

Essential Questions Across the Grades to Facilitate Lifelong Faith Formation

	Unit 1 – Who is Jesus Christ?	Unit 2 – How do I get to know and love Jesus Christ?	Unit 3 – How does Jesus Christ teach me to live a moral life?	Unit 4 – How are we called to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ?
Early Childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Who is God? ◆ Why did God make you and me? ◆ Why did God make everything? ◆ Who is Jesus Christ? ◆ Why do we celebrate Advent and Christmas? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Why do we pray? ◆ When and how do we pray? ◆ Why do we go to Mass? ◆ What happens at Mass? ◆ Why do we read the Bible? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Why does Jesus want me to love myself and others? [Circle of Grace] ◆ Why does Jesus want me to make good choices? ◆ Why do we celebrate Lent and Easter? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Why does Jesus want me to help others?
Childhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ What do you know about the life of Jesus Christ on earth? ◆ What does Jesus Christ teach you about God? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How does praying help me to know and love Jesus Christ? ◆ How does going to Mass help me to know and love Jesus Christ? ◆ How do the sacraments help me to know and love Jesus Christ? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Why and how does Jesus Christ expect me to love and respect myself and others? [Circle of Grace] ◆ How do God's commands guide my life? ◆ Why and how does Jesus Christ want me to make good choices? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Why and how am I called to follow Jesus Christ? ◆ How do I follow Jesus Christ?
Younger Adolescence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How does the Paschal Mystery teach me about Jesus Christ? ◆ What is the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity? What is the Mystery of the Incarnation? Why do Catholics believe that God is three persons in one? ◆ How does the Blessed Virgin Mary bring me closer to Jesus Christ? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How does a daily prayer life help me know and love Jesus Christ? ◆ How does my participation in Mass increase my faith in Jesus Christ? ◆ How does grace from the sacraments deepen my love for Jesus Christ? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Why and how does the grace given by Jesus Christ help me avoid sin and make good choices? ◆ How do Jesus Christ's commands form my conscience and guide my life? ◆ What impact do Jesus Christ's commands have on the way I live in the world? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How does the Church make Jesus Christ present in the world? ◆ What does it mean to be a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ? ◆ How can I respond to God's call in my life? ◆ How does my faith community help me become a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ?
Older Adolescence	<p><u>Formation Cycle A:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How does the Holy Trinity reveal <i>Kerygma</i> to me? ◆ How do I know the Bible is God's self-revelation? ◆ Why is the Paschal Mystery considered the fullness of God's self-revelation? ◆ Why does understanding Mary's role help me to know Jesus Christ? <p><u>Formation Cycle B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How does the Holy Trinity connect me to God and community? ◆ How do I know that the revelation of God in Scripture and Tradition is authentic and true? ◆ How does God reveal himself to me through the Paschal Mystery and the Eucharistic celebration of the Mass? ◆ How is Mary's role in salvation history a model for discipleship? 	<p><u>Formation Cycle A:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ What does the <i>Our Father</i> teach me about the intimacy of prayer? ◆ How do the sacraments help me to know Jesus Christ more intimately? ◆ In what ways do I encounter the person of Jesus Christ in the Mass? ◆ How do I come to know Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church? <p><u>Formation Cycle B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How do I grow in my intimacy with God through prayer? ◆ In what ways do the sacraments reveal to me the heart of God, the Father? ◆ How does actively participating in the Mass help me to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ? ◆ How does the Catholic Church reveal Jesus Christ to the world? 	<p><u>Formation Cycle A:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How does God's grace help me to overcome sin and evil? ◆ How does the Holy Trinity help me to live a true life of freedom? ◆ Why are the works of mercy an essential part of Christian discipleship? ◆ Why is the concept of objective truth essential to living an authentic, moral life? <p><u>Formation Cycle B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How do virtues help me live a holier life? ◆ How do the Beatitudes help me to live a happier, more fulfilling life? ◆ How is service to others related to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ? ◆ How do I embrace and live out a healthy and authentic view of human sexuality? 	<p><u>Formation Cycle A:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ What is required of me to live as an authentic disciple of Jesus Christ? ◆ How do I as a Christian share in the mission of Jesus Christ? ◆ How is my vocation rooted in my relationship with Jesus Christ? ◆ How does the Christian community impact my personal discipleship? <p><u>Formation Cycle B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How do I move from being a disciple to an apostle of Jesus Christ? ◆ How can I as a member of the Catholic Church joyfully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ? ◆ What must I keep in mind when discerning my vocation? ◆ How does the Christian family impact my personal discipleship?
Adult	<p><u>Proximate Lessons/ Adult Confirmation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Who is Jesus Christ and how does He invite me into a relationship with Him? ◆ What do the covenants God made with different people and groups reveal about God and His desire for me and for all humanity? ◆ How is Jesus Christ the fulfillment of the Old Testament's promises for a Messiah who invites us to share in His Kingdom? 	<p><u>Proximate Lessons/ Adult Confirmation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How does prayer deepen my relationship with Jesus Christ? ◆ What do we learn about Jesus Christ from <i>The Creed</i>, our profession of faith? ◆ How does my participation in the sacraments deepen my relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? ◆ How does my active participation in Sunday Mass deepen my relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church? 	<p><u>Proximate Lessons/ Adult Confirmation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How do the Beatitudes guide me in living a more Christ-like life? ◆ How does my understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ shape my faith? 	<p><u>Proximate Lessons/ Adult Confirmation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Why should I be a disciple and how might I be one?