

Catechetical Guidelines

Grade 8

Doctrine

- Discuss how believing in Jesus as the Son of God and their savior, makes a difference in their lives.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the origin of the Church and its mission.
- Explain how ordained ministers continue the work of the Apostles.
- Give an example of how the Paschal Mystery relates to our lives.

Scripture

- Explain how Catholics understand divine inspiration of the Bible.
- Explain why we say the Scripture is God's living Word.
- Demonstrate knowledge that the Christian Scriptures reveal the Paschal Mystery and saving action of Jesus Christ.

Sacraments and Liturgy

- Name each of the Sacraments, their symbolic actions and what is celebrated.
- Name the specific parts and order of the Mass and be able to participate in the responses.
- Explain how Sacraments are connected to the scriptures, both Hebrew and New Testaments.
- Describe how the Sacraments celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in important life experiences.
- Explain the role and action of the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments.
- Explain the value of celebrating the Sacraments as a faith community.

Moral Formation

- Demonstrate the ability to respond to moral dilemmas in light of scripture and the Church's teachings.
- Identify situations of social injustice and how the Church's disciples respond to them.
- Explain the Catholic Church's teaching on human sexuality.
- Explain how the Church's disciples respect the dignity of human life at all ages.

Service/Mission

- Participate in and reflect on service activities and how these activities helped them grow in faith.

- Describe the dimensions of stewardship.
- Reflect on their gifts and talents that can be used in stewardship.
- Describe the evangelizing mission of the Church and explain their responsibility to be evangelizers.

Prayer and Spirituality

- Discuss the longing for God that is placed in the heart of every human being.
- Reflect on scripture in personal prayer.
- Explain how the practice of the moral and theological virtues is a response to God's grace and strengthens their spiritual life.
- Discuss how the Church nurtures their relationship with Jesus Christ within the Catholic Community.
- Evaluate their practice of personal prayer and describe changes that would strengthen their prayer life.
- Show an understanding for the need for conscious participation in liturgy and other prayer experiences.

To Be Learned By Heart

- Say all prayers to be learned by heart.