

# *Catechetical Guidelines*

## *Grade 7*

### **Doctrine**

- Discuss the statements in the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed and relate them to our lives.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the terms of grace and salvation.
- Describe some of the key differences between the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant Churches.
- Demonstrate respect for the great religions of the world.
- Demonstrate understanding of the Paschal Mystery as the birth, life, death and resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.
- Recognize Mary as the perfect model of Christian discipleship.

### **Scripture**

- Name and explain the significance of the major stories in salvation history.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the call to discipleship as lived by Mary and the Apostles.
- Demonstrate the understanding of the demands of discipleship as found in the Sermon on the Mount.
- Identify the 46 books of the Hebrew Scriptures and the 27 books of the New Testament.

### **Sacraments and Liturgy**

- Discuss the meaning of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Discuss the value of participating in a communal reconciliation service during Advent and Lent.
- Discuss the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as an opportunity to bring Jesus' healing comfort and strength to those who are severely ill, elderly, or in danger of death.
- Discuss the importance of commitment in the Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders.
- Demonstrate awareness that by participating in the celebration of the Eucharist, we share in the Paschal Mystery.
- Understand and explain the Eucharistic Liturgy as sacrifice and sacred meal.

### **Moral Formation**

- Explain the importance of forming one's conscience according to the Word of God and the teaching of the Church.

- Describe a process of making a moral decision.
- Explain the importance of prayer in reaching a moral decision.

### **Service/Mission**

- Plan and participate in a group service activity that addresses current global issues.
- Identify the difficulties and challenges in today's culture for putting their faith into action.
- Discuss the various opportunities for service within the vocations of the single, married, religious and ordained.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and apply them to situations of injustice in society.
- Discuss that how we carry out our civic responsibilities is related to living our faith.

### **Prayer and Spirituality**

- Pray and reflect through journaling (writing or art).
- Reflect on contemporary culture and events and evaluate effects on their spiritual lives.
- Explain the meaning of the seven petitions in the Lord's Prayer.
- Prepare and assume different roles in a communal prayer service/liturgy.
- Discuss how trust in God is the basis for prayers of petition.
- Appreciate the centrality of prayer in a Catholic Christian life, particularly the celebration of the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

### **To Be Learned By Heart**

- Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.