OCIA Adapted for Children – Catechumenal Period
An Adapted Curriculum Outline

I. Story of Salvation History – Old and New Testament

a. Creation
b. Abraham
c. Moses
d. Prophets
e. Incarnation
f. Life of Christ
g. Paschal Mystery
h. Apostolic Age

II. Creed – Doctrinal Foundations

a. The 12 Articles of the Creed
b. Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
c. Jesus Christ
d. Four Marks of the Church
e. Mary and the Saints

III. Liturgy & the Seven Sacraments – Liturgical Foundations

a. The Holy Mass
b. The Liturgical Life
c. Overview of all the Sacraments
d. Baptism
e. Confirmation
f. Eucharist
g. Reconciliation
h. Anointing of the Sick
i. Matrimony
j. Holy Orders

IV. The 10 Commandments – Moral Foundations

a. Beatitudes
b. 10 Commandments
c. Conscience
d. Virtues: Theological, Cardinal, and Common
e. Vice/Sin: Venial and Mortal
f. Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

V. Christian Prayer and Catholic Life – Prayer Foundations

a. Our Father
b. The Expressions and ways of Prayer
c. Our Rote Prayers
d. Devotions and Pious Acts

Example Model for Immediate Application to the Christian Life[1]

A Father Keeps His Promises	Faith	Hope	Love
Salvation History Old Testament New Testament Covenant	Prudence, wisdom **Creed and Prayer** Articles of the Creed Prayers of Thanksgiving, petition, adoration, and praise	Courage, temperance **Liturgy and Prayer** Sacraments and sacramentals Mission and community Liturgical and intercessory prayer Lord's Prayer	Justice, piety **Moral Life and Prayer** Virtues, beatitudes, sin, mercy Contrition, repentance, and contemplation

"The whole concern of doctrine and its teaching must be directed to the love that never ends. Whether something is proposed for belief, for hop, or for action, the love of our Lord must always be made accessible, so that anyone can see that all the works of perfect Christian virtue spring from love and have no other objective than to arrive at love." (CCC 25) The overarching reality is that love is the principle on which all that must be believed is based, that love is the principle on which truth is based, that love is the principle on which behavior is based, love is the principle in helping us find the Way, the Truth, and the Life (cf. Jn. 14:6)

The harmony of the overall catechesis requires a "hierarchy of truths," in so far as that some truths are based on others as of a higher priority and are illumined by them. (GDC 114)

[1] Taken and Adapted from ACM's *RCIA Leader's Manual* - Section 3: Themes for Catechesis in Each of the Periods