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A Brief Doctrinal Outline of the Liturgical Year

Some of you may still be asking "Does the liturgical year really get in all Catholic teaching in its entirety?" The answer is—"Absolutely!" Consider the focus of the liturgical seasons.

ADVENT CELEBRATES

- the reign of God,
- eschatology,
- the coming of Christ in history, in our lives, and at the Parousia.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATES

- the incarnation,
- the manifestation of God,
- Mary, disciple and model for the Church,
- holy family,
- Jesus' baptism,
- and Christology.

LENT CELEBRATES

- baptismal, penitential, and eucharistic preparation,
- conversion,
- renewal,
- the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,
- Transfiguration,
- sin in personal and social forms,
- and grace.

HOLY WEEK AND THE EASTER

TRIDUUM celebrate, remember, and make present the paschal mystery (as does every liturgical celebration).

THE TRIDUUM ALSO CELEBRATES

- redemption,
- Eucharist,
- baptism,
- confirmation,
- initiation,
- service,
- death and resurrection,
- salvation history,
- justice,
- priesthood,
- and the symbols of the church.

EASTER CELEBRATES

- resurrection and ascension of the Lord,
- his post-resurrection appearances,
- the Holy Spirit,
- ecclesiology,
- discipleship,
- evangelization,
- paschal mystery,
- and Pentecost.

ORDINARY TIME CELEBRATES AND EMBODIES

- the paschal mystery,

- Trinity,
- Eucharist,
- Christian witness,
- faith,
- images of God,
- Catholic moral teaching,
- Catholic social teaching,
- ecumenism,
- sacraments and sacramentality,
- moral decision making,
- Beatitudes,
- Creed,
- the Lord's Prayer,
- Ten Commandments,
- vocation,
- stewardship,
- discipleship,
- communion of saints,
- death and resurrection,
- reign of God,
- human dignity,
- Mary, Mother of God
- as well as all of the above mentioned seasonal issues.

If one were to compare these possibilities with the deposit of faith set forth in the Catechism of the Catholic Church I daresay little has been left out.