

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

RELIGION

Curriculum Guide



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Portland, participating in the educational mission of the Catholic Church, endeavor to lead students to a full and ever deepening realization of God's love for them, to personal sanctification, and to social reform in light of Christian values.

PHILOSOPHY

As Catholic Educators Teaching Religion in the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon, we believe that:

- ◆ Catholic education is an expression of and participation in the mission entrusted by Jesus to His Church;
- ◆ The Catholic school embodies the three-fold purpose of the Church's educational mission:
 - ✦ *Proclaiming the message revealed by God*
 - ✦ *Building the Christian Community*
 - ✦ *Reaching out to the world in service;*
- ◆ Catholic education is fundamental to seeing the dignity of human life with the vision of Jesus Christ and of valuing the whole person created uniquely in the Image and Likeness of God;
- ◆ Parents are the primary religious educators of their children and Catholic education supports and assists them in faith formation;
- ◆ A special function of the Catholic school is to be a community based on Christian values and to promote these values in families, places of work, neighborhoods, the nation and the world;
- ◆ Catholic education fosters and nourishes each student's growth in holiness and relationship with Jesus Christ;
- ◆ Catholic education is directed to the formation of a conscience which empowers students to make morally good decisions in everyday life;
- ◆ Faith is the underlying reality within which students' experiences of living achieve their deepest meaning;
- ◆ The Catholic school educates to a social awareness, which calls forth an active Christian response based on love and hope while sharing at the same time a realistic view of the human condition affected by evil and sin;
- ◆ Faith formation is a life-long process of development and growth.

GOAL STATEMENT

Catholic school students internalize and manifest their belief in God through their:

- ◆ Prayer and participation in Liturgical and Sacramental celebrations
- ◆ Knowledge of the Doctrines and Traditions of the Catholic Church
- ◆ Knowledge of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures
- ◆ Respect for all persons because they are children of God
- ◆ Responsible stewardship for God's creation
- ◆ Service as integral to the life of a Christian

CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Students will demonstrate their understanding of the content of the Religion Curriculum (*i.e., Doctrine, Tradition. Etc.*) at their particular grade level.
- ◆ Students will demonstrate their familiarity with the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.
- ◆ Students will participate in prayer opportunities and in liturgical and sacramental celebrations in a manner which is developmentally appropriate. Prayer shall invite students continually into the mystery of God's love.
- ◆ Students will show respect for all persons in their interactions, service to others, and in the building of Christian community.
- ◆ Students will relate to all of creation as responsible stewards.
- ◆ Students will learn to be agents of change and peacemakers by engaging in service projects which are age-appropriate.
- ◆ Students will integrate Faith into all aspects of their lives.

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

KINDERGARTEN

- ◆ *God is our loving Father who makes every person special.*
- ◆ *God watches over us and all creation*

GRADE ONE:

- ◆ *God the Creator gives us life and grace and promises us eternal life through Jesus.*

GRADE TWO

- ◆ *Jesus nourishes and strengthens God's life of grace within us through the Sacraments and Mass.*

GRADE THREE

- ◆ *Jesus continues his life and work through His Church.*

GRADE FOUR

- ◆ *Christians are called to live as Jesus did by choosing a life of love characterized by the foundation of Christian Morality presented in the Old and New Testaments.*

GRADE FIVE

- ◆ *We are called to live a Sacramental life.*

GRADE SIX

- ◆ *God's plan is revealed through Salvation History.*

GRADE SEVEN

- ◆ *Our faith calls us to listen and respond with action to the message of Jesus as revealed in the New Testament.*

GRADE EIGHT

- ◆ *Our faith calls us to examine and appreciate Church History so that we may further the Kingdom of God.*

KINDERGARTEN

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *God is our loving Father who makes every person special.*
- ◆ *God watches over us and all creation.*

CREED

- ◆ God the Father is the Creator of all living things.
- ◆ God makes all people in His own Image and Likeness.
- ◆ God gave us His Son, Jesus.
- ◆ Jesus teaches that God forgives us when we do wrong.
- ◆ God sent the Holy Spirit to help us live as His children.

SCRIPTURE

- ◆ We are made in God's image and likeness.
- ◆ God speaks to us through the Bible.
- ◆ The Bible tells stories about God and how He loves us.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ Prayer is talking and listening to God.
- ◆ We learn how to pray at home, in school and in church.
- ◆ We pray in the Church which is God's special house of prayer.
- ◆ The seasons of the liturgical year (Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter) help us to live our faith.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ The Church is a family of God. At Baptism we become members of the Church.
- ◆ Jesus cared about everyone. We love others and reach out to others who need our help.
- ◆ God made the world and everything in it. We take care of our things and everything that God has created.

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

KINDERGARTEN

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the following prayers:

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now
and will be forever. *Amen.*

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace,,
the Lord is with you!
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed in the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

ANGEL OF GOD

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day, be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide. *Amen.*

GRADE ONE

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *God the Creator gives us life and grace and promises us eternal life through Jesus.*

CREED

- ◆ God created the human person in His own image and likeness and every life is sacred.
- ◆ God created us to know, love and serve Him and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.
- ◆ There is only one true God and in God there are three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (the Trinity).
- ◆ Jesus is the Son of God and is both human and divine.
- ◆ Jesus suffered and died for us and rose from the dead.
- ◆ Sacraments manifest God's presence.

SCRIPTURE

- ◆ Jesus is the Son of God who tells us about our Father and the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Scripture tells us about Jesus' life as examples of how we should live our life.
- ◆ In the Bible Jesus shows God's love by teaching and healing people. He teaches us to pray and love God and others.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ Prayer is listening and talking to God. Jesus teaches us how to pray.
- ◆ The liturgical seasons help us to live a life of prayer. (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter).
- ◆ Sacraments are signs of God's life (grace) which we celebrate within the Church.
- ◆ We talk each day with God our Father to express our love, to give thanks, to ask for forgiveness and to ask for help in our need.
- ◆ The Mass is a very special celebration for God's people. We listen to God's Word in the Scripture Readings and pray as a family.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ At Mass we gather together to worship God and listen to His word.
- ◆ The world is God's gift to us. We take care of all God's creation—the people, animals, earth, and air around us.
- ◆ Jesus shows us how to love through prayer and service to others.

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

GRADE 1

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten.

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against
us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

PRAYER BEFORE MEALS

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts
which we are about to receive
from your goodness.
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER MEALS

We give you thanks, almighty God,
For these and all the gifts
we have received from your goodness.
Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GRADE TWO

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *Jesus nourishes and strengthens God's life of grace within us through the Sacraments and Mass.*

CREED

- ◆ Through Baptism we are given new life, taken into God's family and become members of His Church.
- ◆ Jesus suffered and died for us on the cross, rose from the dead and gave us the gift of His own Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.
- ◆ Jesus returned to his Father in heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always.

SCRIPTURE

- ◆ From the scriptures we learn about the Sacrament of Baptism, Forgiveness (Reconciliation), and Eucharist.
- ◆ The Mass is the celebration of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
- ◆ Sacraments, outward signs of God's love, are rooted in scripture.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ The Mass is a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
- ◆ We receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation which gives us grace and forgives our sins.
- ◆ We receive the Sacrament of Eucharist which is the Body and Blood of Christ.
- ◆ The Church celebrates the liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary time.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ When we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist with our parish or school community, we remember the special meal Jesus shared at the Last Supper.
- ◆ Jesus prayed to God his Father. Jesus teaches us to pray as He did.
- ◆ Jesus taught us to love others. We love and respect others and God's creation.

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

GRADE 2

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten – Grade 1.

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- ✘ I am the Lord your God, You shall not have strange gods before me.
- ✘ You shall not take the name of the Lord you God in vain.
- ✘ Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- ✘ Honor your father and you mother.
- ✘ You shall not kill
- ✘ You shall not commit adultery.
- ✘ You shall not steal.
- ✘ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- ✘ You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- ✘ You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS:

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism
Confirmation
Eucharist

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Penance and Reconciliation
Anointing of the Sick

SACRAMENTS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Holy Orders
Matrimony

GRADE THREE

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *Jesus continues his life and work through His Church.*

CREED

- ◆ The church was founded by Jesus when He sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.
 - ✦ The Church is ONE – united in its belief in Jesus Christ, the sacraments of grace and commitment to service.
 - ✦ The Church is HOLY – based on the teachings of Jesus Christ as found in the Gospels.
 - ✦ The Church is CATHOLIC – open to all people.
 - ✦ The Church is APOSTOLIC – faithful to the teachings of the Apostles in spreading the faith of Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE

- ◆ The Bible is the story of God’s love for us which teaches us to live as God’s people, the Church.
- ◆ Teachings of the Gospels develop the idea of holiness in the Church and for individuals.
- ◆ The Church is committed to being faithful to the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ Through the Sacraments we share God’s life and love in the community of the Church.
- ◆ We learn the different kinds of prayer: adoration, thanksgiving, forgiveness and asking.
- ◆ We learn the creed which is a statement of our Church’s common beliefs.
- ◆ We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary who holds a special place in the Church as Mother of God and the greatest of all the disciples of Jesus.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ Jesus shares his mission with his disciples. We live out the Good News of Jesus as members of the Church by working for justice and peace.
- ◆ Jesus calls his followers to be united. The Church works for Christian unity.
- ◆ We belong to the Communion of Saints. God calls us to be saints.

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

GRADE 3

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten – Grade 2.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth. *Amen.*

GRADE FOUR

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *Christians are called to live as Jesus did by choosing a life of love characterized by the foundation of Christian morality presented in the Old and New Testaments.*

CREED

- ◆ Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation.
- ◆ Jesus is the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity – fully divine and fully human.
- ◆ The Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes show us how to lead a moral life.
- ◆ Jesus gave us a new law of Love.

SCRIPTURE

- ◆ The New Testament tells us about the life of Jesus.
- ◆ The words and life of Jesus contained in the scriptures teach us to lead a moral life.
- ◆ Scriptures tell us that Jesus is fully God and fully human.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ Jesus calls us to a life of conversion.
- ◆ We pray to the Holy Spirit to help and guide us in time of temptation.
- ◆ We examine our conscience regularly in order to make our lives better and to grow in virtue.
- ◆ We grow in our understanding of the theological and cardinal virtues through prayer, reflection and practice of them in our life.
- ◆ Personal prayer is essential to know Jesus and to grow in holiness as His disciples.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ God wants us to love and respect others. We show our love for God by practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- ◆ The Church is a worldwide community. We have responsibilities as members of the Church to celebrate the sacraments and take an active role in the Church community.
- ◆ We are called to act with peace and justice. We respect the gift of life by living the Beatitudes.

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

GRADE 4

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten – Grade 3.

THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

ACT OF FAITH

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God
in three divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins,
and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. *Amen.*

ACT OF HOPE

O My God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises,
I hope to obtain pardon of my sins,
the help of your grace and life everlasting,
through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord. *Amen.*

ACT OF LOVE

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all good and worthy of all my love.
I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you.
I forgive all who have injured me,
and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. *Amen.*

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

GRADE 4 (CONTINUED)

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten – Grade 3.

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred let me sow your love,
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled, as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

THE ROSARY

Review the prayers that are used in the Rosary and teach the students how to pray using the rosary beads.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known,
that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession,
was left unaided.
To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but hear and answer me. *Amen.*

GRADE FIVE

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *We are called to live a Sacramental life.*

CREED

- ◆ The Sacraments are signs by which Jesus shares God's life and grace with us.
- ◆ The Sacraments of initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- ◆ In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God's forgiveness is offered to all who seek it.
- ◆ The Holy Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and is the heart of our Catholic faith.

SCRIPTURE

- ◆ The celebration of the Sacraments is grounded in Sacred Scripture.
- ◆ The seven sacraments are powerful signs and rituals given by Christ to the Church to give grace.
- ◆ The Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection shows us a way to new life.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ We reverence the signs, symbols and sacramentals of our faith.
- ◆ Each Sacrament is a special source of grace with a special purpose in our life.
- ◆ There are various forms of prayer that help us deepen our love for God and for others.
- ◆ The prayer of the Church community nourishes the life of each member and the life of the community itself.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ Jesus calls us to serve him in the priesthood of the faithful. To share in the mission of bringing the Good News of Christ to the world.
- ◆ Marriage is part of God's plan and its covenant is built on Christ's love for the Church.
- ◆ Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the Church continues the Apostles' mission.

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

GRADE 5

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten – Grade 4.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:

Actions that help people in their bodily needs.

- Feed people who are hungry.
- Give drink to the people who are thirsty.
- Clothe the people who need clothes.
- Visit prisoners.
- Shelter the homeless.
- Visit the people who are sick.
- Bury the people who have died. *Amen.*

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Wisdom: The knowledge and ability to recognize and follow God's will in our lives.

Understanding: The ability to love others as Jesus calls us to do.

Counsel (Right Judgment): The ability to make right choices.

Fortitude (Courage): The strength to give witness to our faith.

Knowledge: The ability to learn more about God and his plan, leading us to wisdom and understanding.

Piety (Reverence): A love and respect for all that God has created.

Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe):

A recognition that God's Presence and Love fills all creation.

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:

Actions that help people in their spiritual needs.

- Help the people who sin.
- Teach people who are ignorant.
- Give advice to people who have doubts.
- Comfort people who suffer.
- Be patient with other people.
- Forgive people who hurt you.
- Pray for those who are alive and those who have died. *Amen.*

PARTS OF THE BIBLE:

Old Testament: 45 books

New Testament: 27 books

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

GRADE 5 (CONTINUED)

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten – Grade 4.

PARTS OF THE MASS:

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

- ✦ Entrance Chant
- ✦ Greeting
- ✦ Acts of Penitence
- ✦ Gloria
- ✦ Collect or Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

- ✦ First Reading
- ✦ Responsorial Psalm
- ✦ Second Reading
- ✦ Gospel Acclamation
- ✦ Gospel
- ✦ Homily
- ✦ Profession of Faith
- ✦ Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

- ✦ Preparation of the Gifts
- ✦ Prayer Over the Offerings
- ✦ Eucharistic Prayer
- ✦ Lord's Prayer
- ✦ Rite of Peace
- ✦ Breaking of the Bread
- ✦ Holy Communion

CONCLUDING RITES:

- ✦ Final Prayer
- ✦ Blessing
- ✦ Dismissal

GRADE SIX

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *God's plan is revealed through Salvation History.*

CREED

- ◆ The Bible is the revealed Word of God
- ◆ The Biblical narratives tell the story of Salvation History.
- ◆ The Scriptures found in the Old Testament contain the roots of our faith and are basic to both Christianity and Judaism
- ◆ The central, saving event of the Old Testament is the Exodus, when God established a covenant with the Chosen People, the Israelites

SCRIPTURE

- ◆ Stories of the early leaders of the Old Testament reveal God's relationship and interaction with his chosen people.
- ◆ Our relationship with God is based on a covenant that began with the Israelites and was revealed in its fullness in Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Jesus' life and teachings are connected to God's promises in the Old Testament.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ The Psalms are prayers Jesus prayed while on earth and remain an important part of our Catholic worship today.
- ◆ We prayerfully reflect on passages from the Bible.
- ◆ We use Sacred Scripture as a regular source for study and prayer in order to grow in an understanding of ourselves and of God's loving will in our regard.
- ◆ We turn to God in prayer each day and ask for His strength to carry out His will.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ The Bible is an important source for Christian living and worship.
- ◆ God makes himself known in his Son. Many people heard Jesus' message and became disciples. Jesus taught about living and growing closer to God.
- ◆ We are called to be faithful to God's covenant by the holy men and women in the Salvation History.

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

GRADE 6

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten – Grade 5.

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- ✦ The Annunciation
- ✦ The Visitation
- ✦ The Birth of Jesus
- ✦ The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- ✦ The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- ✦ The Resurrection
- ✦ The Ascension
- ✦ The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles
- ✦ The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
- ✦ The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

- ✦ The Agony in the Garden
- ✦ The Scourging at the Pillar
- ✦ The Crowning with Thorns
- ✦ The Carrying of the Cross
- ✦ The Crucifixion

THE MYSTERIES OF LIGHT

- ✦ Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
- ✦ The Miracle at the Wedding at Cana
- ✦ Jesus Announces the Kingdom of God
- ✦ The Transfiguration
- ✦ The Institution of the Eucharist

THE TWELVE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

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| ✦ Love | ✦ Joy |
| ✦ Peace | ✦ Kindness |
| ✦ Generosity | ✦ Goodness |
| ✦ Gentleness | ✦ Self-control |
| ✦ Modesty | ✦ Faithfulness |
| ✦ Chastity | ✦ Patience |

GRADE SEVEN & EIGHT

THEMATIC CURRICULUM

The Curriculum Framework for teaching Religion for young adolescents in Grades 7 and 8 is designed to cover a two-year period and offers a number of options as noted below:

1. Most of the programs designed for junior high school students are broadly thematic in scope. This, of course, introduces a great deal of rich diversity into the junior high school religion program. However this breadth of diversity also defies fitting seventh and eighth grades into a curricular framework that highlights one specific theme for each grade level as seen in Grades K-6. Aware of this problem, publishers have made efforts to correlate their material to both the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church*** and to **Scripture**. Ultimately, nothing is lost while much is gained in this new approach to choosing curriculum options offered at the junior high level.
2. Schools using an Archdiocesan approved religion textbook series K-8 (such as Sadlier's ***We Believe***, RCL's ***Blest Are We***, or Loyola's ***Christ Our Life***) may choose to remain with that specific series for teaching religion to their seventh and eighth grade students;
3. Schools using an Archdiocesan approved religion textbook series K-8 may opt to teach the series only through sixth grade and then choose to select a new series for teaching junior high students in Grades 7 and 8. Any of the texts on the "Approved Religion Programs" list may be selected for this purpose. Be aware that some texts are designed to cover a full year of work, some are intended for a half a school year and require another text selection for the latter half of the year, and some are designed for a quarter year of teaching and require selection of four texts per grade in total. You are free also to "mix and match" texts from different Archdiocesan approved publishers listed for junior high students. Most texts are written in such a manner that they may be used at either the seventh or eighth grade level.

GRADE SEVEN

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *Our faith calls us to listen, understand and act on the message of Jesus as revealed in the New Testament.*

CREED

- ◆ We are called into a loving relationship with God as people of the New Covenant.
- ◆ The New Covenant – our relationship with God, was made possible by Jesus’ death and resurrection.
- ◆ Jesus’ message tells us of God’s mercy and forgiveness, responsibility and judgment, compassion and justice as found in His teachings, parables, actions and miracles.
- ◆ The heart of our faith is the Paschal Mystery, the suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE

- ◆ The Bible was written under the guidance and influence of the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ God shows us who He is through creation, and in his relationship with the Chosen people and most fully through Jesus.
- ◆ The four sections of the New Testament are the Gospels, Letters (Epistles), Acts of the Apostles, and the Book of Revelation.
- ◆ The Paschal Mystery relates the Passover, Exodus, and Old Covenant to the New Covenant Jesus made in His death and resurrection.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ The Sacraments are community celebrations that call us to share God’s love with others.
- ◆ The Mass is the re-enactment of the Last Supper. The Bread and Wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus which we receive in the Eucharist.
- ◆ Ritual is an important part of worship: processions, prayer forms of the various seasons of the liturgical year.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ Jesus teaches us through word and actions to work for peace and justice in our world.
- ◆ We are called to a life-time of living out the Christian Principles of peace and justice.
- ◆ The Beatitudes are a summary of Christian morality.
- ◆ The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are guidelines given to us by the Church to help us live a good life.
- ◆ There are modern day disciples who can be models for us – who are the modern day saints?

GRADE EIGHT

DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *Our faith calls us to examine and appreciate Church History so that we may further the Kingdom of God.*

CREED

- ◆ Jesus formed the Church as a community of disciples to share in and continue His saving work.
- ◆ The Church proclaimed the Gospel and teachings of Jesus from its very beginning.
- ◆ The Church continues to work toward the unity of all Christian Churches – Ecumenism.
- ◆ The leaders of the Church continue to teach the faithful through Councils and encyclicals (letters).
- ◆ The Church continued to grow throughout history.

SCRIPTURE

- ◆ The New Testament fulfills the promises of the Old Testament.
- ◆ God is revealed to us through Sacred Scriptures and the traditions passed down through the Apostles.
- ◆ The Scriptures reflect the lived experience of the early Church.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ The Sacraments are special times when we celebrate Christ's presence in our lives.
- ◆ The experience of receiving the Sacraments deepens our relationship with God.
- ◆ An understanding of prayer is an important part of the daily life of a Catholic.
- ◆ Our relationship with God grows through various forms of prayer.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ Service to the community is a response to God's call to further the Kingdom.
- ◆ The understanding of the common good and the dignity of the human person is the basis for Catholic social teaching.
- ◆ Our conscience guides us in leading a moral life.
- ◆ The call to Christian discipleship can be challenging in the light of the values of modern society.

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

GRADE 7 & 8

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten – Grade 6.

MAGNIFICAT, THE CANTICLE OF MARY:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly
servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him,
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever,

(Luke 1:46-55)

NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty maker of
heaven and earth, of all things visible and
invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only
begotten Son of God, born of the Father before
all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God, from
true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with
the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and
rose again on the third day in accordance with
the Scripture.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and dead and his kingdom
will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life off the world
to come. *Amen.*

PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

GRADE 7 & 8 (CONTINUED)

Students should be familiar with and able to recite the prayers of this grade level as well as those from Kindergarten – Grade 6.

THE BEATITUDES

The Beatitudes are part of the Sermon on the Mount. These sayings and teachings of Jesus describe the true happiness that people achieve when they give their heart to God.

- ✘ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ✘ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ✘ Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the land.
- ✘ Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
- ✘ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- ✘ Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
- ✘ Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.
- ✘ Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ✘ Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

- ✘ You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile work.
- ✘ You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- ✘ You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
- ✘ You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
- ✘ You shall help provide for the needs of the Church.

GLOSSARY



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GLOSSARY

KINDERGARTEN

WORD

ANGEL

A messenger from God. We each have a guardian angel to watch over us.

BAPTISM

The sacrament that makes us children of God

BIBLE

A book that tells the story about God and his people

CHURCH

A place where we go to pray with our faith family.

EUCCHARIST

The Church's holy meal, sometimes called communion.

FORGIVENESS

God loves us so he takes away our sins when we are sorry.

GOD

The one who made us and loves us

HOLY SPIRIT

Guides and helps the followers of Jesus

JESUS

The Son of God who died on the cross for us

JOSEPH

The foster father of Jesus

MARY

The mother of Jesus

PRAYER

Talking to God and listening to him.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 1

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
ADORE	To adore Jesus Christ means to worship or honor him as the Son of God.
ADVENT	Advent is the time before Christmas when we get ready to welcome Jesus into our lives.
AMEN	Amen means, "Yes, I believe. It is true." We often say "Amen" at the end of prayers.
ANGEL	An angel is a helper or a messenger from God. Guardian angels protect and guide us.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament that brings the peace of Christ to people who are sick.
BAPTISM	Baptism is a celebration of welcome into the Catholic community.
BIBLE	The Bible is the written Word of God. God chose special people to write the Bible.
BLESSED SACRAMENT	The Blessed Sacrament is another name for the Eucharist.
BLESSING	A blessing is a gift from God. A blessing can also be a prayer that asks for God's care.
CATHOLIC CHURCH	The Catholic Church is the community of Jesus' followers. We belong to the Catholic Church.
CHRIST	Christ is another name for Jesus. It reminds us that he was sent by God to save all people.
CHRISTIANS	Christians are people who love Jesus Christ and follow him.
CHRISTMAS	Christmas is the time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus.
CHURCH	A church is a special place where Catholics come together to pray.
COMMUNITY	A community is a group of people who belong together
CONFIRMATION	Confirmation is the sacrament in which the Holy Spirit makes our faith in Jesus Christ stronger.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 1 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
CREATE	To create means to make something out of nothing.
CREATOR	God made everything in the world. God is our Creator.
EUCCHARIST	The Eucharist is the special meal that Jesus shares with us today. At Mass we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
FAITH	Our faith helps us believe and trust in God.
FORGIVE	To forgive means to excuse or to pardon.
FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are signs that he is acting in our lives.
GLORIA	The Gloria is a prayer of praise to God. It is often said or sung at Mass.
GOSPEL	The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus. There are four Gospels in the Bible.
GRACE	Grace is the gift of God's loving presence in our lives.
HALLOWED	The word hallowed means holy.
HEAVEN	Heaven is happiness with God forever.
HOLY	To be holy means to be like God.
HOLY ORDERS	The sacrament of Holy Orders celebrates God's call to become a deacon or a priest.
HOLY SPIRIT	The Holy Spirit is God. The Holy Spirit helps us follow Jesus.
HOLY TRINITY	The Holy Trinity is one God in three Persons - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
HYMNS	Hymns are holy songs that lift our hearts to God.
JESUS	Jesus is the Son of God.
JOSEPH	Joseph is Mary's husband and the foster father of Jesus.
LAST SUPPER	The Last Supper is the special meal that Jesus shared with his friends. Jesus gave them the gift of himself.
LORD'S PRAYER	The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught us.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 1 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
MARY	Mary is the mother of Jesus.
MASS	The Mass is the celebration of the special meal that Jesus shares with us.
MATRIMONY	The sacrament of Matrimony celebrates the love that a man and woman have for each other.
MERCY	God's mercy is his loving forgiveness. We are called to show mercy to others.
MISSION	Our mission as Christians is to love and serve others.
PARISH	A parish is a group of Catholics who belong to the same church community.
PEACE	To live in peace means to get along with others.
PENTECOST	On Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.
PETITIONS	Petitions are asking prayers. We ask God for the things we need.
PRAISE	Praise is a kind of prayer. It celebrates God's goodness.
PRAYER	Prayer is listening to and talking to God.
PSALMS	Psalms are prayers that people often sing. The Book of Psalms is in the Bible.
RECONCILIATION	Reconciliation is the sacrament that celebrates God's forgiveness.
SACRAMENTS	Sacraments are special signs of God's love.
SAINT	A saint is a special person who lived a holy life. The life of a saint shows us how to follow Jesus.
SAVIOR	Jesus
SERVE	To serve means to help other people.
SIN	Sin is choosing to do something we know is wrong.
TABERNACLE	A tabernacle is a container in church where the holy bread of the Eucharist is kept.
TEMPLE	The Temple was the holy place in Jerusalem where Jewish people prayed and learned about God.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 2

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
ABSOLUTION	Absolution is the forgiveness of God given through the priest in the sacrament of Reconciliation.
ACT OF CONTRITION	An Act of Contrition is a prayer that tells God we are sorry for our sins.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing. It brings peace and the forgiveness of Christ to people who are sick
BAPTISM	In the Sacrament of Baptism the Church welcomes us as new members. Baptism takes away original sin and all other sin.
BIBLE	The Bible is the written Word of God. It is also called Scripture.
BLESS	To bless means to ask for God's good will toward someone.
BLESSING	A blessing is a prayer that asks for God's gifts for others or for ourselves.
CONFESSION	Confession is telling our sins to a priest in the sacrament of Reconciliation.
CONFIRMATION	Confirmation is the sacrament in which the Holy Spirit makes our faith in Jesus Christ stronger.
CONSCIENCE	Our conscience helps us know right from wrong.
CONTRITION	Contrition means to be sorry and to want to stay away from sin.
CREATION	God made all creation good.
EUCHARIST	The Eucharist is a sacrifice and a special meal of thanks. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ.
FREE CHOICE	Free choice is the freedom God gives us to choose between right and wrong.
GOSPEL	The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus in the Bible. The four Gospels tell the Good News of Jesus' life and teachings.
GRACE	The gift of grace is God's loving presence in our lives.
GREAT COMMANDMENT	The Great Commandment is Jesus' teachings about how to love God

GLOSSARY

GRADE 2 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
GRACE	The gift of grace is God's loving presence in our lives.
GREAT COMMANDMENT	The Great Commandment is Jesus' teachings about how to love God
HALLOWED	Hallowed is another word for "holy."
HEAVEN	Heaven is happiness with God forever.
HOLY	To be holy means to be like God.
HOLY COMMUNION	We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion.
HOLY ORDERS	Holy Orders is a sacrament in which bishops ordains a man to be a deacon or a priest.
HOMILY	A homily is a talk given by a priest or deacon. It helps us understand the Bible readings we hear at Mass.
JUSTICE	Justice means to treat people fairly.
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST	The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins as we prepare to share a special meal at Mass.
LITURGY OF THE WORD	The Liturgy of the Word is when we listen to God's Word from the Bible at Mass.
LORD'S PRAYER	The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught us.
MASS	The Mass is a special meal that Jesus shares with us. The Mass is both a sacrifice and a celebration.
MATRIMONY	Matrimony is a sacrament in which a man and woman promise to be faithful to each other for their whole lives.
MORTAL SINS	Mortal sins are serious sins. They separate us from our friendship with God.
NEW COMMANDMENT	The New Commandment from Jesus is, "Love one another as I have loved you."
NICENE CREED	Catholics tell what they believe when they pray the Nicene Creed at Mass.
ORIGINAL SIN	Original sin is the sin of the first man and woman.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 2 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
PEACE	Peace means getting along with others.
PENANCE	A penance is a prayer or kind act to make up for the harm caused by sin.
PRAISE	Praise is a joyful type of prayer. It celebrates God's goodness.
PRAYER	Prayer is talking to and listening to God.
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	The Prayer of the Faithful is the last part of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. During this prayer
PSALMS	Psalms are prayers from the Bible that people often sing.
RECONCILIATION	Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing. It celebrates God's love and forgiveness.
RESURRECTION	Resurrection is Jesus' being raised from the dead to new life.
SACRAMENTS	Sacraments are special signs of God's love and presence.
SACRIFICE	A sacrifice is a special gift that is given out of love.
SAVIOR	A savior is someone who rescues others from danger. Jesus is our Savior.
SIN	To sin is to do hurtful things on purpose. Sin is disobeying God.
SON OF GOD	Son of God is a special title for Jesus. Jesus is God's only Son.
SPIRITUAL GIFTS	The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts. Some of these gifts are knowledge
TEMPTATION	A temptation is wanting to do something that is wrong.
TEN COMMANDMENTS	The Ten Commandments are God's laws. They help us to know how to lead good lives.
TRESPASSES	Trespasses are sins or wrongs.
VENIAL SINS	Venial sins are less serious sins. They weaken our friendship with God.
VOCATION	A vocation is God's call to us to live our lives in a special way.
WORD OF GOD	The Word of God is God speaking to us in Scripture.
WORKS OF MERCY	The works of mercy tell how to take care of the needs of others.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 3

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
ANOINTING	Using holy oil, a priest anoints the forehead and hands of the sick.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing. It brings Jesus' comfort and forgiveness to people who are very sick
APOSTLES	The Apostles were those first called by Jesus to lead and teach his followers.
APOSTLES' CREED	The Apostles' Creed sums up the beliefs and teachings of the Apostles.
APOSTOLIC	Apostolic means "to be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and his Apostles."
AUTHORITY	Authority is the right, or power, to do something.
BAPTISM	Baptism is a Sacrament of Initiation by which we become members of the Catholic Church.
BISHOP	A bishop is an ordained leader of a diocese.
BLESSING	A blessing is a prayer that asks for God's care and protection. Blessings can also give praise and thanks to God.
CATHOLIC	To be catholic is to be open to anyone. The Holy Spirit helps the Church be catholic.
CATHOLIC CHURCH	The Catholic Church was founded by Jesus Christ. The Church is the living Body of Christ.
CHRISTIAN	A Christian is a person who believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
CHURCH COMMUNITY	The Church community is made up of friends and followers of Jesus Christ. They work together to celebrate Mass.
COMMANDMENT	A commandment is God's law that teaches us how to love God.
COMMITMENT	A commitment in the Church is a promise to serve God and others.
COMMUNION OF SAINTS	All people, living and dead, who believe in Jesus Christ are part of the Communion of Saints.
COMPASSION	Compassion means "to have feeling for someone's problem and want to help." Jesus teaches us to have compassion for our neighbors.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 3 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
CONFIRMATION	Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation that makes us stronger in our faith.
COVENANT	A covenant is an agreement or promise, made between persons or groups of people.
CREED	A creed is a statement of faith. The Apostles' Creed sums up the beliefs and teachings of the Apostles.
DEACON	A deacon is a person ordained to help the priest serve the parish community.
DEVOTIONS	Devotions are special prayers that honor Jesus
DISCIPLES	Disciples are friends and followers of Jesus.
DOMESTIC CHURCH	The Christian family is the domestic church. This is the place where children first learn about God and prayer.
ETERNAL LIFE	Eternal life is happiness with Jesus Christ forever in God's kingdom.
EUCHARIST	The Eucharist is a Sacrament of Initiation.
FAITH	Faith is belief and trust in God.
GOOD NEWS	The Good News is Jesus Christ's message that he is the Son of God.
GRACE	Grace is the gift of God's presence in our lives. We share in God's life and love.
GREAT COMMANDMENT	The Great Commandment is God's rule that teaches us how to love God
GUIDANCE	Guidance means "to lead or show the way." We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
HALLOWED	Hallowed means "to honor something as holy." God's name is hallowed.
HEAVEN	Heaven is unending happiness with God and all who love God.
HOLY OIL	Holy oil is a special oil used in Church celebrations.
HOLY ORDERS	Holy Orders is a Sacrament at the Service of Communion in which bishops ordain deacons and priests.
HOLY TRINITY	The Holy Trinity is one God in three persons. God shows himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 3 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
INITIATION	Initiation means, "to be newly welcomed into a group."
JUSTICE	Justice is fair treatment and respect for everyone.
KINGDOM OF GOD	The Kingdom of God is the peace, love, and justice that all God's people will share at the end of time. It begins here on earth.
LAY PERSON	A lay person is any Christian except bishops, priests, and religious.
LITURGY	A liturgy is a special way to worship and praise God.
LITURGY OF THE HOURS	The Liturgy of the Hours is a daily prayer of the Catholic Church. It unites members of the Church everywhere.
MARKS OF THE CHURCH	The marks of the Church are signs that identify the Church as one, holy Catholic and apostolic.
MATRIMONY	Matrimony is a Sacrament at the Service of Communion in which a man and a woman promise to love one another for their lives as husband and wife.
MEDITATION	Meditation is one of the four types of prayer. In meditation, we pray without using words so we can listen to God.
MERCY	Mercy is the great kindness and generosity of God's forgiveness and love.
MINISTRY	Ministry is a way of serving others in Christ's name. Our ministry is to serve others by working for peace and justice.
MISSIONARY	A missionary tells others the Good News of Jesus.
MORTAL SIN	A mortal sin is a serious sin that separates us from God's grace.
NEIGHBOR	A neighbor is a person created by God. We show we love God by loving our neighbor.
ORIGINAL SIN	Original sin is the sin of the first man and woman. We received this first sin from them.
PASCHAL MYSTERY	The Paschal Mystery is the suffering, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ.
PEACE	Peace is the calm, good feeling of being together with others and God.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 3 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
PEACEMAKER	A peacemaker is a fair person who respects others. Jesus calls all people to be peacemakers.
PENTECOST	Pentecost is the day Jesus Christ's disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.
RECONCILIATION	Reconciliation is a Sacrament of Healing. It celebrates the gift of God's love and forgiveness.
RELIGIOUS	Religious are men and women who are part of a religious community.
RESPECT	Respect means to "show that all people are valuable by acting kindly toward others."
RESURRECTION	The Resurrection is Jesus Christ's rising from death to new life.
ROSARY	The Rosary is a special devotion to Mary. It helps us meditate on the life of Jesus.
SACRAMENT	A sacrament is a special church celebration of God's love and grace.
SACRAMENTAL	A sacramental is an action, a word, or an object that reminds us life is holy. It helps us receive God's grace.
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION	The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The Church welcomes new members through the Sacraments of Initiation.
SCRIPTURE	Scripture is the written Word of God that is found in the Bible.
SIN	Sin is the choice to turn away from God's love.
TALENTS	Talents are abilities or gifts to do something well. We can use our talents to serve others as Jesus teaches.
TEN COMMANDMENTS	The Ten Commandments are God's laws given to Moses to help us live in peace by loving God
TRESPASS	Trespass means "to do something wrong to another person."
VENIAL SIN	We commit a venial sin when we do not follow God's plan in some small way.
VOCATION	A vocation is God's call to use our talents to serve others.
WORD OF GOD	The Word of God is God speaking to us in Scripture.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 4

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
ABRAHAM	Abraham was the first person God chose to bring his covenant of friendship to the world.
ABSOLUTION	Absolution is the prayer and declaration of forgiveness for sins prayed by the priest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
ANOINTED	Being anointed means that a person has a special mission. We are anointed with holy oil when we are baptized and confirmed.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Anointing of the Sick is the Sacrament of Healing that brings Jesus' comfort to people who are very sick
ASCENSION	The Ascension is the moment when Jesus, in his resurrected body, entered heaven.
ASSEMBLY	An assembly is a gathering of Catholics to celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments.
BAPTISM	Baptism is the Sacrament of Initiation that welcomes us into the Church and frees us from all sin.
BEATITUDES	The Beatitudes are Jesus' teachings about how to live and find real happiness in God's kingdom.
BIBLE	The Bible is the Word of God. The Holy Spirit guided people to write all that is contained in the Bible.
BISHOP	A bishop is the leader of a diocese. Bishops are the chief teachers of the Catholic Church.
BLESSED SACRAMENT	The Blessed Sacrament is another name for the Eucharist.
BODY OF CHRIST	The Body of Christ is the People of God or the Church
CHRISM	Chrism is perfumed oil that has been blessed by the bishop.
CHRIST'S MISSION	Christ's mission is to bring the Kingdom of God to all people. The Church guides us in spreading God's peace and love to the world.
COMMUNION OF SAINTS	The Communion of Saints is the community of all people in heaven, on earth, and those in purgatory.
CONFIRMATION	Confirmation is the Sacrament of Initiation in which the Holy Spirit strengthens our faith and helps us become fuller members of the Church.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 4 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
CONSCIENCE	Our conscience is our ability to know what is good and what is wrong. God speaks to us in our conscience and helps us make responsible decisions.
CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY	The corporal works of mercy are the loving actions by which we respond to the basic physical needs of people.
COVENANT	A covenant is an agreement between persons or groups of people. God made a special covenant with his people.
DEACON	A deacon is a person who is ordained to serve the parish community in many ways.
DIVINE	Divine means "of God." Jesus Christ is both human and divine - that is both a human being and God.
EUCHARIST	The Eucharist is the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE	An examination of conscience is deciding whether our words and actions show love for God and others.
FAITH	Faith is belief and trust in God.
GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, knowledge, right judgment, courage, reverence, and wonder and awe. These gifts help us know and love God and live as his followers.
GOSPEL	Gospel means "Good News." At Mass we hear readings about Jesus' life and teachings from the four Gospels in the New Testament.
GRACE	Grace is God's life within us that fills us with his love.
HOLY ORDERS	Holy Orders is the sacrament in which bishops, priests, and deacons are ordained to serve the Church.
HOLY TRINITY	The Holy Trinity is one God in Three Persons. The Three Persons are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
HOMILY	A homily is a talk a priest or deacon gives to help us understand God's message in the Gospel and other readings.
IMMERSED	Immersed means being placed in water for Baptism.
JUSTICE	Justice means treating everyone fairly and with respect by following Jesus' teachings.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 4 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
KINGDOM OF GOD	The Kingdom of God is God's promise of justice, peace, and joy that all his people will share at the end of time.
LAW OF LOVE	The law of love is the loving message in which Jesus united the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes into one. It is also known as the New Commandment: Love God above all things and your neighbor as yourself.
LAYPERSON	A layperson is any Catholic except bishops, priests, deacons and religious.
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST	The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the part of the Mass in which the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.
LITURGY OF THE WORD	The Liturgy of the Word is the part of the Mass in which we hear the Word of God in the Scriptures.
MASS	The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist.
MATRIMONY	Matrimony is the sacrament that celebrates the covenant between a man and a woman.
MERCY	Mercy is the loving kindness that God shows to sinners.
MONASTERY	A monastery is a place where members of a religious community live.
MORAL DECISIONS	Moral decisions are choices between what is good and what is wrong.
MORTAL SIN	A mortal sin is a serious violation of God's law. It separates us from God's grace until we ask for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
MYSTERY	A mystery is what cannot be understood about God.
NEW COMMANDMENT	The New Commandment is the loving message in which Jesus united the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes into one. It is also known as the law of love.
NOAH	Noah is the person whom God promised that he would never again destroy the world by flood. God's promise to Noah was a covenant
ORIGINAL SIN	Original sin is the sin of Adam and Eve that has been passed on to all human beings. Because of this, we are weakened in our ability to resist sin and to do good.

GLOSSARY

GRADE 4 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
PARABLE	A parable is a story that teaches a moral or religious lesson. Parables use everyday events and objects to explain important truths.
PASCHAL MYSTERY	The Paschal Mystery is the suffering, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. We are united to Jesus's Paschal Mystery in the sacraments.
PEACE	Peace is the calm, good feeling of being together with God and with others. Peace follows forgiveness.
PENTECOST	Pentecost is the day on which Jesus sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to his first disciples. This event marks the beginning of the Church.
PETITION	A petition is a prayer in which we ask for God's forgiveness and help. Petition is one of the four kinds of prayer.
PRIEST	A priest is a person called by God to lead the community in worship and to serve in a wide variety of ministries in the Church.
RECONCILIATION	Reconciliation is the Sacrament of Healing that celebrates the gift of God's love and forgiveness.
ROLE MODELS	Role models are people who show us how to bring God's goodness into the world by their example.
ROSARY	The Rosary is a special devotion that honors Mary, the Mother of God and Jesus. The Rosary helps us to meditate on events in the lives of Jesus and Mary.
SACRAMENTS	Sacraments are sacred signs that celebrate God's love for us and Jesus' presence in our lives and in the Church.
SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION	The Sacraments at the Service of Communion are Holy Orders and Matrimony. These two sacraments celebrate two special ways that people serve God by sharing their gifts with others.
SACRAMENTS OF HEALING	The Sacraments of Healing are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION	The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
SACRED	Sacred means something that comes from God.
SACRED IMAGES	Sacred images are statues or pictures that remind us of God, Mary, and the saints

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GRADE 4 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
SCRIPTURE	Scripture is the written Word of God that we read in the Bible.
SIN	A sin is any thought, word, or action that turns us away from God's Law.
SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY	The spiritual works of mercy are loving actions that respond to people's basic spiritual needs.
TABERNACLE	A tabernacle is the special place in church where the Blessed Sacrament is kept for personal prayer and for distribution to those unable to come to Mass due to illness.
TEN COMMANDMENTS	The Ten Commandments are the laws God gave to Moses. They help us live in peace by loving God, ourselves, and others.
VENIAL SIN	A venial sin is a less serious sin. It weakens our love for God and others and can lead to mortal sin.
VOCATION	A vocation is the work we do as members of the Church. We are called to use our talents to carry on Christ's mission in the world.
WORSHIP	To worship is to give honor and praise to God, especially as a community.

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WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Anointing of the Sick is the Sacrament of Healing through which persons who are very sick, elderly, or dying receive Christ's strength, comfort, and healing.
APOSTLES' CREED	The Apostles' Creed contains the central truths of the Catholic faith
APOSTOLIC	The Catholic Church is apostolic because Jesus Christ built the Church on Saint Peter and the Apostles.
ASSUMPTION	The Assumption is the belief that Mary was taken body and soul into the glory of heaven and fully shares in the Resurrection of Jesus.
BAPTISM	Baptism is the Sacrament of Initiation that welcomes us into the Church and frees us from original sin and all personal sins.
BEATITUDES	The Beatitudes are Jesus' teaching about how to live and find real happiness in God's kingdom.
BISHOPS	Bishops are the chief teachers of the Catholic Church. They are the successors of the Apostles.
BLESSED TRINITY	The Blessed Trinity is the mystery of one God in three divine Persons. The three divine Persons are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
BODY OF CHRIST	The Body of Christ is the Church or the People of God.
CARDINAL VIRTUES	The cardinal virtues are prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.
CHASTITY	Chastity is the virtue that helps us to express our sexuality in ways that are proper for our age.
CHRISM	Chrism is perfumed oil that has been blessed by the bishop.
COMMUNION OF SAINTS	The Communion of Saints is made up of all the followers of Jesus, both living and dead. The Communion of Saints includes the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory, and the believers on earth.
CONFIRMATION	Confirmation is the Sacrament of Initiation by which we receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us for carrying out Christ's mission.
CONSCIENCE	Our conscience is our ability to judge what is right and what is wrong.

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GRADE 5 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
CONVERSION	A conversion is the experience of accepting God's grace and turning away from sin.
CREATION	Creation is everything that exists, created from God's love. God said that all of creation is good.
DIOCESE	A diocese is made up of Catholic parishes and schools and may include Catholic universities and hospitals. It is governed by a bishop.
DOMESTIC CHURCH	The Christian family is called the domestic church because it is the first place that children learn about God, prayer, and virtues.
ETERNAL LIFE	Eternal life is living forever with God in heaven in perfect happiness.
EUCCHARIST	The Eucharist is the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
FAITH	Faith is the virtue that helps us to believe in God and in all the teachings of our Church.
GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder and awe.
HOLY ORDERS	Holy Orders is the Sacrament at the Service of Communion in which bishops, priests, and deacons are ordained to serve the Church.
HOPE	Hope is the virtue that helps us to trust in God no matter what happens. It also enables us to trust in God's promise of eternal life.
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	The Immaculate Conception is the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was conceived without original sin.
INCARNATION	The Incarnation is the mystery of the Son of God becoming man in Jesus Christ.
INFALLIBILITY	Infallibility is a gift of the Holy Spirit. It ensures that when the pope or the pope and bishops together teach ex cathedra, or officially, on faith and morals, they always teach what is true.
KINGDOM OF GOD	The Kingdom of God is God's promise of justice, peace, and joy that all his people will share at the end of time.
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST	The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the second part of the Mass, which centers on the Eucharistic Prayer and Holy Communion.

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GRADE 5 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
LITURGY OF THE WORD	The Liturgy of the Word is the first part of the Mass, which centers on the Scripture readings.
LORD'S PRAYER	The Lord's Prayer, or the Our Father, is a prayer that was given to us by Jesus.
LOVE	Love is the virtue that helps us to love God, ourselves, and our neighbor. It is the greatest and highest virtue.
MAGISTERIUM	The Magisterium is the teaching authority of the Church. It is made up of the popes, bishops, and ecumenical councils. The Magisterium is empowered by the Holy Spirit to teach what the Church officially believes
MERCY	Mercy is the loving kindness that God shows to sinners.
MORTAL SIN	A mortal sin is a serious violation of God's Law. It destroys God's grace in a person's soul. Mortal sin must be confessed in the sacrament of Reconciliation.
NEW EVE	Mary is called the New Eve because she helped to bring salvation to the world by becoming the mother of Jesus, our Savior.
ORIGINAL SIN	Original sin is the sin of Adam and Eve that has been passed on to all human beings. Because of original sin, we are weakened in our ability to resist sin and do good.
PASCHAL MYSTERY	The Paschal Mystery is the suffering, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. We are united to Jesus Paschal Mystery in the sacraments.
POPE	The pope is the head of the Catholic Church and the Bishop of Rome. He is the successor of Saint Peter.
PRAYER	Prayer is talking and listening to God.
PURGATORY	Purgatory is a final purification that prepares those who have led a good life to enter heaven.
RECONCILIATION	Reconciliation is the Sacrament of Healing through which we receive God's forgiveness for our sins and are reconciled with God and the Church.
RELIGIOUS	Religious brothers and sisters serve God and the Church by living and working in religious communities.

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GRADE 5 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
SACRAMENT	A sacrament is a sacred sign given to the Church by Christ. Through the sacraments we receive God's grace, or life, into our souls. The seven sacraments are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, and Holy Orders
SACRAMENTALS	Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church.
SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION	The Sacraments at the Service of Communion are Holy Orders and Matrimony.
SACRAMENTS OF HEALING	The Sacraments of Healing are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION	The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
SAINT	A saint is a person who lived a holy life on earth and now lives forever with God in heaven.
SALVATION	Salvation is the forgiveness of sins and the restoration of friendship with God, which can be done by God alone
SANCTIFYING GRACE	Sanctifying grace is God's free gift of his life. It heals us of sin and makes us holy.
SCRIPTURE	Scripture is the written Word of God found in the Bible. The Church professes that God is the author of the Bible because the writers of the Bible were inspired by the Holy Spirit.
SIN	A sin is any thought, word, or action that turns us away from God's Law.
STEWARD	A steward is a caretaker. God has made human beings the caretakers of his gifts of creation.
THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES	The theological virtues are faith, hope, and love. These virtues help us to draw closer to God.
TRADITION	Tradition includes the Church's official teachings, rituals, and customs that have been handed down from the Apostles over the centuries.
VENIAL SIN	A venial sin is a less serious sin. It weakens our love for God and others and can lead to mortal sin.
VIRTUE	A virtue is a habit that helps us to do good.

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WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
ALTAR	An altar is a raised place where sacrifices are offered. The altar used for the center of worship during the Mass is also a table, where we gather to share the Eucharistic meal.
AMEN	Amen is a word we usually say at the end of our prayers. It means "I believe" or "So it is."
ARK OF THE COVENANT	The ark of the covenant was a special box that held the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments.
CATHOLIC	The word catholic means universal? With a capital C, it describes the Church founded by Christ's apostles.
CHOSEN PEOPLE	In the Old Testament the chosen people were Abraham and his descendants
CONSCIENCE	Our conscience is our ability to judge what is right and what is wrong.
CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY	The corporal works of mercy are loving deeds that relieve the physical suffering of others.
COVENANT	A covenant is a sacred agreement or relationship, sometimes sealed by a ritual or ceremony. Isaac honored the covenant the Lord made with his father, Abraham.
DISCERNMENT	Discernment is discovering, with God's help, God's will for our lives.
ESSENES	Essenes were devout Jewish people who lived simply in the desert.
EXILE	Exile is the forced removal of people from their homeland to another land. The Israelites captured by the Assyrians were living in exile.
EXODUS	The Exodus is the Old Testament story of how God freed the Hebrews in Egypt. Exodus is the second book of the Old Testament.
FAITH	Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
FIDELITY	Fidelity is faithfulness and loyalty to something or someone. Joseph is a model of fidelity to God.
GUIDANCE	Guidance is help in making the right choices. God gives us guidance to help us develop our conscience.

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GRADE 6 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
HEAVEN	Heaven is a life of everlasting happiness with God, and with all people who love him.
HELL	Hell is everlasting suffering and separation from God after death.
INCARNATION	The Incarnation is God's Son becoming man, one like us, Jesus Christ, who is both man and divine.
LAITY	The laity are people who are part of the church community and are not clergy or religious brothers and sisters.
LITURGICAL YEAR	The liturgical year is the Church's yearly calendar of celebrations and seasons.
MANNA	Manna is the bread like food that God gave the Israelites in the desert.
MEDITATION	Meditation is a type of prayer in which we are silent and concentrate on listening to God through our feelings, imagination, and thoughts. We can meditate by thinking about a Scripture story, art, and music.
MESSIAH	A messiah is a person chosen to save people from a particular fate. The word means savior? Jesus Christ is our Messiah, chosen by God to free us from sin and death.
MINISTRY	A ministry is a way of serving and caring for others in Christ's name.
MORAL VIRTUES	The moral virtues are four spiritual qualities-temperance, prudence, justice, and fortitude-that help us avoid sin.
ORIGINAL SIN	Original sin is the sin of the first man and woman, passed on to all human beings. Because of it, we are weakened in our ability to resist sin and do good.
PASCHAL MYSTERY	The Paschal Mystery is the way that Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension saved us from sin and gave us life after death.
PASSOVER	Passover is the Jewish celebration of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt.
Patriarch	A patriarch, a term meaning "father," is a great leader of the Hebrews from early Scripture times. A patriarch is also the male leader of a family or clan.
PERSISTENCE	Persistence is the act of continually pursuing something in spite of obstacles. Prayer often requires persistence.

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WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
PHARISEES	Pharisees were Jewish people who accepted both the written law of the Old Testament and spoken teachings and tradition.
PIETY	Piety is putting God above everything else.
PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH	The precepts of the Church are the Church's teachings about our obligations.
PROMISED LAND	The promised land is Canaan, the sacred place God promised to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the Israelites in Egypt.
PROPHET	A prophet is a person sent by God to speak out against behavior that does not follow God's will.
PSALMS	Psalms are religious songs and prayers from the Old Testament. Psalms often express praise, thanksgiving, or sorrow.
PURGATORY	Purgatory is a final purification from sin after death.
RESURRECTION	Resurrection is the new life given to us when our bodies reunite with our souls at the end of time.
REVELATION	Revelation is God's act of revealing himself and inviting us to respond with faith.
REVERENCE	Reverence is honor and respect. We can show our reverence for God through our prayers.
SACRAMENT	A sacrament is a sacred sign and cause of grace instituted by Christ in the Church to continue the saving action of Christ through the Holy Spirit.
SACRAMENTAL	A sacramental is a symbolic prayer, blessing, object, or action instituted by the Church that can lead us to a fuller participation in the grace of the sacraments.
SACRAMENTAL GRACE	Sacramental grace is the unique gift of God's love that we receive in each sacrament.
SACRIFICE	A sacrifice is an act of unselfish giving. It is also a ritual offering made to God by a priest on behalf of the people.
SADDUCEES	Sadducees were Jewish people who accepted only the written law of the Old Testament and rejected spoken teachings and tradition.
SALVATION	Salvation is freedom from the pain of sin.

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GRADE 6 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY	The spiritual works of mercy are loving deeds to meet the spiritual needs of others.
SUPPLICATION	Supplication is humbly and earnestly asking for help. Like Esther
TEMPLE	The Temple was the Jewish place of worship in Jerusalem that contained the ark of the covenant.
TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	Each of us is a temple of the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. As temples of the Holy Spirit, we are called to imitate Jesus.
THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES	The theological virtues - faith, hope, and charity - come from God and help us become more holy. They connect us with the Trinity.
TRANSUBSTANTIATION	Transubstantiation is the sacred mystery in which bread and wine are changed into the real presence of Jesus Christ.
YAHWEH	Yahweh is the most sacred name of God, spoken to Moses. It means "I am who I am."

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WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
ABBA	<i>Abba</i> is the word that Jesus used to teach people to call God "Father" in prayer. The word meant "Daddy" to the Jewish people.
ADORATION	Adoration is the act of worshipping or honoring God as divine.
ADVOCATE	The Advocate is another name for the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Trinity, who helps and guides us in following Jesus.
ALMSGIVING	Almsgiving is the act of giving time, money, or goods to people who are poor or in need.
ASCENSION	The Ascension was the moment when Jesus, in his resurrected body, returned to his Father in heaven. He will come again at the end of time.
BAPTISMAL GRACE	Baptismal grace is the gift of sharing in God's divine life that we receive at Baptism, which frees us from sin.
BAPTISMAL VOWS	Promises made at Baptism to reject sin and to live as children of God.
BEATITUDES	The Beatitudes are Jesus' teachings about how to live and find real happiness in God's kingdom. They teach us to love God, love each other, seek justice, and spread peace.
BLASPHEMY	Blasphemy is the act of showing contempt for God or sacred things through one's words or actions.
CANDIDATE	A candidate is a person who pursues and prepares for a certain role. A person who is preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation is called a candidate.
CATHOLIC	The word <i>catholic</i> means "universal." With a capital C, it describes the Church founded by Christ's apostles. Because it welcomes all people who believe in Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church is universal.
CATHOLIC EPISTLES	The Catholic epistles were letters written to the universal Church. These seven letters are included in the New Testament.
CHARISM	A charism is a talent or gift from the Holy Spirit that an individual uses to serve the Church, live a Christian life, and work for the good of all people
CHASTITY	Chastity is a virtue that helps us express our sexuality in a mature and unselfish manner. The word chastity describes a state of being morally pure in thought and conduct.

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WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
CHRISM	Chrism is the perfumed oil that has been blessed by a bishop and is used for anointing in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. Being anointed with chrism is a sign of receiving the Holy Spirit.
COMMISSIONED	To be commissioned is to be entrusted with the power to fulfill a particular task. Christ entrusted the apostles and their successors with the task of leading and serving the Church.
COMMUNION OF SAINTS	The Communion of Saints is the union of all those, both living and dead, who believe in Christ.
CONFIRMATION	Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation in which we receive the special strength of the Holy Spirit and become full members of the Church.
CONSCIENCE	A conscience is an ability to know what is right and what is wrong.
CONSECRATE	To consecrate is to make sacred. The priest calls upon the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and wine, or change them into the Body and Blood of Christ.
CONTEMPLATION	Contemplation is prayer without the need for images, words, or thoughts; it is resting in God's presence.
COVET	To covet means to have an excessive desire for what rightfully belongs to someone else.
DIOCESE	A diocese is a region or district whose parishes a bishop serves and oversees.
DISCIPLE	A disciple is a follower of Christ who carries on Christ's mission by showing others the love of God.
EASTER TRIDUUM	The Easter Triduum is the holiest celebration of the liturgical year. It begins on Holy Thursday evening and concludes with the evening prayer on Easter Sunday. The Triduum includes the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, and the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection at the Easter Vigil.
EPISTLE	An epistle is a letter written to a Christian community by Saint Paul or another disciple in the early Church. Such letters are included in the New Testament.)
EVANGELIST	An evangelist is a person who proclaims God to the world by word of mouth, through writings, or as a living example. The word also refers to a writer of a Gospel. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are often called the four evangelists.

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GRADE 7 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
EVANGELIZE	To evangelize is to spread the truth of the Gospels through our words and love of others.
EX NIHILO	<i>Ex nihilo</i> is a Latin phrase meaning "from nothing." It is used to describe how God created the universe.
EXPOSITION	Exposition is a manner of honoring the Blessed Sacrament by placing it in view of worshipers for adoration.
EXTREME UNCTION	<i>Extreme Unction</i> , or "last anointing," is another term for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
FORTITUDE	Fortitude, a moral virtue, is the courage to do what is right.
GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	The gifts of the Holy Spirit are the seven special gifts or blessings that enable us to become more Christlike: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, right judgment, courage, reverence, and wonder and awe.
GRACE	Grace, a gift that God freely gives us, is God's life within us, which fills us with love and enables us to live according to God's will.
HALLOW	To hallow is to venerate, honor, or treat as holy.
HOLY OIL	Holy oil is oil blessed by the bishop and used in the Anointing of the Sick and other sacraments.
HOLY WEEK	Holy Week is the week that begins on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. It includes the final days of Lent, as well as Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. During this week, we remember in a special way the events that are at the center of our lives as Christians: the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Christ.
INCARNATION	The Incarnation is God's Son becoming man, one like us, Jesus Christ, who is both human and divine.
INDOMITABLE	<i>Indomitable</i> means "unable to be conquered."
INDULGENCE	An indulgence is the removal of all or some of the punishments that we must suffer in purgatory for the effects of our sins on earth.
INTERCESSION	An intercession is a prayer that we say on behalf of others in need of God's help.

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GRADE 7 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
JUSTICE	Justice, a moral virtue, is the practice of treating others fairly.
JUSTIFICATION	Justification is God's act of freely forgiving our sins and giving us the grace we need to become holy and Christlike.
KINGDOM OF GOD	The kingdom of God is God's reign of peace, justice, and love, initiated on earth by Jesus and reaching perfect fulfillment at the end of time.
LIFE EVERLASTING	Life everlasting is the life that Jesus' faithful followers will share for all eternity.
LITURGICAL CYCLE	The liturgical cycle is the recurring calendar of church celebrations and seasons honoring the Paschal mystery throughout the year.
LORD'S DAY	The Lord's Day is another name for our Sabbath, or day of rest in honor of God. We celebrate Mass on the Lord's Day.
MAGISTERIUM	The pope, in communion with the bishops, is the teaching authority, or Magisterium, of the Church.
MEDITATION	Meditation is a type of prayer in which we are silent and concentrate on listening to God through our feelings, imagination, and thoughts. Meditation is thinking about God's presence in our lives.
MESSIAH	<i>Messiah</i> means "God's anointed one" or "savior." A messiah is a person chosen to save people from a particular fate. Jesus is the Messiah, the One promised to deliver all people from sin.
MIRACLE	A miracle is a wondrous sign or event that can only have happened through the power of God.
MISSIONER	A missionary is a person who shares his or her faith through preaching and charitable works. Missioners of the Church preach Christ's message of salvation to all people.
MONSTRANCE	A monstrance is a special container in which the Eucharist is placed for adoration.
MORALITY	Morality is a system of rules for good conduct based on our beliefs. Christian morality includes keeping the commandments in response to God's love.
MORAL VIRTUES	The moral virtues are four spiritual qualities--temperance, prudence, justice, and fortitude-- that we receive through the Holy Spirit. They help us avoid sin.

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GRADE 7 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
MORTAL SIN	A mortal sin is a serious act against God's law, done purposely. It separates us from God's grace. It normally requires the sacrament of Reconciliation to be forgiven.
MOSAIC LAW	The Mosaic Law, or Law of Moses, sets forth rules and practices that Jewish people have followed from the time of Moses, for whom the Law is named. The Ten Commandments, the basis of Mosaic Law, are found in the Bible, in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5:6--21. The Book of Leviticus contains further details of the Law.
NOVENA	A novena is a Catholic devotion in which specific prayers are said on nine consecutive days.
ORAL TRADITION	Oral tradition is a body of stories that has been passed down by word of mouth. In ancient Israel, before the Gospels were written, people told stories about God and all God did for them.
ORIGINAL SIN	Original sin is the sin of the first man and woman, which has been passed on to all human beings. Because of it, we are weakened in our ability to resist sin and do good.
PAPAL INFALLIBILITY	Papal infallibility is the doctrine that when the pope speaks officially for the Church on a matter of faith or morals, he is guided by the Holy Spirit and what he says is free from error.
PARABLE	A parable is a story that teaches a moral or religious lesson. Parables often use everyday events and objects to explain important truths.
PARTICULAR JUDGMENT	At the end of our lives, Jesus Christ judges how well we have followed him. Particular judgment is the judgment each individual receives from Christ at his or her death.
PASCHAL MYSTERY	The Paschal mystery is God's plan for our salvation through the Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus. The Church celebrates the Paschal mystery in the liturgy throughout the year, but in a special way during the Easter Triduum.
PASSION	Jesus' Passion is the suffering, crucifixion, and death he endured for our sins.
PENANCE	Penance is another name for the sacrament of Reconciliation. With a lowercase p, it refers to a prayer or kind act that we do as an expression of sorrow for our sins.
PENTECOST	Pentecost is the day on which Jesus Christ's disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit, which empowered them to proclaim the good news. Pentecost is often referred to as "the day the Church was born."

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GRADE 7 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
PERJURY	Perjury is the act of lying after having made an oath to tell the truth, with God as one's witness.
PETITION	A petition is a solemn prayer of request.
PHARISEES	Pharisees were Jewish people who accepted the written laws of the Old Testament and tradition (the spoken teachings of religious leaders).
PILGRIMAGE	A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place or sacred site for spiritual or devotional reasons.
PLAGIARISM	Plagiarism is the use of someone's ideas or works as if they were one's own.
POLYGAMY	Polygamy is the state of having several marriage partners at the same time.
PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR	The preferential option for the poor is an understanding that we must give priority to the needs of the poor and vulnerable in society.
PRESBYTER	In the Church today, the term presbyter means "priest." In the early Church, presbyters were the appointed religious leaders, or elders, of the early Christian communities.
PRUDENCE	Prudence, a moral virtue, is the habit of making good judgments and decisions.
PURGATORY	Purgatory is a final purification from sin after death.
RESURRECTION	The Resurrection is Jesus' victory over death as he rose to new life. On the last day there will be a resurrection of our bodies as we rise to new life with Christ.
REVELATION	Revelation is God's act of revealing God's own self and inviting us to respond with faith. A revelation is also an important truth about God, expressed under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
RITE OF ELECTION	A ritual that takes place on the first Sunday of Lent, in which godparents or sponsors testify on behalf of the readiness of catechumens to be admitted into the Church.
SACRAMENTAL	A sacramental is a symbolic prayer, blessing, object, or action instituted by the Church that can lead us to a fuller participation in the grace of the sacraments.

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GRADE 7 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
SACRED SCRIPTURES	The term Sacred Scriptures refers to the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, which have been accepted by the Catholic Church as the word of God written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
SALVATION	Salvation is freedom from the pain of sin and assurance of permanent union with God.
SANCTIFICATION	Sanctification is the act of making or of being made holy.
SOLIDARITY	Solidarity is the unity we share with all our brothers and sisters, who are made in the image of God.
TEMPERANCE	Temperance, a moral virtue, is the habit of living in moderation and controlling our desires.
TEMPTATION	Temptation is an enticement or a pressure to turn away from God through sinful thoughts, words, or actions.
THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES	The theological virtues are three spiritual qualities--faith, hope, and charity--that come from God and help us become more holy.
TRADITION	Tradition is the body of official teachings, rituals, customs, and practices of the Church that have developed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and are handed down from the apostles.
TRESPASS	<i>Trespass</i> means "to commit a sin."
TRINITY	The Trinity is the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe that there is only one God, who is revealed to us in these three divine Persons.
VENIAL SIN	A venial sin is less serious than a mortal sin. Venial sins weaken our relationship with God and the church community.
VIATICUM	<i>Viaticum</i> , which means "provision for the journey" in Latin, is Holy Communion that is given to a dying person.
VIRTUE	A virtue is an ability to make morally good decisions that lead to the habit of doing good. Christian virtues are considered gifts from God that we can develop into habits of Christian living.
WAR CRIMES	War crimes are acts of violence against innocent people during wartime.
WITNESS	Witness is an attesting to the truth of something by words or actions. We give witness to Christ by imitating in our everyday lives what Jesus would say or do.

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WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
AGE OF REASON	The age of reason is the age at which children are able to distinguish between right and wrong, approximately age seven.
ALL SOULS' DAY	All Souls' Day is the feast day on which we pray for the souls undergoing purification in purgatory. We celebrate All Souls' Day on November 2.
ALMS	Alms are donations of time, money, or goods to the poor.
APOCALYPSE	The Apocalypse, or Book of Revelation, is the last book of the Bible. It describes the end of the world in symbolic language.
APOSTOLIC	The Catholic Church is apostolic because it is founded on and faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the apostles.
BEATIFIC VISION	The beatific vision is the sight of God, which brings everlasting happiness and peace.
BEATITUDE	<i>Beatitude</i> is another word for blessedness or happiness. A beatitude is also any one of the eight guidelines about how to live and find real happiness in God's kingdom that Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount.
BLASPHEMY	Blasphemy is the act of showing contempt for God or sacred things through one's words or actions.
CANON LAW	Canon law is the collection of the laws of the Catholic Church.
CATECHESIS	Catechesis is a process of faith formation that includes education and participation in the life of the Catholic community.
CATHOLIC	The word <i>catholic</i> means "universal." With a capital C, it describes the Church founded by Christ's apostles. Because it welcomes all people who believe in Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church is universal.
CHRISTENDOM	Christendom is the name given to a part of the world in which Christianity dominates. Europe, in which the Church and the state formed one society for about 1,000 years, was once known as Christendom.
CHURCH	The Church is the living Body of Christ, the People of God. The Catholic Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. The word <i>Church</i> means "convocation," or gathering together.

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WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
CHURCH FATHERS	The early Christian leaders whose teachings helped develop Christian doctrine are known as Church Fathers.
CONVERSION	From a Latin word meaning "to turn around," <i>conversion</i> means "a turning away from sin."
COUNTER-REFORMATION	The Counter-Reformation was the sixteenth-century movement of reform instituted by the Catholic Church to reverse the effects of earlier reforms and to counter the increasing strength of Protestantism.
COVET	To covet means to have an excessive desire for what rightfully belongs to someone else.
CRUSADES	The Crusades were military attempts by Christians to free the Holy Land from Muslim control.
DENOMINATION	A denomination is an individual, organized religious body that is a form of a particular faith. Reformed Christian churches, such as the Lutheran Church, are Protestant denominations.
DEVOTION	A devotion is a special way of praying to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, or of expressing love for Mary and the saints.
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH	"Doctor of the Church" is a title that the Church gives to saints whose writings have greatly helped others understand matters of faith or doctrine.
DOCTRINE	<i>Doctrine</i> refers to an official teaching or a body of official teachings of the Church.
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL	An ecumenical council is a worldwide gathering of the pope and all the bishops. Ecumenical councils help clarify church teachings.
ECUMENISM	Ecumenism is the movement to establish unity among Christian churches.
ENCYCLICAL	An encyclical is a letter from the pope to all the members of the Church throughout the world in which the pope clarifies or reinforces Catholic teachings.
EPISCOPAL	The word <i>Episcopal</i> is used to describe bishops or the objects, actions, and events in their ministry.

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WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
EUCHARIST	In the sacrament of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is the central sacrament of the Church. It is the heart of Catholic worship.
EX NIHILO	<i>Ex nihilo</i> is a Latin phrase meaning "from nothing." It is used to describe how God created the universe.
FAITH	<i>Faith</i> is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (based on Hebrews 11:1). It means believing and trusting in God.
FIAT	<i>Fiat</i> is a Latin word meaning "Let it happen" or "Let it be done."
FREE WILL	Free will is the freedom to choose to do what is right or what is wrong.
GRACE	Grace, a gift that God freely gives us, is God's life within us, which fills us with love and enables us to do God's will.
HALLOW	To hallow is to venerate, honor, or treat as holy.
HEAVEN	Heaven is everlasting happiness with God, and with all people who love God and others, after death.
HELL	Hell is everlasting suffering and separation from God, and from all people who love God and others, after death.
HERESY	A heresy is a denial of a church doctrine.
ICON	An icon is a holy image of Jesus, the Virgin Mary, or the saints, often made out of gold leaf and other special materials. Icons are an important part of spirituality for Christians in Eastern churches.
INDULGENCE	An indulgence is the removal of all or some of the punishments that we must suffer in purgatory for the effects of our sins on earth.
LATIN	Latin was the common language spoken in the Roman Empire. It is the basis for many European languages.
LITURGY	The liturgy is the official, public worship of the Church. It includes the celebration of Mass and the sacraments.
LITURGY OF THE HOURS	The Liturgy of the Hours is the Church's official prayer for certain times of the day and night. It is also called the <i>Divine Office</i> . It consists of psalms, readings, hymns, and prayers.

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GRADE 8 (CONTINUED)

WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
MAGISTERIUM	The pope, in communion with the bishops, is the teaching authority, or Magisterium, of the Church.
MARKS OF THE CHURCH	The marks of the Church are the four qualities of the Catholic Church that distinguish it as the true Church established by Christ to bring salvation to humankind: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. The Church is one because it is united in faith, worship, and authority; holy because it is in communion with God; catholic because it is universal; and apostolic because it is founded on and faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the apostles.
MASS	Mass is another name for the celebration of the sacrament of the Eucharist. It is taken from the Latin word <i>missa</i> , meaning "sent," which was once used at the end of the celebration.
MENDICANT ORDER	A mendicant order is a religious community of men or women who consider themselves totally dependent on God. Members of these orders support themselves by begging and asking for charity.
MONASTERY	A monastery is a lifelong residence for monks or nuns. The word <i>monastery</i> may also refer to the community of monks or nuns at such a residence.
MOSAIC LAW	The Mosaic Law, or Law of Moses, sets forth rules and practices that the Jewish people have followed since the time of Moses, for whom the Law is named. The Ten Commandments, the basis of Mosaic Law, are found in the Bible, in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5:6—21. The Book of Leviticus contains further details of the Law.
NATURAL LAW	The natural law, which is part of human nature and lasts forever, allows people to know the difference between good and evil.
NOVENA	A novena is a Catholic devotion in which specific prayers are said on nine consecutive days.
PAPAL INFALLIBILITY	Papal infallibility is the doctrine that when the pope speaks officially for the Church on a matter of faith or morals, he is guided by the Holy Spirit and what he says is free from error.
PASCHAL MYSTERY	The Paschal mystery is God's plan for our salvation through the Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus.
PASTORAL	<i>Pastor</i> is the Latin word for "shepherd." <i>Pastoral</i> describes the work of priests or bishops in "shepherding," or guiding, people in the church community.

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WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
PASTORAL LETTER	A pastoral letter is a message from a bishop or bishops giving guidance to the members of the Church or society.
PENTATEUCH	The Pentateuch is the first book of the Old Testament.
PERJURY	Perjury is the act of lying after having made an oath to tell the truth, with God as one's witness.
PIETY	Piety is an attitude of dedication to and reverence for God and holy things.
PILGRIMAGE	A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place or sacred site for spiritual or devotional reasons.
PLAGIARISM	Plagiarism is the use of someone's ideas or works as if they were one's own.
PREDESTINATION	Predestination is the doctrine that God determines whether our souls are saved or damned before we are born.
PRESBYTERS	Presbyters were the appointed religious leaders, or elders, of the early Christian communities. In the Church today, the term <i>presbyter</i> means "priest."
PRESIDER	A presider is a priest who leads a sacramental or liturgical celebration as well as consecrates the bread and wine during Mass.
PROTESTANT REFORMATION	The Protestant Reformation was the early sixteenth-century religious movement begun in Europe by Martin Luther that set out to reform some of the doctrines and practices of the Catholic Church. The efforts of Luther and other reformers resulted in the development of Protestantism.
PURGATORY	Purgatory is a final purification from sin after death.
RECONCILIATION	Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing in which Catholics ask forgiveness for sin and reunite with God and with the church community.
REFORMATION	Reformation is the act of removing faults or abuses.
RITUAL	A ritual is a formal ceremony that has a set of rules. The Eucharistic celebration is a ritual of the Catholic Church.
SACRAMENT	A sacrament is a sacred sign and cause of grace instituted by Christ in the Church to continue the saving action of God through the Holy Spirit.

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WORD	Definition as found in <i>Blest Are We - Faith & Word Edition</i>
SACRAMENTAL LIFE	The sacramental life of the Church is the way in which the Church celebrates the liturgy and the seven sacraments. Through the Church's sacramental life, we are united with Christ.
SACRIFICIAL MEAL	The term <i>sacrificial meal</i> describes the Mass, which is both a holy sacrifice and a sacred meal.
SANCTIFYING GRACE	Sanctifying grace is grace that heals us of sin and makes us Christlike. We receive sanctifying grace first at Baptism. It works within us throughout our lives to make us holy.
SOCIAL JUSTICE	Social justice is respect for human dignity demonstrated through actions that promote human rights.
SOLIDARITY	Solidarity is the unity we share with all our brothers and sisters, who are made in the image of God.
STEWARDSHIP	Stewardship is responsibility for caring for and protecting the well-being of another person, group, or entity.
THEOTOKOS	<i>Theotokos</i> is a Greek word meaning "God-bearer." The early Church used this word to express the belief that Mary is truly the Mother of God.
TRANSUBSTANTIATION	Transubstantiation is the sacred mystery in which bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.
TRESPASS	<i>Trespass</i> means "to commit a sin."
TRINITARIAN	Trinitarian means "reflecting the unity of the Blessed Trinity." The Church is Trinitarian because it reflects the unity of the Trinity by being the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit.
UNITY	<i>Unity</i> means "acting as one." The members of the Body of Christ, the Church, are unified. We pray for Christian unity.
VERNACULAR	The vernacular is the language that is native to a region or country.
VIRTUE	A virtue is an ability to make morally good decisions that lead to the habit of doing good. Christian virtues are considered gifts from God that we can develop into habits of Christian living.
YAHWEH	<i>Yahweh</i> is a Hebrew word meaning "I am who I am." In the Old Testament, Yahweh is God's sacred name, which God revealed to Moses.

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