: Matrimony CCC 1621-1624</p> <p>7.II.5.g: Holy Orders CCC 1541-1543, 1572-1574</p>
<p>7.II.6: Understand the psalms, Old Testament and New Testament readings used in celebration of the Sacraments.</p>
<p>7.II.7: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is the rite (way) that an adult becomes a full member of the Catholic Church. The process has several rites some are for the unbaptized (catechumens) and the baptized (candidates). Those in the RCIA process usually complete their initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. CCC 1232-1233</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Moral Development</p>
<p>7.III.1: Continue practicing the method for moral decision-making. Be able to explain the method. Understand that in some cases, one may still not know what to do. Understand, how to use one's conscience in these instances. Know the rules that apply (cf. CCC 1789). CCC 1750-1754, 1786-1789</p>
<p>7.III.2: Recognize the responsibility to form one's conscience in relationship with Christ and His teachings through the Church. CCC 1783-1785</p>
<p>7.III.3: Not knowing that something is a sin may not free you from responsibility or guilt. Know the difference between visible and invisible ignorance. CCC 1790-1794, 1801, 1860</p>
<p>7.III.4: Come to a deeper awareness of asking forgiveness and giving pardon in the circumstances of daily life. Understand that we imitate Jesus when we forgive others. Because Jesus is always ready to forgive, so must we always be ready to forgive.</p>
<p>7.III.5: Explain the double consequence of sin - both eternal and temporal. CCC Def.: 1472-1473</p>
<p>7.III.6: Know that sin can also result from the omission of good. The choice to do nothing can be evil.</p>

7.III.7: Repetition of sin brings about a habit of sin called vice. Know the names/meanings of the seven capital sins: pride, avarice (greed), lust, wrath (anger), gluttony, envy, acedia (sloth). CCC 1866
7.III.8: Sin is a personal act. CCC 1868
7.III.9: Sin is a failure in love for God and neighbor. Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience. Sin always wounds our nature and communion with one another. CCC 1849-1851, 1872
7.III.10: Practice the virtues of zeal, faithfulness, perseverance, and reverence.
7.III.11: Memorize the Beatitudes. Think of ways they apply to their lives. CCC 1716
7.III.12: Explain ways to demonstrate the responsibility to love God above all else.
7.III.13: Understands and practices the work of indulgences. CCC 1471-1479, 1489
7.III.14: Know that the right to life, regardless of the quality, is above all other rights. The taking of human life anytime between the moment of conception to natural death is always seriously wrong (a mortal sin) except in the case of self-defense.
7.III.15: Understand the importance of good decision-making regarding sexuality and sexual activity.
7.III.16: Understand why addiction to drugs, alcohol, sex, materialism, and violence destroys the fullness of human life. Know some skills for preventing these abuses.
7.III.17: Compare the moral values in media with the values of Catholic teachings. Assist students in evaluating and choosing the good in television, commercials, movies, video games, popular music and lyrics, internet, chatrooms, magazines, etc. Do this activity weekly, if not daily.
7.III.18: Appreciate as moral models and vocation models the saints and contemporary Christians whose lives are exemplary.
7.III.19: Be attentive to the possibility of God's call to priesthood and/or religious life (vocations).
7.III.20: Be involved (age appropriately) in peace and justice, care for the environment and any of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Involvement should include time, talent, and treasure (tithing - giving 10%) (stewardship).
7.III.21: Tell others about Jesus and His Family, the Church. Think of people to share the Gospel with and ways to do this in their own lives (evangelization).
Prayer and Worship
7.IV.1: Fully participate at Mass on Sunday and holy days of obligation, including recitation of all responses.
7.IV.2: Continue to regularly (monthly if possible) receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
7.IV.3: The memorization of basic prayers offers an essential support to the life of prayer, yet it is also important to help students savor their meaning. Children should be able to recite the following: 7.IV.3.a: Examination of Conscience 7.IV.3.b: Act of Love 7.IV.3.c: Stations of the Cross 7.IV.3.d: Regina Coeli 7.IV.3.e: Anima Christi
7.IV.4: Begin to deepen the experience of prayer (and penance) as time to cultivate a personal relationship and the communal (ecclesial) relationship with Jesus and His Church.
7.IV.5: Continue to understand the differences between vocal prayer, meditation and contemplation

7.IV.6: Be at ease with forms of spontaneous prayer and faith sharing with peers and friends including those who are not Catholic. Bring prayer to their daily world. Recognize that we continue to live the Eucharist in our daily lives, meaning that we live as Jesus.
7.IV.7: Continue a habit of daily prayer to know one's vocation
7.IV.8: Be familiar with the Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer
7.IV.9: Become familiar with the battle of prayer
7.IV.10: Obtains indulgences for themselves and others
7.IV.11: Sometime within the year, try to incorporate a retreat experience which might vary in length depending upon resources.
7.IV.12: Take time to make visits and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. To visit Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, is?a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ Our Lord.
Saints
7.V.1: Know the significance of being named a Father of the Church and/or a Doctor of the Church
7.V.2: Know the following new saints: 7.V.2.a: St. Agatha, virgin and martyr. Mentioned in Eucharistic prayer one 7.V.2.b: St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Died at age 23, never committed a mortal sin 7.V.2.c: St. Charles Borromeo, bishop. Council of Trent. Began idea of Sunday school. 7.V.2.d: St. George, martyr 7.V.2.e: St. Isaac Jogues and companions. American martyrs. Worked among Native Americans 7.V.2.f: St. Lawrence O'Toole 7.V.2.g: St. Leo the Great, pope and doctor of the church 7.V.2.h: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Know story. Know Sacred Heart of Jesus 7.V.2.i: St. Martin of Tours. First non-martyr to be named a saint. Helped the poor. Began following Christ as a teenager. Served in the military. Patron of soldiers 7.V.2.j: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs 7.V.2.k: St. Rose Dushesne. United States saint 7.V.2.l: St. Stanislaus 7.V.2.m: St. Gerary Majella. Patron of mothers 7.V.2.n: Blessed Gianna Beretta Molla. Wife, mother and doctor who gave up her life so that her unborn child would live 7.V.2.o: Our Lady of Sorrows 7.V.2.p: Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary
Scripture
7.VI.1: Related to Baptism 7.VI.1.a: Old Testament Water Stories - Gen 1:1; Gen 6:5; Ex 14:1-7; Josh 3:14-17 7.VI.1.b: Baptism of Jesus - Mt 3:13-17 7.VI.1.c: Commission of the Apostles - Mt 18:18-19; Mat 28:16-20 7.VI.1.d: Court Official - Acts 8:26-38 7.VI.1.e: Nicodemus - Jn 3:1-5 7.VI.1.f: Promise of Living Water - Jn 4:8-15
7.VI.2: Related to Confirmation 7.VI.2.a: Holy Spirit teaches - Lk 12:11-12 7.VI.2.b: Holy Spirit strengthens - Eph 3:14-19

7.VI.2.c: Pentecost - Acts 2 7.VI.2.d: Samaritans receive Holy Spirit - Acts 8:14-17
7.VI.3: Related to Eucharist 7.VI.3.a: Lord's Supper - 1 Cor 1:23-32 7.VI.3.b: Last Supper - Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17 7.VI.3.c: Bread of Life discourse - Jn 6, especially 6:53-59
7.VI.4: Related to Reconciliation 7.VI.4.a: Woman at the Well - Jn 4:5-26 7.VI.4.b: Paralytic - Lk 5:17-26 7.VI.4.c: Reform - Mt 4:17 7.VI.4.d: Repent - Rev 2:25 7.VI.4.e: Parable of mercy - Lk 15 7.VI.4.f: Power to forgive sins - Mt 16:19; Mt 18:18; Jn 20:22-23
7.VI.5: Related to Anointing of the Sick 7.VI.5.a: If anyone is ill - Jas 5:14-15 7.VI.5.b: Anointing with oil - Mk 6:12-13
7.VI.6: Related to Holy Orders 7.VI.6.a: Melchizedek - Gen 14:18-20; Heb 7:1-10 7.VI.6.c: Mission - Mt 28:16-20 7.VI.6.d: Last Supper - Lk 22:19 7.VI.6.e: Deacons - Acts 6:1-6
7.VI.7: Related to Matrimony 7.VI.7.a: Marriage from the beginning - Gen 1:27-31; 2:18-25 CCC 1603-1605 7.VI.7.b: God has joined together - Mt 19:6 7.VI.7.c: Love of each other - Eph 5:25-3 and Marriage Bond - Lk 16:18 7.VI.7.d: Cana - Jn 2:1-12
7.VI.8: Passages on Prayer - Mt 6:7-15; 18:19-20
7.VI.9: Passages on Vocations - Mt 5:1-11; Mk 10:17-22, Mt 8:1-3; Mt 4:18-22; Mk 3:13-19; Lk 5:1-11 (Vocations)

SEVENTH GRADE	
Creed	
8.I.1:	We can be certain of the existence of God, but we need Revelation to know God as a loving Father CCC 31-35, 46, 50; definition of conscience 1776, 1795
8.I.2:	Jesus is the fullness of Revelation. Revelation consists of Scripture and Tradition as handed on by Jesus, to His successors, Peter and the Twelve Apostles, and their successors. (Magisterium) CCC 80-100
8.I.3:	Be aware that the Holy Spirit is present today, guiding and sanctifying the Church as whole and each of us individually. CCC 739, 767, 797-800, 813, 888-891, 1742, 2003
8.I.4:	The Pope, the Vicar of Christ, is given the special chrism of infallibility CCC 888-891, 2035
8.I.5:	What we believe about Mary is based on what we believe about Jesus. Explain the doctrines of Mary: Mother of God, Immaculate Conception, Ever-Virgin, Assumption, and Mother of All CCC 484-511
8.I.6:	Knows the implications of believing in one God CCC 222-227
8.I.7:	Our response to God and all He is given to us is faith. Identify and begin to understand the characteristics of faith CCC 153-166, 176-184
8.I.7.a:	grace-inspired and free human act of the intellect and will
8.I.7.b:	faith comes before understanding and is more certain
8.I.7.c:	faith is necessary for salvation
8.I.7.d:	faith requires perseverance
8.I.7.e:	faith is the beginning of eternal life, a foretaste of heaven
8.I.7.f:	faith is both personal and ecclesial
8.I.8:	Realize that the Church is described with many images. Understand the images: Family of God, People of God, Body of Christ, Temple of the Holy Spirit, Bride of Christ, Mother and Teacher CCC 169, 781-198, 1655, 2030-2031
8.I.9:	Know that the mission of the Church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. A mission first entrusted to His successors, Peter and the Twelve and then their successors, the Pope and the bishops united with him (Magisterium). All the baptized are to assist in this one mission of Jesus Christ CCC 6-7, 75-79, 91-93, 127, 737-738, 830-831, 834, 880-896, 1070
8.I.10:	Understand that the Church is being "most Church" (in her truest self) when she is celebrating Sacraments CCC 959, 1068, 1071, 1116, 1118
8.I.11:	Know that there is only one Church and this Church subsists in the Catholic Church and was entrusted by Jesus to Peter and the rest of the Twelve Apostles. CCC 813-816, 870, Mt 16:19; 18:18
8.I.12:	Understand that all Christian churches are part of the People of God to some degree. Those who are baptized and belong to other Christian churches are considered our brothers and sisters. They have "elements of truth" and linkages with the one true Church, the Catholic Church, at different levels. CCC 77-79, 95, 824, 839-848
8.I.13:	The unity of the Church established by Jesus has been very seriously wounded with the separation into many different Christian denominations against God's will. Like Jesus, we must pray that His Church, His Family which is Our Church, Our Family, will once again be reunited on earth and we must work towards this unity. CCC 818, 816-822, 836-838, 845; Jn 17
8.I.14:	Many means of holiness are found outside the confines of the visible Catholic Church. All these blessings derive from what was entrusted to the Catholic Church by Jesus CCC 819
8.I.15:	Know that membership in the Church requires faith and Baptism, and that one is fully initiated by receiving Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation CCC 1210, 1212, 1229, 1253
8.I.16:	Understand that all Christians have the gift, mission and duty to share the Faith with others. CCC 74, 91-93, 897-913
8.I.17:	Perceive oneself as part of the Church, the Family of God, the people of God, the Body of Christ. CCC 836-838, 1322-1323, 1391, 1396, 1405, 1691

8.I.18: Understand that the call to service is based on the example of Jesus. CCC 520-521, 544, 555, 896
8.I.19: Know the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and understand their place in the Church's mission. Makes plan to live them accordingly. CCC 849, 1460, 2429, 2443-2449, 2461-2463
8.I.20: Re-examine the Church's teachings on the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders and the single or religious life realizing that all are called by God to one of these permanent vocations.
8.I.21: Understand the definition of family and how the family is the "domestic church" CCC 2202, 2204-2206, 2252-53
Sacraments
8.II.1: The whole of the liturgical life of the Church revolves around the sacraments, because these are the ways God has chosen to free us from sin (salvation), to help us grow as His children (sanctify), to build the Body of Christ, to enable us to give Him worship. CCC 1123
8.II.2: The celebration of sacraments is a meeting of God's children with their Father, in Christ and the Holy Spirit. CCC 1153
8.II.3: The sacraments are of the Church in that they are "by her" and "for her" CCC 1118
8.II.4: The Church believes as she prays. The Faith she confesses was given by Jesus, to the apostles, who then gave it to their successors. For this reason no sacramental rite may be modified or manipulated at the will of the minister or community. CCC 1124-25
8.II.5: Study the acclamations and Eucharistic prayers of the Mass, keeping in mind that the church prays as she believes. CCC 1124
8.II.6: Sacred images in our churches and homes are intended to awaken and nourish our faith. We do not adore or honor the image, rather who the image represents. CCC 1159-1162, 1192
8.II.7: Sunday, the Lord's Day, is the principal day for celebrating the Eucharist because it is the day of the Resurrection. We are expected to participate at Mass and rest from unnecessary work. CCC 1166-1167, 1193, 2041-43
8.II.8: Describe in his/her own words something of the significance of the different liturgical seasons and evens, colors and symbols and how the liturgical year flows from season to season. Include: Incarnation Annunciation, Visitation Birth and Life of John the Baptist, Advent Christmas, Epiphany Baptism of Jesus, Ordinary Time Lent, Ash Wednesday Fridays of Lent, Palm Sunday Holy Week, Triduum Holy Thursday - Last Supper, Good Friday Easter, Mercy Sunday Ascension, Pentecost Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi Ordinary Time ending with Christ the King
8.II.9: Learn the signs and rite of Confirmation, its necessity, its effects, and who may receive. CCC Rite: 1293-1301, 1320 Necessity: 1486-90, 1497 Effects: 1302-05, 1315-16 Receiver: 1306-11, 1319
8.II.10: Know that the bishop is the ordinary minister of Confirmation, but priests may also confirm. CCC 1312-1314
8.II.11: Like Baptism, Confirmation imprints an indelible mark on one's soul; thus Confirmation may only be received once and remains forever. CCC 1121, 1317
8.II.12: Understand that the Holy Spirit is with us always and ready to help us be true witnesses. In Confirmation we are strengthened to be witnesses of Jesus Christ. CCC 683-686, 1302-1305
8.II.13: Know ways to be a witness of Jesus Christ. Be familiar with the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and living them where appropriate. CCC 1829, 2447
8.II.14: Name and define the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (appropriate to their age level). CCC 1830-1831

8.II.15: Name and define the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit - charity (love), joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. CCC 1832
8.II.16: Understand that the Holy Spirit is a divine person - the third person of the Trinity, the Lord and Giver of Life, but we use symbols to understand who the Holy Spirit is. These symbols include wind, breath, water, oil (anointing), fire, cloud and light, seal, hand, finger of God, and a dove. CCC 691-701
8.II.17: Be familiar with the consecration of the sacred chrism. Know that this sacred chrism is consecrated by the bishop at the Chrism Mass for the whole diocese. This is the oil used for Confirmation. CCC 1297
*8.II.18.b: Be familiar with the feast days and memorials of Jesus, Mary, and the angels and the significance of each day. 8.II.18.b.1: Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Americas (Dec 12) 8.II.18.b.2: Feast of the Holy Family (in US, Sunday after Christmas) 8.II.18.b.3: Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (Sunday after Epiphany) 8.II.18.b.4: Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (Feb 2) 8.II.18.b.5: Feast of the Visitation (May 31) 8.II.18.b.6: Memorial of the Immaculate heart of Mary (day after Sacred Heart) 8.II.18.b.7: Feast of the Transfiguration (Aug 6) 8.II.18.b.8: Memorial of the Queenship of Mary (Aug 22) 8.II.18.b.9: Feast of the Birth of Mary (Sep 8) 8.II.18.b.10: Feast of the Triumph of the Cross (Sep 14) 8.II.18.b.11: Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows (Sep 15) 8.II.18.b.12: Feast of the Archangels (Sep 29) 8.II.18.b.13: Memorial of Our Guardian Angels (Oct 2) 8.II.18.b.14: Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct 7) 8.II.18.b.15: Memorial of All Souls (Nov 2)
Moral Development
8.III.1: Understand and describe the relationship between freedom and responsibility. CCC 1730-1748
8.III.2: God placed the desire for happiness in the human heart. True happiness is found in being God's children. CCC 1716-1729
8.III.3: We have a responsibility for the sins committed by others when we cooperate in them: CCC 1868 8.III.3.a: by participating directly and voluntarily 8.III.3.b: by ordering, advising, praising, or approving 8.III.3.c: by not disclosing or not hindering them when we have an obligation to do so 8.III.3.d: by protecting evil-doers
8.III.4: Practice the virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance. Explain how they are the virtues that all other virtue hinges upon.
8.III.5: The Holy Spirit helps us to uncover sin in our own lives, so we may convert our hearts and seek Jesus' mercy. Come to a deeper awareness of asking forgiveness and giving pardon in the circumstances of daily life as Jesus did. CCC 1848
8.III.6: Memorize the Commandments, Precepts of the Church, the Beatitudes, and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Be able to apply them to their own lives.
8.III.7: Articulate the do's and don'ts of each of the Ten Commandments. CCC 2083-2557
8.III.8: Understand objective and subjective morality.

8.III.9: Practice the method for moral decision-making. Be able to explain the method. Understand culpability, invincible and vincible ignorance. CCC 1750-1754, 1790-1794
8.III.10: Appreciate as moral models and vocation models the saints and contemporary Christians whose lives are exemplary.
8.III.11: Be attentive to the possibility of God's call to priesthood and/or religious life (vocations).
8.III.12: Be familiar with the various states of consecrated life including eremitic life, consecrated virgins and widows, religious life, secular institutes, societies and apostolates. CCC 914-933, 940, 944
8.III.13: Be involved (age appropriately) in peace and justice, care for the environment and any of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Involvement should include time, talent, and treasure (tithing -- giving 10%) (stewardship).
8.III.14: Continue to enjoy the stories of the saints and good contemporary Christians whose lives are examples of the power of God.
8.III.15: Tell others about Jesus and His Family, the Church. Think of people to share the Gospel with and ways to do this in their own lives (evangelization).
Prayer and Worship
8.IV.1: Actively participate in the Mass, recognizing the importance of this for a member of the Church. Recognize that we continue to live the Eucharist in our daily lives, that is to live as Jesus would.
8.IV.2: Continue to regularly (monthly if possible) receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation
8.IV.3: The memorization of basic prayers offers an essential support to the life of prayer, yet it is also important to help students savor their meaning. Children should be able to recite the following: 8.IV.3.a: All prayers from previous grades 8.IV.3.b: Canticle of Zechariah 8.IV.3.c: Canticle of Mary 8.IV.3.d: Canticle of Simeon
8.IV.4: Continue the daily habit of personal prayer through brief silent meditation, prayer with Scripture, spontaneous prayer, prayer, "listening" to the Holy Spirit and acts of penance to cultivate a personal relationship with Jesus, in addition to the communal (ecclesial) relationship with Jesus and the Church. CCC 1434
8.IV.5: Take time to make visits and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. CCC 1378-1381
8.IV.6: Understand the differences between vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation. CCC 2700-2719
8.IV.7: Become familiar with the battle of prayer and strategies to overcome this battle. CCC 2725-2745
8.IV.8: Experience traditional devotions such as praying the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, prayer to patron saint or important saints on their feast days.
8.IV.9: Recognize and describe the liturgical seasons, the Holy Days of Obligation and other feasts of importance.
8.IV.10: Develop a habit of daily prayer to know one's vocation, realizing that each has a special place in the people of God. Be attentive to the possibility of God's call to priesthood and/or religious life.\
8.IV.11: Become familiar with Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer and the Office of Readings.
8.IV.12: Experience familiarity with the purpose and ritual of the Sacraments.
8.IV.13: Be at ease with forms of spontaneous prayer and faith sharing with peers and friends including those who are not Catholic. Bring prayer to their daily world.

Saints	
8.V.1:	Know the significance of being named a patron of patroness.
8.V.2:	Know the following new saints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8.V.2.a: St. Alphonsus Ligouri, bishop and doctor of the church 8.V.2.b: St. Anselm, bishop and doctor of the church 8.V.2.c: St. Anthony the Abbot (hermit). Father of early monasticism. Fights with the devil. 8.V.2.d: Apostles: Sts Philip and James (the lesser), St. Thomas, Sts. Simon and Bartholomew. Know that Matthias is the one who replaced Judas Iscariot 8.V.2.e: St. Augustine, bishop and doctor of the church 8.V.2.f: St. Benedict, monk and founder of western monasticism. Benedictines. 8.V.2.g: St. Bernard of Clairvaux, monk and doctor of the church. Great preacher throughout France, Italy, and Germany. Great devotion to Mary. 8.V.2.h: St. Boniface, bishop and martyr. Great preacher and teacher especially to the Germans. 8.V.2.i: St. Catherine of Alexandria 8.V.2.j: St. Francis Xavier, missionary priest who brought the teachings of the church to foreigners. 8.V.2.k: St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, religious sister and first saint canonized from America. 8.V.2.l: St. Helena, mother of Constantine, and founder of the true cross. 8.V.2.m: St. Patrick, bishop. Great preacher especially in Ireland. 8.V.2.n: St. Rene Goupil. United States saint. 8.V.2.o: St. Rose of Lima. Devoted to chastity. Mystic, visionary. Received stigmata. First saint born in the Americas. 8.V.2.p: St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the church. 8.V.2.q: St. John Neumann, United States saint. Redemptorist priest. Bishop of Philadelphia 8.V.2.r: St. Maria Goretti 8.V.2.s: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. United States blessed. Bishop. Ministered to German immigrants. 8.V.2.t: Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin. United States blessed. Sister, pioneer, started schools in Illinois. 8.V.2.u: Our Lady of Mercy 8.V.2.v: Our Lady of the Snows
8.V.3:	Review saints and angels from previous grades
Scripture	
8.VI.1:	Accounts of the Early Church - Act 1:12-14; 2:42-47
8.VI.2:	Church as God's people - 1 Peter 2:9-10
8.VI.3:	Promise of the Spirit - Jn 16:7, 13
8.VI.4:	Pentecost account - Acts 2:1-41; Jn 20:19-23
8.VI.5:	Command to preach the Good News to all the Nations - Mk 16:15-16; Mt 28:16-20
8.VI.6:	Authority of Peter, the first pope - Mt 16:13-19
8.VI.7:	Jesus' intention of establishing the Church, His Family on earth - Mt 16:13-19 (Vocations)
8.VI.8:	Selection of the Apostles - Lk 6:12-16 (Vocations)
8.VI.9:	Mission of the Disciples - Lk 10:1-12; Mt 5:13-16
8.VI.10:	Appointment of Deacons - Acts 6:1-6

8.VI.11: Tradition - Jn 21:25
8.VI.12: On Laws - Mt 5:17-20; Mt 5:38-48; Mt 5:3-12
8.VI.13: Jesus institutes the Eucharist - Mt 26:26-28; Lk 22:14-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26
8.VI.14: Mary as the Mother of the Church - Jn 19:25-27
8.VI.15: Jesus' mission during the 40 days between the Resurrection and Ascension - Lk 24:13-53; Jn 20-21, Acts 1:1-11