

Religion Curriculum Priority Standards Grade: SEVENTH

Domains: 1. Sacred Scripture and Tradition

2. Catholic Creed

3. Catholic Prayer, Liturgy and Sacramental Life

4. Christian Living

5. Living Discipleship

6. Religious Diversity and Christian Unity

[†] Denotes standards connected to anti-racism and anti-discrimination.

Domain 1:	Sacred Scripture and Tradition: Who is God?
7.01.A	Acknowledge that we can identify various characteristics of God, however it is not possible to fully understand the infinite mystery of God with our limited human minds.
7.01.B	Identify and describe the messages of St. Paul to the Church as indicated in various Pauline epistles.
7.01.C	Evaluate the culture, history, and literary devices used by authors of Scripture to differentiate between divinely inspired truth and literal fact when interpreting Sacred Scripture.
Domain 2:	Catholic Creed: What is the Church and what do we believe?
7.02.A*	Understand that God is revealed by reason through natural law, which is present in the heart of every person, to guide us in our knowledge of God and what God desires for us.
7.02.B*	Recognize the liturgical celebrations of the Sacred Triduum as participation in the events of the Last Supper, Passion, Death, and Resurrection which fulfill God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.
7.02.C†	Read and analyze Magisterial teaching, especially the pastoral letter from the USCCB "Open Wide Our Hearts: An Enduring Call to Love" (2018).
Domain 3:	Catholic Prayer, Liturgy and Sacramental Life: How do we worship God?
7.03.A*	Recognize that sacraments are efficacious signs instituted by Christ to bestow God's grace and connect us to Jesus' sacrifice that redeemed all of humanity.
7.03.B*	Understand the sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders as those that are directed towards the salvation of others by participating in a unique service to the Church and by building up the People of God.
7.03.C	Understand that the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a response to Jesus' invitation to healing, and it unites us to the Paschal Mystery of Christ.
Domain 4:	Christian Living: How does God want us to live?
7.04.A*	Explain the Consistent Ethic of Life and understand why Catholics respect human life from conception through birth and until natural death.
7.04.B*†	Recognize that human rights are based on the equal dignity of all persons created in the image and likeness of God.
7.04.C*†	Recognize that we are obliged to use the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, and teachings of the Magisterium to develop our consciences and responsibly discern choices that are aligned to God's will.
Domain 5:	Living Discipleship: How do we journey towards God in faith and service?
7.05.A*†	Realize how personal actions, both good and sinful, have social consequences that affect others in our community.
7.05.B	Recognize that the Church is missionary by nature for the purpose of inviting others to share in God's love through communion with the Father, Son, and Spirit.
7.05.C†	Acknowledge the Church's special mission to the poor and vulnerable and the duty of missionary disciples to participate in the Kingdom of God through service to the poor.
Domain 6:	Religious Diversity and Christian Unity: How do we live well with others?
7.06.A†	Understand that Catholic Church communities can be found all over the world among people with various ethic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds.
7.06.B†	Identify basic, common elements of major Christian traditions such as Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and mainstream Protestant denominations.
7.06.C†	Acknowledge that Christians engage in respectful dialogue and loving actions with others by speaking out against antisemitism and Islamophobia.

^{*} Denotes standards connected to Christian anthropology and/or human sexuality.