



Religion Curriculum: STANDARD DOMAINS

1. Sacred Scripture and Tradition: Who is God?

God is made known through creation, natural reason, and divine revelation which culminated in the person of Jesus Christ. God's will for humanity and the world is discovered through divine revelation in Sacred Scripture and Tradition. The inspired books of Sacred Scripture teach truth about Jesus Christ as the Incarnate Word of God.

DC: 11-16, 25-27, 57-60, 74a, 80, 90-92

NDC: 4-5, 8, 42-46, 53-54, 59-60, 70-71, 74-87, 89-98, 145-146, 280-282

Tasks of Catechesis: Leading to Knowledge of the Faith

Pillars of the Catechism: The Profession of Faith

2. The Creed: What is the Church and what do we believe?

The truth of the Triune God and the Paschal Mystery are proclaimed through the Nicene Creed for the purpose of providing a unifying, common confession of faith. The Magisterium supports members of the Body of Christ in the comprehension of key teachings of the Church, its mission in the world, institutional structure, and charisms.

DC: 22-24, 26-28, 78, 80, 93-94, 168

NDC: 60-61, 111-113, CCC pp. 185

Tasks of Catechesis: Leading to Knowledge of the Faith

Pillars of the Catechism: The Profession of Faith, The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

3. Catholic Prayer, Liturgy, and Sacramental Life: How do we worship God?

Christian prayer expresses the covenant relationship between God and humanity. The liturgy of the Church guides us in our worship of God. The Mass or the Eucharist celebrates the death and resurrection of the Lord and is the source and summit of Christian life. The sacraments are signs of God's grace, instituted by Christ, and entrusted to the Church. The sacraments enable us to encounter the mystery of Jesus Christ present and active in our lives.

DC: 74b, 79, 81-82, 86-87, 95-98, 170, 209-212

NDC: 85-86, 113-145, CCC pp. 2564

Tasks of Catechesis: Initiating Into the Celebrating of the Mystery, Teaching Prayer

Pillars of the Catechism: Christian Prayer and the Celebration of the Christian Mystery

4. Christian Living: How does God want us to live?

The natural law, the Ten Commandments, the teachings of the Gospel, and the Magisterium of the Church help us shape a right response to God's will in our lives through our decisions. The effects of original sin and our own personal sin move us away from God. When we embrace love of God and of our neighbor and when we respect the life and dignity of all persons, we live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

DC: 51-52, 83-84, 88-89, 379-384

NDC: 85-86, 97-99, 104-105, 159-169, 170-184

Tasks of Catechesis: Forming for Life in Christ

Pillars of the Catechism: Life in Christ

5. Living Discipleship: How do we journey towards God in faith and service?

Disciples of Jesus Christ must recognize their gifts from God and discern their vocation as participants in the evangelizing mission of the Church. Disciples share the joy of the Gospel in word and deed and take part in the life of the Church through its community, ministries, service to the world, and missionary endeavors. Missionary disciples respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to make disciples, build communities, and inspire witness to the Gospel in a lifelong process of growth.

DC: 49-50, 75-76, 85, 99-100, 385-389

NDC: 64-66, 82-83, 104-105, 152-154

Tasks of Catechesis: Introduction to Community Life

Pillars of the Catechism: Christian Prayer, Life in Christ

6. Religious Diversity and Christian Unity: How do we live well with others?

The Church is a sign or sacrament of the unity of all humanity in God. Our knowledge of and collaboration with other Christians, Jews, Muslims and people of other religious traditions enables us to give witness to this reality. The Church's witness to the Gospel necessitates that Catholics acknowledge the "signs of the times" through the lens of our faith and actively work towards establishing harmony and peace in the world grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Members of the Church encounter Christ in others and participate with all people of good will to contribute to efforts to prepare a way for the coming of the kingdom of God.

DC: 42, 53-54, 288, 319-320, 322, 343-351

NDC: 210, 211-216, CCC pp. 811-870

Tasks of Catechesis: Introduction to Community Life

Pillars of the Catechism: Creed – The Profession of Faith, Life in Christ