

Catechetical Curriculum  
Grade Eight Key Concepts

Knowledge of Faith	Liturgical Education		Moral Education
<p>Creed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Understands God as relational through identity as Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit</li> <li>○ Understands that being created in the image and likeness of God means being created to be a responsible member of a community</li> <li>○ Understands how the Nicene Creed builds on the Apostles' Creed to clarify the mystery of Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior</li> <li>○ Appreciates the Paschal Mystery as a core doctrine of faith</li> </ul>	<p>Participates regularly in Sunday worship</p> <p>Sacraments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Associates sacraments with life experiences</li> </ul> <p>Liturgical Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Experiences Liturgy of the Hours</li> </ul> <p>Gestures/Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Articulates elements of liturgy - Mass, sacraments, Liturgy of the Hours</li> </ul>		<p>A Disciple of Jesus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Demonstrates moral decision making based on an informed conscience</li> <li>○ Articulates social justice issues with an understanding of Gospel values</li> <li>○ Identifies the theological and cardinal virtues</li> <li>○ Recognizes social sin as the wrongdoing of a group</li> <li>○ Identifies the seven capital sins as the root of all sin</li> <li>○ Realizes that Christian discipleship is counter cultural to society</li> <li>○ Distinguishes between that which is moral and that which is legal</li> </ul>
<b>Scripture</b>			
Matthew 5:1-12 – Beatitudes	Acts 2:42-47 – Early Christian Life Ephesians 1:15-23 – Church as Family		Matthew 5:14-16 – Bushel Basket Matthew 5:43-44 – Love for Enemies 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 – Call to Live Law of Love Matthew 28:16-20 – Commissioning of Disciples
<b>Vocabulary</b>			
Beatitudes Incarnation Redemption	Benedictus Canticles Evening Prayer	Liturgy of the Hours Magnificat Morning Prayer	Abortion Adultery Capital Sins: <i>pride, greed, lust, anger, envy, gluttony, sloth</i> Cardinal virtues: <i>prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance</i> Christian Morality Discipleship Theological Virtues: <i>faith, hope, love</i>

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Teaching to Pray	Education for Community Life	Missionary Initiation
<p>Concepts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Realizes that because they are the living Word of God, scriptures speak to us at every moment of our lives               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Connects scripture to life issues</li> <li>2. Appreciates use of Bible for daily prayer</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Prayers/Precepts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Formulates a prayer service based on scripture</li> <li>○ Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary</li> </ul> <p>Liturgical Prayer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appreciates need for silence in prayer</li> </ul>	<p>Church:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Explores ways the church has responded to cultures and societal needs down through the ages</li> <li>○ Recognizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the work of the church</li> <li>○ Examines the role of the laity since Vatican II</li> </ul> <p>Communion of Saints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Relates lives of saints, especially Mary, to personal journey of faith</li> </ul> <p>Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identifies roles of members of church community - laity, clergy, etc.</li> <li>○ Realizes the importance of principles of Catholic Social Teaching</li> <li>○ Recognizes the need to vote with a moral conscience</li> </ul>	<p>Community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discerns personal gifts and talents that can be used for the common good</li> <li>○ Identifies activities/ministries that involve youth</li> <li>○ Identifies persons whose lives exemplify the Law of Love (corporal and spiritual works of mercy)</li> </ul>
<b>Scripture</b>		
<p>John 20:1-10 – The Resurrection from the Dead            Matthew 28:16-20 – The Ascension            Acts 2:1-11 – The Descent of the Holy Spirit            Luke 1:45-56 – The Assumption of Mary            Revelation 12 – The Coronation of Mary</p>	<p>Isaiah 11:1-5 – Gifts of the Holy Spirit            Galatians 5:22-23 – Fruits of the Holy Spirit            Luke 6:43-45 – A Tree is Known by its Fruit</p>	
<b>Vocabulary</b>		
<p>Ascension Assumption</p>	<p>Clergy Dogma Infallibility Laity Magisterium</p>	<p>Empathy Gratitude <i>Lumen Gentium</i> Outreach Vatican II</p>