

Catechetical Guidelines

Grade 6

Doctrine

- Explain that faith is God's gift and our lifelong response to God who calls all people into a loving relationship with God's self.
- Explain that a creed is a pledge of belief in the central truths of our faith.
- Demonstrate an understanding of God's revelation through Scripture and Tradition and in our lives.
- Demonstrate an understanding that the creation stories in the Bible are not scientific accounts, but are intended to teach important truths of our faith: there is only one God; all of creation was made by God who is good and loving; human beings are created by God in God's image and likeness, with intellect and free will.

Scripture

- Demonstrate knowledge that authors of the Bible used many different ways to convey God's message.
- Name major figures in the development of God's relationship with the chosen people: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, etc.
- Explain the importance of the Exodus to the Israelites.
- Demonstrate knowledge that the Hebrew Scriptures is fulfilled in Jesus Christ as revealed in the New Testament.
- Demonstrate the ability to relate Scripture to one's life.

Sacraments and Liturgy

- Discuss the meaning of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and their relationship.
- Describe the scriptural origins of sacramental actions in the Sacraments of Initiation.
- Discuss similarities between the Passover meal and Eucharist.
- Describe the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.
- Explain the meaning of the church's feast of Pentecost.
- Describe the ways to prepare for the celebration of the Mass.
- Discuss the different ways people live out their Baptismal call to holiness (married life, ordained life, professed life and single life).

Prayer and Spirituality

- Examine their consciences to evaluate their relationships with God, self, the environment and others.
- Participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation.

- Demonstrate an understanding of different styles of prayer and recognize which style they prefer.
- Set aside a time to pray daily.
- Express the importance of being quiet in order to listen to God.
- Pray the Psalms.

To Be Learned By Heart

- Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.
- Recite the Apostles Creed.
- Recite the Moral and Theological Virtues.

Service/Mission

- Identify how they can practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.
- Plan and participate in a group service that meets the needs of the community and discuss its connection with the Gospel.
- Identify prophets of the Bible who spoke out against injustice and suffering and discuss how we are called to be prophetic in our day.
- Give examples of how Christians are instruments of God's grace to others.
- Give examples of the Church's contemporary missionary service in the United States and in other countries.