

**Task V: Catechesis Prepares the Christian to Live in Community
and to Participate in the Life & Mission of the Church
Diocese of Columbus: Religion Course of Study 2015**

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A. Spiritual Growth - Our community life is built on the understanding that humans grow and develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially as well as spiritually
Preschool

V. A. 1. Know that to be holy means to belong to God (CCC 2013; Mt 5:48)

Kindergarten

V. A. 1. Know that God calls all people to be holy (CCC 2013; Mt 5:48)

First Grade

V. A. 1. Know that it is God's plan for people to grow in holiness (CCC 2013-2015, 2813; Lk 2:40, 52)

V. A. 2. Know that God gives grace to help people to grow more like him (CCC 2021-2023)

Second Grade

V. A. 1. Understand that people grow in holiness, just as they grow in other ways (CCC 2813; 1 Cor 13:11-12)

V. A. 2. Know that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist are necessary for one to grow in holiness (CCC 1325-1327, 1468; Mt 5:23-26; **CFCL I.A.28**)

Third Grade

V. A. 1. Identify some examples in Scripture of God's invitation to change and grow, e.g., 1 Sam 2:26; Lk 2:39-40

V. A. 2. Know that participation in the sacraments helps the Christian community grow in holiness

V. A. 3. **Know that we grow in holiness when we are able to control our bodies and our emotions (CFCL I.A.22, 24)**

Fourth Grade

V. A. 1. Recognize that knowledge, study, **dedication** and practice of one's faith are integral to growth in holiness (**CFCL I.A.22**)

V. A. 2. Recognize that one responds to the love of God by growing in relationship with God, others, self, and all creation

Fifth Grade

V. A. 1. Know that the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love are God's gifts that enable one to grow in holiness (CCC 1812ff; **CFCL I.A.15**)

V. A. 2. Know that we grow in holiness as we develop good habits

V. A. 3. **Understand the terms "self-mastery and self-control" as they relate to a life of virtue and spiritual growth (CFCL I.A.22, 24)**

- V. A. 4. Understand that a life of prayer is essential to spiritual growth (CCC 2744-2745)

Sixth Grade

- V.A.1. Know that prayer and study are essential for growth in discipleship (CCC 2744; **CFCL I.A.14**)
- V.A.2. **Know that chastity, like all virtues, requires perseverance and training our freedom to choose the good (CFCL I.A. 22)**
- V.A.3. **Identify ways the practice of chastity helps us grow in holiness (CFCL I.A.25)**

Seventh Grade

- V.A.1. Describe how the gifts of the Spirit, given in the Sacrament of Confirmation foster spiritual growth (CCC 736, 1303, 1316)
- V.A.2. Explain how participation in community supports and sustains spiritual growth (CCC 2182)
- V.A.3. **Know that when we use our freedom to act rightly, and resist temptation we experience growth in holiness (CFCL I.A.22)**

Eighth Grade

- V.A.1. Describe how **the Holy Spirit's action in** Sacrament of Confirmation supports spiritual growth in both the individual and the community (CCC 1316; **CFCL I.A.16**)
- V.A.2. **Know that one must re-commit daily to the practice of virtue and the life of prayer (CFCL I.A.22, 24)**
- V.A.3. **Understand that Confirmation in not a graduation from the faith, but a deeper commitment to a life of discipleship and spiritual growth**
- V.A.4. Know that we grow in virtue and discipleship through education, deliberate actions and perseverance in the good. (CCC 1810, **CFCL I.A.22**)

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B. Relationships and Responsibilities - In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that, living together in the Kingdom of God, we must grow in understanding, compassion, concern for the least, and mutual charity

Preschool

- V. B. 1. Know that one must show love to one's family and friends (Col 3:12-17; **CFCL I.A.1)**

Kindergarten

- V. B. 1. Know that Jesus wants us to show love and kindness to all (Col 3:12-17; **CFCL I.A.1)**

First Grade

- V.B.1. Identify some ways Jesus shows people how to love God, each other, and creation (CCC 2407, 2415-2418; Gn 1:26; Lk 10:25-28)
- V.B.2. Understand that feelings are natural and necessary in building relationships with God, self, and others
- V.B.3. **Understand that our bodies are gifts from God and must be treated with respect (CFCL I.A.24)**

Second Grade

- V. B. 1. Understand that we show love for God by the way we treat others (Mt 25:31-46)
- V. B. 2. Know that feelings are natural and necessary but one must make good choices about how to use them (**CFCL I.A.22)**
- V. B. 3. **Understand that each person is unique, made by God and must be treated with respect and compassion (CFCL I.A.1)**
- V. B. 4. **Know that our bodies and the bodies of others are "Temples of the Holy Spirit" (CFCL I.A.24)**

Third Grade

- V. B. 1. Know that God gives special gifts to every person **to be used** for the good of the community (CCC 2003; 1 Cor 12:4-26)
- V. B. 2. **Know that despite the differences between persons (race, ethnicity, gender, faith, ability) all people must be respected and treated with charity (CFCL I.A.1)**
- V. B. 3. **Know that through prayer and the practice of good actions we can grow in our ability to love and serve others (CFCL I.A.24)**

Fourth Grade

- V. B. 1. Explain how the Ten Commandments are guidelines for relationships with God and other people (CCC 1955, 2061-2062)
- V. B. 2. Explain how the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation restores a healthy relationship with God and others (CCC 1469)
- V. B. 3. **Understand that there are times when we need to sacrifice our wants and desires for the good of others (CFCL I.A.24, 25)**

Fifth Grade

- V. B. 1. Describe the nature and responsibilities of Christian friendship (CCC 1829, 1939, 2347)
- V. B. 2. Define the “common good” as understood by the Catholic Church (CCC 1905-1909)
- V. B. 3. **Recall that because our bodies are “temples of the Holy Spirit” they must be treated with respect. (i.e. physical, emotional and sexual health; and personal identity) (CFCL I.A.24)**

Sixth Grade

- V.B.1. Know the Christian responsibility to promote the common good (CCC 1905-1912)
- V.B.2. **Identify how the virtue of chastity helps us live in right relationship with ourselves and others (e.g., modesty of dress, treating our bodies with respect, loving each other appropriately, practicing temperance) (CFCL I.A.20, 24, 25)**

Seventh Grade

- V.B.1. Know that a disciple has a responsibility to participate in “social interchange” that promotes the common good (CCC 1913-1917)
- V.B.2. Explain why the Eucharist commits us to service of the poor (CCC 1397-98)

Eighth Grade

- V.B.1. Describe how Christian values and virtues are foundational in forming, strengthening and maintaining healthy relationships
- V.B.3. **Identify how the virtue of chastity perfects our expression of love (CFCL I.A.24, 25)**
- V.B.2. **Discuss how the power of the Holy Spirit can help one practice the virtues in our relationships with others and in our responsibility to care for all persons and creation**

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C. Marriage and Family Life—Domestic Church - Our family life is the church of the home, where we learn to love God and care for each other

Preschool

- V. C. 1. Identify the Holy Family: Jesus; Mary; and Joseph (CCC 1655; Lk 2:39-52)
- V. C. 2. Recognize that one's family is a special gift from God (CCC 2206)

Kindergarten

- V. C. 1. Identify the Holy Family : Jesus; Mary, his mother; and Joseph, her spouse (CCC 532, 1655; Lk 2:39-52)
- V. C. 2. Know that each family is a gift from God (CCC 2206)
- V. C. 3. Understand that in a family the members are called to love and care for each other

First Grade

- V. C. 1. Know that **the Annunciation is when** Mary said “yes” to God’s invitation to be the mother of Jesus (CCC 484-486, 490; Lk 1:26-38)
- V. C. 2. Know that Joseph is the foster father of Jesus (CCC 437)
- V. C. 3. Know that the family is where one first learns to pray (CCC 2204-2206)

Second Grade

- V. C. 1. Know that the Holy Family is a model for all families (CCC 532)
- V. C. 2. Understand that marriage is a sacrament (CCC 1601)
- V. C. 3. Know that children are a gift from God (Ps 127:3)
- V. C. 4. Know that children must obey their parents (CCC 2214-2217; Ep 6:1)
- V. C. 5. Know that daily prayer helps the family grow in holiness (CCC 2205)

Third Grade

- V. C. 1. Identify the family as the “domestic church” (CCC 2685)
- V. C. 2. Recognize Jesus’ obedience to his parents as an example for all (CCC 531-533)
- V. C. 3. Know that the family is a reflection of the communal love of the Trinity (CCC 2205)

Fourth Grade

- V. C. 1. Explain the concept of the family as the domestic church (a place of faith, hope, and charity) (CCC 2204)
- V. C. 2. Recognize that God made men and women equal in dignity (CCC 2203, **CFCL I.A.2**)
- V. C. 3. Know that families cooperate with God’s work of creation in **bearing, raising and educating children** (CCC 2205)
- V. C. 4. Know that families are called to witness to the Gospel to each other and to the larger community (CCC 2207-2210)

Fifth Grade

- V. C. 1. Understand the importance of family life for the individual and for society as a whole (CCC 2207-2213; **CFCL I.A.29**)

- V. C. 2. Know that the **mutual self-gift** and love of husband and wife is an image of the **unconditional** love between Christ and his Church (CCC 1612-1617; Eph 5:25-26; 31-33; **CFCL I.A.29**)
- V. C. 3. Know that marriage is a sacrament between one man and one woman (CCC 1601)
- V. C. 4. Know that married couples are called to live chastity as an example to the world of authentic love (**CFCL I.A.30**)

Sixth Grade

- V.C.1. Identify the two purposes for marriage: mutual benefit of the spouses; and procreation and education of children (CCC 2201)
- V.C.2. **Know that married love that is life-long, exclusive, and open to children is an image of Trinitarian love (CCC 2205; CFCL I.A.2, 29)**
- V.C.3. Understand that human sexuality is a gift from God and **is expressed** in our identity as man or woman (CCC 2361-2362, 2337; **CFCL I.A.2, 24**)

Seventh Grade

- V.C.1. Identify some responsibilities that parents have towards their children and that children have toward their parents (CCC 2214-2231)
- V.C.2. Understand why the Church teaches that sexual activity is reserved for marriage (CCC 2350, 2360-2363, 2390-2391; **CFCL I.A.29, 30**)
- V.C.3. Explain what is meant by the indissolubility of marriage (CCC 1614-1617)

Eighth Grade

- V.C.1. Explain the roles of consent, permanence, and fidelity in Christian marriage (CCC 1625-1629, 1638, 1646-1651; **CFCL I.A.29**)
- V.C.2. Describe the important roles of mutual love, respect, and the responsibilities of spouses toward each other and toward their children is an example of the love of the Trinity (CCC 1604, 1631; **CFCL I.A.29**)
- V.C.3. **Know and explain what the church teaches regarding homosexual unions. (CCC 1638ff; CFCL I.A.26 and I.B.8)**
- V.C.4. **Identify attitudes and behaviors that go against the virtue of chastity in family life (CCC 2351-2359, 2380-2381, 2389, 2400; CFCL I.A.26, I.B.1-9)**

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D. Faith Communities - Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal

Preschool

- V. D. 1. Know that God's family is called the Church (CCC 751)
- V. D. 2. Know baptism is the way to become a member of God's family (CCC 1213)

Kindergarten

- V. D. 1. Know that at baptism one becomes a member of God's family, the Church (CCC 1213)
- V. D. 2. Know that praying together at Mass is an important way that God's family comes together (CCC 1140-1141)

First Grade

- V. D. 1. Know that people become members of God's family, the Church, at baptism (CCC 1213)
- V. D. 2. Understand that those who believe in Jesus form God's true family, the Church (CCC 752; Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:32-35)
- V. D. 3. Identify God's family as consisting of people from all races, languages, and abilities (CCC 543; Mt 8:11)

Second Grade

- V. D. 1. Recall that baptism makes Christians children of God--brothers and sisters to each other, with God as our Father (CCC 804; Mt 12:50)
- V. D. 2. Know that when one receives the sacraments one participates more fully in the life of the Church (CCC 815)

Third Grade

- V. D. 1. Understand that all baptized Christians are members of the Church (CCC 836)
- V. D. 2. Know that one lives the Christian faith most fully within a community (CCC 1102, 1166; Acts 2:42)
- V. D. 3. Understand that liturgy builds community (CCC 1140)

Fourth Grade

- V. D. 1. Identify the Church as including all those living on earth, those in Heaven, and those in Purgatory (CCC 954)
- V. D. 2. Define the term "People of God" (CCC 781-782)
- V. D. 3. Know that the Apostle's Creed is an expression of the Church's faith (CCC 194)

Fifth Grade

- V. D. 1. Know that the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church is both personal and communal (CCC 1134)

Sixth Grade

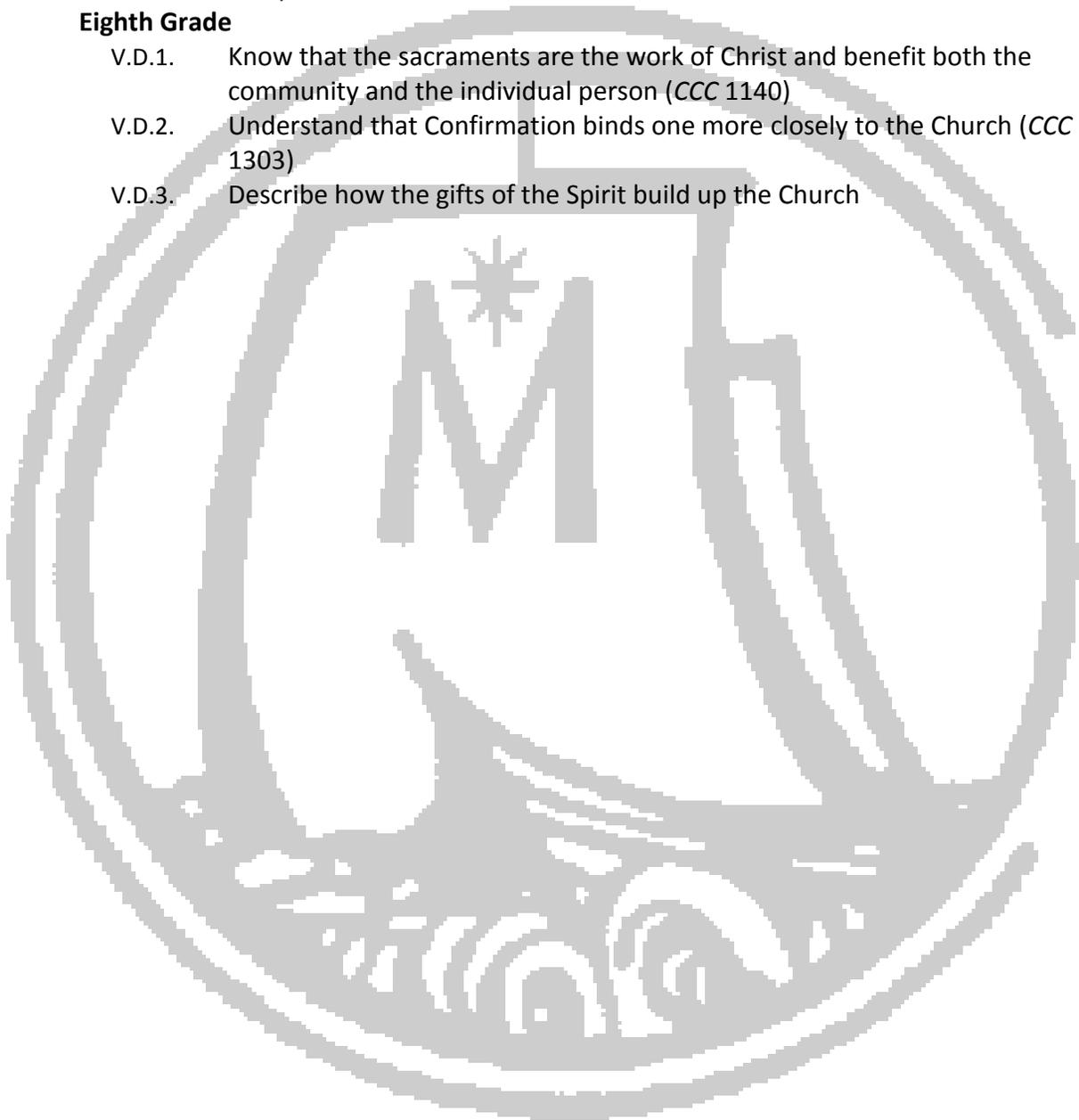
- V.D.1. Identify key stories in the Old Testament that exemplify God's forming the Hebrews/Israelites into his people, e.g., Abraham, Moses, David (CCC 762)

Seventh Grade

- V.D.1. Describe some of the unique characteristics of the Early Church communities (CCC 949-953; Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35; 2Thes 3:6-16)
- V.D.2. Examine ways in which adolescents can share in the work of the parish
- V.D.3. Define the term *sensus fidei*, or the “sense of faith” (CCC 92; Jn 16:13; 1Jn 2:20)

Eighth Grade

- V.D.1. Know that the sacraments are the work of Christ and benefit both the community and the individual person (CCC 1140)
- V.D.2. Understand that Confirmation binds one more closely to the Church (CCC 1303)
- V.D.3. Describe how the gifts of the Spirit build up the Church



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E. Nature and Mission of the Church - The Church is the family of God, sent to bring the Good News of Jesus to all people

Preschool

V. E. 1. Nothing at this age

Kindergarten

V. E. 1. Understand that God wants all to live in peace and love (CCC 543; Col 3:12-17)

V. E. 2. Know that the Church is God's family on earth (CCC 959)

First Grade

V.E.1 Know that God calls his Church to help build the Kingdom of God on earth (CCC 541, 567; Mt 6:33)

Second Grade

V. E. 1. Recall that Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God (CCC 541-542; Mk 1:14-15)

V. E. 2. Know that Jesus wants each person to help build the Kingdom (CCC 863; Mt 28:19-20)

V. E. 3. Know that church refers to both the "People of God" and a place of worship (CCC 1199)

V. E. 4. Know that the place where we celebrate our life in the Church is called a parish (CCC 2179)

V. E. 5. Know the names of the local pastor, local bishop, and the current pope

Third Grade

V. E. 1. Identify the term "Good News"—God's mercy and love revealed in the life death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (CCC 571; 2 Tm 2:8)

V. E. 2. Identify the responsibility of the Church to share the "Good News" through evangelization (CCC 1122; Mt 28:19)

V. E. 3. Know that the apostles were the first bishops of the Catholic Church (CCC 880)

V. E. 4. Know that a group of parishes, called a diocese, is headed by a bishop

V. E. 5. Know that the pope, the Bishop of Rome, is the head of the Catholic Church and a symbol of unity to the world (CCC 882)

Fourth Grade

V. E. 1. Know Jesus used parables to teach about the kingdom of God, e.g., the Good Samaritan, the Sower and the Seed, the Unforgiving Servant (CCC 546)

V. E. 2. Identify the Four Marks of the Church (CCC 813-865)

V. E. 3. Identify the priest as the leader of a parish and the bishop as leader of a diocese (CCC 2179)

Fifth Grade

- V. E. 1. Name the Four Marks of the Church (CCC 811ff)
- V. E. 2. Identify the Church as the Body of Christ continuing Christ's salvific action in the world (CCC1213; Col 2:24-29)
- V. E. 3. Understand that the Church's participation in the Paschal Mystery is expressed through her liturgical life and her service in the world (CCC 1134)

Sixth Grade

- V.E.1. Know that the Church continues Christ's mission of salvation for all through her ministries of teaching, healing, and service to others (CCC 763)
- V.E.2. The Church is the Bride of Christ and the mother of all God's children (CCC 796-808)
- V.E.3. Understand that the mission of the Catholic Church is to unify all people in Christ (CCC 810, 813-822)
- V.E.4. Define "infallibility" (CCC 890-892)

Seventh Grade

- V.E.1. Identify some of the New Testament stories of the Church's mission to share the Good News
- V.E.2. Know that the role of the Magisterium is to foster unity by expressing the authentic teaching of the Catholic Church (CCC 890)
- V.E.3. Know that the life and mission of the Catholic Church is expressed in different Rites (CCC 814)

Eighth Grade

- V.E.1. Identify the different bodies that carry out the teaching sanctifying and governing roles of the Church e.g., Roman Curia, USCCB, Local Archbishops and Bishops, priests (CCC 888-896)
- V.E.2. Explain what it means to say that the Magisterium is both servant and custodian of Scripture and Tradition (CCC 85-87)

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F. Ecumenism - We share in promoting the unity of all God's people as part of our fidelity to the Gospel

Preschool

V. F. 1. Nothing at this age

Kindergarten

V. F. 1. Nothing at this age

First Grade

V. F. 1. Nothing at this age

Second Grade

V. F. 1. Nothing at this age

Third Grade

V.F.1. Know that Christianity includes many faith traditions, including Catholicism (CCC 838)

Fourth Grade

V. F. 1. Know that all baptized Christians are brothers and sisters in Christ (CCC 838)

V. F. 2. Know that the *Our Father/Lord's Prayer* is the common prayer of Christians (CCC 2771; Mt 6:9-14)

Fifth Grade

V. F. 1. Know that Jesus calls all Christians to work together to build the Kingdom (CCC 820)

Sixth Grade

V.F.1. Know that all Christians are united in their belief in the Trinity, and in Jesus as the Son of God who came to save humanity from sin

Seventh Grade

V.F.1. Know that Christ desires unity for his Church and calls the faithful to work towards it (CCC 820-822; Jn 17:20-21)

Eighth Grade

V.F.1. Name some of the ways Catholics can respond to the call of Ecumenism (CCC 821)