

# Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines

Grade Four

## The Tasks of Catechesis

“**Jesus formed His disciples** by making known to them the various dimensions of the Kingdom of God. He entrusted to them ‘the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven’; He taught them how to pray; He opened His ‘meek and humble heart’ to them; and He sent them ‘ahead of him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit.’

The fundamental task of catechesis is to achieve this same objective: The formation of disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus instructed His disciples; He prayed with them, He showed them how to live; and He gave them His mission.”

*National Directory for Catechesis #20*

From this flows the Six Tasks of Catechesis:

1. Promoting the knowledge of the faith
2. Promoting the knowledge of the liturgy and sacraments
3. Promoting moral formation in Christ
4. Teaching the Christian how to pray
5. Preparing the Christian how to live in community
6. Promoting a missionary spirit

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**Goal for Grade Four:**

To help the children form their consciences according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, and to learn the basis of Christian morality taught in the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. –  
Goal content is developed in Task Three.

**Evangelization**

“The Church’s evangelizing activity consists of several essential elements: proclaiming Christ, preaching Christ, bearing witness to Christ, teaching Christ, and celebrating Christ’s sacraments.” *NCD #17*  
. . . Within the whole process of evangelization, “the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity.” *CT #5*

<b>Catechism</b>	<b>Foundational Truths of the Faith</b>	<b>Compendium</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27-30</li> <li>• 44-45</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God created each person to know and love Him. God imprinted His own image on each person.</li> <li>• True happiness in this life will occur to the extent that each person lives in communion with God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50-53</li> <li>• 68-69</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out of His goodness and wisdom God reveals Himself through the person of Jesus Christ. The life of Jesus teaches each person what it means to be fully human.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 65-66</li> <li>• 73</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus Christ reveals the way to true freedom and happiness. Following the teachings of Jesus prepares each person for eternal life with God in heaven. Pope John Paul II said, “Jesus reveals to us what it means to be fully human.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150-152</li> <li>• 176-178</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God gives us grace, His very own life. We respond to God’s grace and love by faith, accepting what God has revealed and saying “Yes,” entrusting ourselves to Him. Life with God is lived in union with the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25</li> <li>• 27</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 153, 50</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus is the <b>New Covenant</b>. He fulfills God's promise and is God's self-revelation. He is the <b>Son of God</b> and <b>savior</b> of humankind.</li> <li>• Jesus is the second person of the Trinity.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 480-482</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus is both fully human and fully <b>divine</b>. He is truly God and truly man.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark 1:10-11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 88, 89</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 437</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mary of Nazareth</b> is Jesus' mother. Joseph is Jesus' foster father. They are called the <b>Holy Family</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke 2:1-20 Nativity</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 564</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus came to show each person how to live and how to enter into a personal relationship with Him.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke 2:51</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 104</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 430</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus came to earth to save each person from their sin. The very name of Jesus means 'God Saves'. This is why Jesus is called our Savior. It is only through Jesus that each person receives <b>salvation</b>.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity, helps each person to live as Jesus wants them to live. Each person responds to God's love for them by loving Him above all and by loving others for His sake.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romans 5:5 Given the Holy Spirit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 422</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 350-351</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Angels</b> are <b>spiritual</b> creatures who help us. God gives each person an angel who protects and intercedes for them.</li> <li>• The angels are also messengers. Angels bring us messages from God. At the <b>Annunciation</b> the angel Gabriel came to Mary and announced she would be the Mother of God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew 18:10 Our angels see the face of God</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60-61</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray daily to your <b>guardian angel</b>. They serve God by helping each person on earth. They serve Christ by assisting Him in His mission to save all people.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 966</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary was born without original sin and was the mother of Christ, her body and <b>soul</b> was assumed into heaven. This is called the <b>Assumption</b>.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1007-1009</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each person must face the end of their earthly life. This is called death. Death is a result of the sin of Adam and Eve. Through Christ and the Church, death is transformed into a <b>blessing</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romans 6:23 Wages of sin is death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 206</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1011</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In death, God calls men and women to Himself. It is good to be unafraid to face death. In the words of St. Paul the Apostle, “I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippians 1:23 To be with Christ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 206</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage stories of those who have died in the families of the children. What is it like when a friend or family member dies?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the time of death we encounter Christ and experience the particular judgment. Depending upon how we have lived our lives, we will experience our final destiny which may be immediate or eventual eternal union with God or immediate eternal separation from God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew 25:45-46 Eternal life or eternal punishment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 208</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Feast of All Saints is celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup> and the Feast of All Souls on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discuss how this is a special commemoration of the <b>Communion of Saints</b>.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1023-1024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who die united to God through the grace of a faithful life will experience heaven. Heaven is a perfect life in <b>communion</b> and love with the Trinity, the Blessed Mother, all the angels and <b>saints</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1Thes. 4:13-18 Hope for the dead</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 209</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage a discussion about heaven. Heaven will never end as life on earth does. In heaven there is only love.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1030-1031</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who die in God’s grace but still must undergo <b>purification</b> will experience <b>purgatory</b>. This is where one must be purified of sin and its effects so as to enter into the Eternal <b>Kingdom of God</b> forever.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Peter 1:6-7 Cleansing fire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 210</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss what it means to purify water. How does purgatory purify?</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1033-1034</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who have chosen in life to reject God are without love. They choose to exclude themselves from communion with God for all eternity. This eternal life without God is called <b>hell</b>. Hell is the state of separation from God because each person is born with a desire for God. For this reason, pain of hell is sometimes likened to fire, however, the ‘fire’ of hell is not physical, material fire.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 John 3:14-15 Without love there is death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 212</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage a discussion about separation from those we love most. Explain the Church’s belief that hell is not fire but the state of eternal separation from God.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1038-1039</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the end of time there will be the <b>last judgment</b>. All people, whether good or bad, will be gathered before Christ. In the presence of Christ the truth of each person’s life with God will be laid bare. Only God knows the day or the hour.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew 5:31-33 The Last Judgment</li> <li>• Matthew 13:36-43 Meaning of the Parable of the Weeds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 214</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 946-948</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Communion of Saints is a special union of the members of the Church on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. Because of this each person on earth can ask for the saints’ intercession. This union allows each person to pray for those on earth and those in purgatory.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 194-195</li> </ul>	

<b>Task Two: Catechesis Promotes knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the sacraments.</b>				
<b>Catechism</b>	<b>Liturgical</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Compendium</b>	<b>Living the Christian Faith</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1066-1070</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Liturgy</b> is the celebration of the life of <b>Christ</b>. As members of God’s family, we <i>remember</i> why Christ came to earth. We <i>affirm</i> that Christ, <i>in our every day life</i>, is central to the life of a believing <b>Christian</b>. The Liturgy helps us to <i>hope for the future</i> that we will continue to make Christ central in our lives so</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 218-220</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1280</li> <li>• 1131</li> <li>• 1275</li> <li>• 1277</li> <li>• 1213, 1263</li> <li>• 1278</li> </ul>	<p>that we may look forward to <b>Eternal Life</b> with God in heaven.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the Liturgy of the Eucharist we <b>worship</b> God each Sunday at <b>Mass</b>. This Liturgy has two parts: the <b>Liturgy of the Word</b> and the <b>Liturgy of the Eucharist</b>. In the Liturgy of the Word there are readings from the <b>Sacred Scriptures</b>, the Old and New Testaments and a <b>homily</b>. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is another way of talking about the <b>Sacrament of the Eucharist</b>.</li> <li>• The <b>Sacraments</b> are the means through which God gives His life to each person through <b>grace</b>.</li> <li>• The Sacraments are an outward sign of God's love and mercy.</li> <li>• The <b>Sacraments of Initiation</b> are: <b>Baptism, Confirmation</b> and <b>Eucharist</b>. They are the foundations of Christian life.</li> <li>• <b>BAPTISM</b> is new life in Christ. It is necessary for eternal life with God and makes us members of the <b>Catholic Church</b>.</li> <li>• Baptism is the gateway to the other sacraments. It cleanses our soul of <b>original sin</b>.</li> <li>• At each person's Baptism they are immersed in <b>water</b> or water is poured over their head.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Keep Holy the <b>Sabbath</b></li> <li>• Matthew 3:11 John the Baptist</li> <li>• Romans 6:1-4 Life in Christ, not in sin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 453</li> <li>• 224</li> <li>• 252</li> <li>• 261, 263</li> <li>• 256, 263</li> <li>• 251</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage a growing awareness of the Sacramental life.</li> <li>• Help each child to identify the day of their Baptism – the day they received God's new life of grace. Ask them to name their <b>godparents</b>.</li> <li>• Help with the awareness of why water is used as a sign of God's life.</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1391-1392</li>   <li>• 1353</li>   <li>• 1376-1377, 1413</li>   <li>• 1413</li>   <li>• 1409</li> </ul>	<p>encounter with Christ through the Word of God proclaimed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Liturgy of the Eucharist;</b> Jesus gives Himself to each person as the Bread of Life. Jesus is <b>really</b> and <b>truly present</b>, Body and Blood in the Eucharist.</li>   <li>• <b>EUCCHARIST</b> The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the greatest of the seven sacraments.</li>   <li>• At the <b>epiclesis</b> the priest asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit so that the bread and the wine will become the <b>Body</b> and the <b>Blood of Jesus Christ</b>.</li>   <li>• At the <b>consecration</b> the priest raises the bread and wine in his hands and says the <b>Eucharist Prayer</b>. He prays, “this is my body, this is my blood” and at that moment bread and wine are changed into the Body of Christ and Blood of Christ. This is what we call <b>Transubstantiation</b>.</li>   <li>• We receive the Body and Blood of Christ to eat and drink.</li>   <li>• The Eucharist, which means <b>thanksgiving</b>, is praise and thanksgiving to God our Father.</li>   <li>• The Eucharist is a <b>memorial</b> of Christ’s life, passion, death and <b>resurrection</b> which becomes present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1Corinthians 11:23-26 Last Supper</li>               <li>• Mark 14:22-24 Last Supper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 271, 287</li>               <li>• 283, 277</li> </ul>	<p>listen to God’s Word.</p>         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help the children to understand why only the priest has the ability to transform the bread and wine into Christ’s Body and Blood.</li>   <li>• Recall with them how Christ is truly present to them. When they receive the consecrated host and wine.</li> </ul>
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	to us at every Mass.			
• 1415	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Eucharist is also a <b>sacrifice</b>. Because it represents (or makes present) the sacrifice of the cross. “The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are <i>one single sacrifice</i>.”</li> </ul>	• 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 To be worthy	• 291	• Discuss how sacrifices are made by parents for the good of their children.
• 1387	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive Christ in the Eucharist, one must be in the state of grace. This means to be free from any serious sins.</li> </ul>		• 291	• Fasting reminds us that we are called to depend on God. Discuss what this means.
• 1374-1379	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each person is required to <b>fast</b> from food and drink, except water and medicine, for one hour before receiving the Holy Eucharist.</li> </ul>		• 283, 277	
• 1425	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the Eucharist we experience the real presence of Christ when we receive His Body and Blood.</li> </ul>		• 297	• Make a resolution to go to Confession once a month. If you have serious sin, go as soon as possible.
• 1493, 1785	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>RECONCILIATION</b> The <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> or <b>Penance</b> is a gift to help each person strengthen their relationship with God because of their inclination to sin.</li> </ul>	• Ephesians 2:4-5 Brought to life in Christ	• 303, 374	• Assist children in understanding how one examines his or her <b>conscience</b> .
• 1431, 1490	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before a person receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation they must <b>examine their conscience</b>.</li> </ul>		• 300	
• 1495, 1441	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A person must have sorrow for sin and a desire not to sin again.</li> </ul>		• 307, 302	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the Sacrament of Reconciliation the <b>priest</b> takes the</li> </ul>	• John 20:21-23 Jesus gives His <b>Disciples</b> to		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1491</li>   <li>• 1461</li>   <li>• 1460, 1496</li> </ul>	<p>place of Christ. However, it is Christ, Himself through the action of the priest, who <b>forgives</b> sins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are four actions in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For the one receiving the Sacrament, there are three actions: <b>contrition</b>, <b>confession</b> of sins, and <b>reparation</b>. The priest performs the action of <b>absolution</b>.</li>   <li>• Our sins are absolved in the name of the Trinity by the priest. The prayer the priest says is, "I absolve you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".</li>   <li>• Each person must make reparation by doing the act of penance given by the priest after absolution.</li>   <li>• The Sacrament of Penance reconciles us with God and the Church, and strengthens us to love God and others.</li>   <li>• How to make a good confession: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When entering the confessional kneel or sit and wait for the priest to speak. The priest will begin with "In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."</li>   <li>• Next, the priest will invite the penitent to confess their sins. At this time the penitent responds, "Bless me father, for I have sinned. It has been _____ weeks/months since my last</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>power to forgive sins.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John 8:7-11 Sin no more</li>   <li>• Matthew 16:19 "Whatever you bind on earth..."</li>   <li>• Luke 4:19 Year of the Lord's favor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 303</li>   <li>• 307</li>   <li>• 310</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the 'Sign of the Cross'. Who are these three persons?</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1194</li> <li>• 524</li> </ul>	<p>confession. My sins are _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once the penitent has confessed his or her sins the priest will give direction which will help the penitent to avoid sin in the future.</li> <li>• Next he will ask the penitent to pray the Act of Contrition. If the penitent does not know the whole prayer or forgets it he or she can tell the priest and the priest will help.</li> <li>• After the penitent prays the Act of Contrition, the priest will extend his hand and pray the Prayer of Absolution. Once he is finished with this prayer he will say “go in peace” or something similar; the penitent will reply, “Amen.”</li> <li>• If a person gets confused at any point during their confession they should let the priest know and the priest will help them to make a good confession.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church has a <b>liturgical year</b>. The central focus and mystery of this holy year is the person of Jesus Christ. By following the Church through various seasons of this liturgical year, people are called to continually grow in their understanding of Christ and to follow Him.</li> <li>• The liturgical year has five seasons. The liturgical year begins with the <b>Advent</b> season</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 242</li> <li>• 102</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage an understanding of special feasts celebrated by the Church. Relate them to the life of Christ.</li> <li>• Use <b>liturgical colors</b> to explain the liturgical seasons.</li> </ul>
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	<p>which prepares for the coming of Christ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Christmas</b> season celebrates the Birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus fulfills the hope of the Old Testament. The Christmas season ends with the Baptism of Jesus.</li> <li>• <b>Ordinary Time</b> has two periods. The first begins with the Sunday after <b>Epiphany</b> until the beginning of <b>Lent</b>. The second period begins after <b>Pentecost</b> and ends with the liturgical year, which is the Feast of Christ the King.</li> <li>• The Lenten season begins with <b>Ash Wednesday</b> and ends with the death and resurrection of Christ.</li> <li>• The week before Easter is known as <b>Holy Week</b>. During this week the Church prays and fasts in remembrance of Christ's <b>crucifixion</b>. On <b>Holy Thursday</b> the Church celebrates the <b>Last Supper</b> where Christ gathered with His <b>apostles</b> and instituted the Eucharist and the Priesthood. On <b>Good Friday</b> the Church recalls Christ's sacrifice on the cross.</li> <li>• The <b>Easter</b> season celebrates Christ rising from the dead. It is a joyous time lasting for 50 days. Easter Sunday is the greatest feast of the liturgical year.</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Sacred Scripture from Matthew 2:1-12 and discuss.</li> <li>• Help the children to understand that the green <b>vestments</b> are worn during Ordinary time.</li> <li>• Discuss the sign of ashes on Ash Wednesday.</li> <li>• Explain the <b>Paschal Candle</b>. Discuss the Easter symbols – the egg and the lilies.</li> </ul>
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**Task Three: Catechesis Promotes moral formation in Jesus Christ.**

Catechism	Moral	Scripture	Compendium	Living the Christian Faith
• 2064-2068	• The Church teaches how to live a moral life.		• 438	
• 357	• God made each person in His image; each person has a mind and a <b>free will</b> ; each person can use their mind and free will to make choices to love or not to love.	• Genesis 1:27 Made in the image of God	• 66	• Do good things and experience God's joy.
• 1778, 1784	• A person's conscience helps them to recognize what is right and wrong.  • We should take time to think and listen to our conscience before we act.	• Genesis 3:1-24 The Fall of Man	• 372, 374	• Make a special effort to listen to your conscience when you struggle to do what is right.
• 1853	• A person sins when he or she disobeys God and God's law.		• 393	• Pray often for the grace to love and choose what is good and true.
• 1868	• <b>Personal sin</b> is any thought, word, or action contrary to God's law. A person may sin by failing to do something that they ought to do. This is known as a <b>sin of omission</b> . A person must freely and knowingly choose the wrong to commit a sin. A person cannot sin by accident.		• 399	
• 1493,1861	• There are two types of sin. <b>Mortal sin</b> breaks our relationship with God. Sanctifying grace no longer dwells in the soul.	• Genesis 4:1-16 Cain and Abel	• 395	
• 1858-1859	• For a sin to be mortal all 3 conditions must be met: - It must be a serious offense against God. - You must know it is wrong. - You must freely choose to do it anyway.			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1863</li> <li>• 2052-2054</li> <li>• 2061</li> <li>• 2084-2132</li> <li>• 2142-2159</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Less serious sins are called <b>venial sins</b>. Although venial sins do not break our relationship with God completely, they harm this relationship and weaken our will.</li> <li>• God gave His <b>Chosen People</b> the <b>Ten Commandments</b> so that they could understand how to live their part of the <b>covenant</b>.</li> <li>• A covenant is an agreement between God and His people. God's part of the covenant is unfailing love and faithfulness. We respond to God by obeying the Ten Commandments and living out the <b>Beatitudes</b>.</li> <li>• God's First Commandment states "I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Each person should live the First Commandment by worshiping God, by trusting in Him and praying to Him.</li> <li>~ Jesus shows each person how to love God above all things.</li> <li>~ Each person is called to love God above all else.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• God's Second Commandment states "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Each person should obey the Second Commandment by honoring God and His name in a respectful way.</li> <li>~ A person is called to use God's name with <b>reverence</b> at all times.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John 14:15 Obey the Commands</li> <li>• Exodus 19:3-6 Moses at Mt. Sinai</li> <li>• Exodus 20:2-6 The 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment</li> <li>• Exodus 20:7 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 396</li> <li>• 434</li> <li>• 437</li> <li>• 442-446</li> <li>• 447-449</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think about the good laws society requires of us. Think of the harm done when people speed and injure others by accident.</li> <li>• Describe how important God is in your life. Give examples of 'strange gods'.</li> <li>• How do you feel when you hear God's name used disrespectfully?</li> <li>• When we make the Sign of the Cross we are using God's name with reverence.</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2168-2188</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God’s Third Commandment states “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Each person should obey this commandment by following the Church’s teaching that Sunday is the day of remembrance of Christ’s Resurrection.</li> <li>~ Each person is obliged to attend Mass, which is sharing in the <b>Paschal Mystery</b> and worshipping God.</li> <li>~ The Lord’s Day, the <b>Sabbath</b>, is a day of rest, a time to be together as a family and for leisure.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exodus 20:8-11 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 450-454</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many people do not take the Third Commandment seriously and do not go to Mass on Sunday. How can you help others to know the importance of this commandment?</li> <li>• Make a special effort to rest on Sundays with your family.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2197-2246</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God’s Fourth Commandment states “<b>Honor</b> your father and your mother.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ The family has a very special place in the life of the Church. The <b>vocation</b> of mothers and fathers is to recognize God’s image in each child and form them to live lives of goodness and virtue. Children are called to respect and obey their parents. Parents are to honor and respect their own parents, modeling for children a love for their grandparents.</li> <li>~ Children must learn to also respect other forms of authority in their lives.</li> <li>~ The Church calls the family the <b>‘domestic church.’</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exodus 20:12 The 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 455-465</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a special effort to respect your parents even when you do not want to obey.</li> <li>• If you have grandparents, make a special effort to love and help them.</li> <li>• Explain ‘other forms of authority’. How can you show respect to them?</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2258-2330</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God’s Fifth Commandment states, “You shall not kill.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Human life is sacred from the time a child is conceived in the womb of the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exodus 20:13 The 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 466-486</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Often we hear on the news about people who kill others. What happens to people who do these things?</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2331-2365 2380-2400</li> </ul>	<p>mother, until natural death. Life is precious. No one has the right to harm human life, emotionally, physically, or by killing at any stage of life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God’s Sixth Commandment states “You shall not commit <b>adultery</b>.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ Each person is created in the image of God.</li> <li>~ Husbands and wives are called to honor and love each other in a special way that belongs only in marriage. Husbands and wives make <b>vows</b> to each other in the <b>Sacrament of Matrimony</b>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exodus 20:14 The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 487-496, 502</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not injure your friends by physically hurting them. You can cause emotional injuries when you act mean or say bad things about friends.</li> <li>• Explain what is special about marriage.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2401-2463</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God’s Seventh Commandment states “You shall not steal.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ The Seventh Commandment teaches us that each person must respect the <b>dignity</b> of all people. Each person must respect all people and his or her property.</li> <li>~ Each person is also called to be a good steward of <b>creation</b> by taking care of all that God created in the world and not wasting the resources that He has given to us.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exodus 20:15 The 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 503-520</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not take what belongs to others. Do not steal money or get involved with others who want to destroy property or creation.</li> <li>• Give two examples of sins against the Seventh Commandment.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2464-2513</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God’s Eighth Commandment states “You shall not bear <b>false witness</b> against your neighbor.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ This Commandment teaches the necessity of a life led by the truth of the <b>Gospel</b>. A person offends this</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exodus 20:16 The 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 521-526</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What should you do when you hear gossip about another person? How does it feel to hear gossip about yourself?</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2514-2533</li> <li>• 2534-2557</li> <li>• 2055</li> </ul>	<p>commandment when they are not truthful and tell lies.  ~ Another person's name and reputation must never be dishonored by lies or <b>gossip</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God's Ninth Commandment states "You shall not <b>covet</b> your neighbor's wife."  ~ Each person is called to honor the marriage vows between a man and a woman by keeping a "pure heart" and practicing <b>modesty</b>.</li> <li>• God's Tenth Commandment states "You shall not covet your neighbor's goods."  ~ A person must not dwell on the desire to have wealth and riches.  ~ A person must not envy those who have wealth.  ~ Each person is called to trust that God will take care of all their needs.  ~ Each person should be led by their desire for God.</li> <li>• Jesus wanted to show how to live a happy life by keeping the Covenant. He gave us the two <b>Greatest Commandments</b> which sum up the Ten Commandments:  ~ The first, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind."  ~ And the second, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exodus 20:17 The 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment</li> <li>• Exodus 20:17 The 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment</li> <li>• Matthew 22:36-40 The Greatest Commandment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 527-530</li> <li>• 531-533</li> <li>• 435</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn to love the truth. Truth is good and beautiful. Avoid getting into the bad habit of telling lies.</li> <li>• Give away to the poor some of your belongings that you do not need.</li> <li>• Think of all the people in your school. Bullying other students is offending God. Speak up against being a bully and show by example that you can love others as yourself.</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1716-1729</li> <li>• 1717</li> <li>• 1718</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the <b>Sermon on the Mount</b>, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes. They are at the heart of the teachings of Christ.</li> <li>• The Beatitudes are a source of hope. They guide all people to bear <b>witness</b> to and proclaim the Gospel in every aspect of life.</li> <li>• ‘Blessed’ means true happiness and joy that comes from knowing and believing that God is our Father. A person will have true spiritual joy and happiness if they live in accord with the teaching of Jesus.</li> <li>• The Beatitudes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ This is saying that people who know that they are created by God are happy and joyful. As God’s creature, a person must trust and depend on God receiving His graces.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Blessed are those who <b>mourn</b>, for they shall be comforted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ This is saying that people who realize that this life is only temporary are happy and joyful. Suffering and hardship are part of the journey because sin entered the world. By caring for others, forgiving others, and always choosing good, people will know the joy of God.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew 5:1-12 The Sermon on the Mount</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 359-362</li> <li>• 361</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discover a few of the saints who inspire you. Learn about their lives and think of ways you would like to be like them.</li> <li>• Watch the movie “Brother Son and Sister Moon”. This is a beautiful story of St. Francis of Assisi.</li> <li>• Read about St. Elizabeth of Hungary and how she devoted her life to the poor.</li> <li>• How can you care for the poor and suffering?</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blessed are the <b>meek</b>, for they will inherit the land. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ This is saying that people who are humble of heart are happy and joyful. They know their own weakness and their need for God. They know with God's help they must control their passions. They become meek when they depend upon God to help them to be good and wise at all times.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ This is saying that people who want total goodness more than anything else are happy and joyful. This demanding Beatitude is a continual wish and desire for goodness. This constant hunger for truth and doing what is right will bring great satisfaction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown <b>mercy</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ This is saying that people who can have empathy and understanding of what others are experiencing are happy and joyful. Their heart will respond with care and concern. God became man through Jesus, so that Jesus, during His human life, could touch people with His divine love.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ This is saying that people whose motives are truly good are happy and joyful. They want only to do good and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you do wrong is it hard to admit it? Humility helps us to face the truth. The meek person knows they need God's help. Give an example of meekness.</li> <li>• Think of a person you know who is not treated well. How should they be treated? Do something special for them and you will experience a deep happiness.</li> <li>• Blessed Theresa of Calcutta gave her life to caring for the poorest people in India. She helped dying people who were found on the streets. How was she 'Jesus' for them?</li> <li>• Who is the person in your life who wants the best for you and gives you unselfish love? What would your life be like without this person?</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1803, 1833</li> </ul>	<p>have an unselfish love in all they do. They only want the best for others. They will see God's goodness on earth and forever in heaven.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blessed are the <b>peacemakers</b>, for they will be called children of God. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ This is saying that people who make peace happen in their everyday lives are happy and joyful. They make the world a better place; they keep peace in their hearts, and have goodness and love in all their relationships with people.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ This is saying that people who can be like Jesus in everyday life are happy and joyful. They can suffer persecution as Jesus did. They choose Jesus over the world and all it offers. Others can be mean and say what is not true about them. They know in God's eyes what is true and they will find their happiness forever in heaven. They might have to stand alone on earth but they can be assured that Christ will be with them in a very special way.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Virtues</b> strengthen the moral life. A virtue is a good habit and a strong decision to do what is right.</li> <li>• Virtues need to be strengthened by constant practice. A virtuous person chooses to do good</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 377</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who have you heard of that most resembles a great peacemaker? Have you heard of them on the news? Share their story.</li> <li>• Do you know any saint who was a <b>martyr</b>? What martyr inspires you the most?</li> <li>• Practice making the virtues part of your life. Think about a habit that is wrong. Make a decision to change the bad habit. Focus on adopting a certain virtue. It takes 21 days of practicing a change so</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1812-1813</li> <li>• 1814</li> <li>• 1817</li> <li>• 1823</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Theological Virtues</b> are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ <b>Faith</b></li> <li>~ <b>Hope</b></li> <li>~ <b>Charity</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>The Theological Virtues</b> are supernatural gifts from God. A person cannot develop or strengthen these virtues on our own but must ask God for His grace and help.</li> <li>• <b>Faith</b> is believing in God. Through faith a person accepts the whole of God’s revelation and enters into a personal relationship with Him.</li> <li>• <b>Hope</b> allows us to trust that God will be true to His promises and those who live a holy life will have eternal life because God wills it.</li> <li>• <b>Charity</b>, or love, is the greatest of the virtues. It allows a person to love God and to love their neighbor out of love for God.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 384</li> <li>• 386</li> <li>• 387</li> <li>• 388</li> </ul>	
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<b>Task Four: Catechesis teaches the Christian how to pray with Christ.</b>				
<b>Catechism</b>	<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Compendium</b>	<b>Living the Christian Faith</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2566-2567</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every heart has a desire for God. God is constantly inviting us into a special relationship with Him. This begins and grows through constantly being attentive to the life of <b>prayer</b>.</li> <li>• Prayer is a conversation with God who loves us.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 535</li> </ul>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2617-2618 2676-2677</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A very special person to go to in prayer is <b>Mary</b>. She will <b>intercede</b> for each person with her son Jesus Christ. The “Hail Mary” is a special prayer to Mary because it tells who she is and asks her to pray for us during our life and at the time of our death.</li> <li>• The Rosary is a special prayer that asks for Mary’s help. In the rosary a person should recall the mysteries of Christ’s life. Some of these mysteries are special events in His life such as: His birth, His presentation in the Temple, His passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke 1:41-42 Elizabeth’s greeting to Mary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 546, 563</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slowly pray the “Hail Mary” stopping at each phrase and discussing what each phrase truly means.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2031</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An active prayer life is very important to leading a moral life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jude 1: 20-21 Pray to the Holy Spirit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 429</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for help from God when you are tempted to do wrong.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1742</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God's grace, when accepted, gives each person the strength always to do what is right and good.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 366</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank God for His grace when you do good.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2626, 2643</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are five types of prayer: <b>blessing</b> and <b>adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving</b> and <b>praise</b>.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 550</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intercede through prayer for people who are unkind.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2626</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The prayer of blessing is our response to God’s gifts. God blesses each person and is the source of all blessings. In return the human heart blesses God.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ephesians 1:3-6 Spiritual Blessings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 551</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray that you become a blessing for others.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2629</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the prayer of petition we ask God for forgiveness or various favors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke 11:9-13 Ask God for what we need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 553</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for families in countries where there is great poverty.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2637</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church prays the greatest prayer of thanksgiving through the Sacrament of the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1Thess 5:16-18 Give Thanks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 555</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be happy about going to Mass and praising God.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2639</li> </ul>	<p>Eucharist. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>creed</b> is a statement of things we believe. We pray the Nicene Creed at Mass.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psalm 33 “Praise of God’s Power and Providence”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 556</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think about what you love most about creation. What is your favorite flower, food, lake or animal? Thank God for this gift.</li> </ul>
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**Task Five: Catechesis prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.**

<b>Catechism</b>	<b>Community Life</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Compendium</b>	<b>Living the Christian Faith</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2, 1461, 2013</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the Old Testament God formed a community with the Israelites. The Israelites were the chosen people who lived a covenant relationship with God.</li> <li>• God created people to be social and have a need for one another. For this reason people live in various types of communities.</li> <li>• The Catholic Church is a universal community under the <b>pope</b> who represents Jesus on earth. The universal Catholic community believes in Jesus Christ and His place in the Blessed Trinity.</li> <li>• When we love each other we grow in love for God. When we love God we grow in love for each other.</li> <li>• A person cannot live alone because people need one another. The Church is a community of people who worship God and care for one</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the vocations of the Pope, bishop, priest and deacon. They are the leaders of the Catholic community.</li> <li>• Ask the students, what are some communities that they are part of?</li> <li>• The Catholic Church is in the United States, in Canada, in South America, and all the countries of the world.</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2179</li> <li>• 1566-1568</li> <li>• 2204; 2205</li> <li>• 2030, 957, 969</li> <li>• 2052, 6</li> </ul>	<p>another.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholics locally belong to a parish community where they come together to worship God and be fed spiritually.</li> <li>• Every <b>parish</b> has a <b>pastor</b> who is a priest. The name of our pastor is _____. He helps us to learn about and worship God in the celebration of the Mass.</li> <li>• Your class is a community who comes together to learn about Christ. Each person can follow the way of Christ by loving and being kind to all members of the class and not excluding anyone.</li> <li>• The family is a special community within the Church. The father and mother are equal before God. They have different but complementary roles. Children are a blessing from God. The family is an image of the Trinitarian communion.</li> <li>• The Virgin Mary and the saints are examples of living the faith of the Church.</li> <li>• Those who earnestly strive to follow God's law will be with God for all eternity in heaven.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Timothy 1:5-8 Hold fast to sound doctrine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 328-329</li> <li>• 456</li> <li>• 429, 195, 197</li> <li>• 434, 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is a parish a community?</li> <li>• Identify various parishes in the diocese.</li> <li>• How is a class at school a community?</li> <li>• How is a family a community?</li> <li>• We all belong to the Communion of Saints.</li> </ul>
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**Task Six: Catechesis promotes a missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in society.**

Catechism	Missionary Life	Scripture	Compendium	Living the Christian Faith
• 1271, 1273	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Missionary life is rooted in each person's baptismal call to serve other people. This missionary spirit is based in the reality that each person can offer service within their parish community by participating in activities that help other people.</li> <li>• Prayer is an important part of the missionary call. When the Church offers prayers at Mass on behalf of the missions we are living out this call. St. Thérèse of Lisieux is the patroness of the missions because of her prayers for the missions around the world.</li> </ul>			
• 2288	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We must care for the needs of all people, both bodily needs and spiritual needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew 5:43-48 Love your Enemies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 474</li> </ul>	
• 2448	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus gave us an example of love for the poor and suffering. We must put the needs of the poor first. When we love the poor, we love Jesus.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 520</li> </ul>	
• 1928-1933	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every human being is created in the image of God. Therefore we are all equal. God created us with many differences. Because all humans have equal dignity, each person must treat those who are different from them with respect.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 411-412</li> </ul>	
• 1785	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Catholic Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, supports our response to God's love by teaching us what is right. The Church helps us to form right consciences by giving us examples</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 374</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2044-2045</li> <li>• 2447</li> <li>• 2447</li> <li>• 1946,1269-1270</li> <li>• 767-769, 904-907</li> </ul>	<p>of those who have lived as <b>holy</b> people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Living a moral life is very important in sharing the Gospel. To proclaim Jesus, we must also live like Him. Our actions will tell people we are followers of Christ.</li> <li>• The <b>laity</b> of the Church must seek holiness by actively sharing their Faith with the world around them. One way to do this is through prayer, another way to do this is through acts of <b>service</b>.</li> <li>• We must love and care for people in both body and spirit. Each person can imitate Christ through practicing the <b>Spiritual Works of Mercy</b> such as instructing, advising, counseling, comforting, forgiving, and being patient when others mistreat them.</li> <li>• Each person can care for the physical needs of others by practicing the <b>Corporal Works of Mercy</b>. These are: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead.</li> <li>• Like the Apostles, all Christians are called to continue telling others about God and spreading the teachings of Jesus. We must pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance in this <b>mission</b>.</li> <li>• Some <b>missionaries</b> go to foreign countries to preach the Gospel and care for the poor. We must remember them in our prayers and acts of charity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke 10:29-37 Good Samaritan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 433</li> <li>• 520</li> <li>• 520</li> <li>• 263</li> <li>• 150, 190</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss the different service activities that the students can get involved with in their parish community.</li> <li>• Discuss examples of people who courageously do missionary work.</li> </ul>
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Catechism	In God's Image	Compendium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1723</li> <li>• 1786-1787</li> <li>• 1825</li> <li>• 1849,1855, 1872</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being a loving person is what will make each person truly happy, even though it is sometimes hard to love.</li> <li>• A person should always be aware of their feelings, but they must not always act on them. Love means doing what is right and good regardless of how we feel.</li> <li>• Each person is called to love all people, to help them and care for them, even though they might not like a particular person.</li> <li>• Each person must respect and honor their own body and the bodies of others because each person is a <b>Temple of the Holy Spirit</b>.</li> <li>• Sin not only offends God and hurts other people. It also hurts us. Sin lessens our ability to love, the very purpose for which God created us.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 362</li> <li>• 374</li> <li>• 388</li> <li>• 392, 395</li> </ul>

Catechism	Understanding the Catholic Church	Compendium
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1593</li> <li>• 944</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Structure -- Ordained and Religious</b> We are all called to live a life of holiness. For some Catholics this is a call to live out their lives making a special commitment to God and the service of His flock. Men who become bishops, priests and <b>deacons</b> are ordained; they receive the Sacrament of <b>Holy Orders</b>. The <b>Holy Father</b> is a <b>bishop</b>. He is the bishop of Rome and leader of the universal Church. The <b>Pope</b> assigns each bishop a <b>diocese</b> to shepherd. Each bishop assigns priests to serve at each parish. The bishop ordains deacons to serve the <b>people of God</b>. The religious life of brothers and sisters (<b>nuns</b>) is a <b>life consecrated</b> to God. This is characterized by a public profession of <b>poverty, chastity, and obedience</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 325</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2042-2043</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tradition -- Precepts of the Church</b> The <b>Precepts of the Church</b> set out to bring us a solid understanding of what our behavior should be as Catholic Christians. These principals guide us in our faith and actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attend Mass on Sundays and <b>Holy Days of Obligation</b>.</li> <li>▪ Go to Confession at least once a year.</li> <li>▪ Receive the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.</li> <li>▪ Observe days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.</li> <li>▪ Help provide for the needs of the Church.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 432</li> </ul>

<p><b>--Marks of the Church</b></p> <p>The Marks of the Church are four qualities that define the essential elements of the Church. These elements explain that the Church is one, holy, catholic, and <b>apostolic</b>.</p>
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**Inculturation – Promoting the Gospel in each Culture**

“Catechesis must **reflect an understanding of the culture** in which the learner lives and how the Gospel message can transform the culture. Inculturation involves **identifying the presence of God and traces of the Gospel message in a culture** and **discerning how the Gospel message can be brought effectively** to the people of that culture. A **catechesis of inculturation** means **presenting the teachings of the faith in a complete and authentic way in dialogue with the language, customs, and practices** of those to whom the Gospel is presented. The **cultural pluralism** in the United States is a positive value. **Distinct cultural identities** should be preserved while the unity of faith is promoted.” Inculturation will be illustrated through the lives of the Saints.

-**Leaders Guide** to the **National Directory for Catechesis** (Handout 2, Pg 22)

<b>Saints</b>				
Our Lady of Guadalupe	<b>Feast Day</b> December 12	Patroness of the Americas	Appeared to St. Juan Diego in what is now Mexico	The miracle of the tilma and the roses in December
St. Katherine Drexel	March 3	Founder of the Sisters of the <b>Blessed Sacrament</b>	Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Started the first missions for Native Americans
St. Bernadette	April 16	Lourdes, France Suffered with health problems as a child	On Feb. 11, 1858 a Beautiful Lady in white and blue appeared and spoke to Bernadette.	She was visited 17 other times by Our Lady. One visit resulted in Mary calling for her to dig in the mud, from which a spring came.
Pope Pius X	Aug. 21	259 <sup>th</sup> Pope	Venice, Italy	Began a liturgical renewal

St. Anthony of Padua	June 13	Doctor of the Church	Born in Portugal Known for his work in Italy	A Franciscan that became known as the "hammer of the heretics" and finder of lost things.
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha	July 14	Daughter of Mohawk Warrior	Born in Auriesville, NY	"Lily of the Mohawks" and first Native American declared Blessed

Other saints may be found on a Catholic website: [www.catholic-saints.info](http://www.catholic-saints.info) – or – [www.catholic.org/saints/](http://www.catholic.org/saints/)

Catechism	Traditions and Devotions	Compendium
• 971	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marian Devotion</b></p> <p>Make it a practice to pray a decade of the <b>rosary</b> together in class. Introduce the Glorious and Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.</p>	• 198
• 956, 1195	<p><b>All Saints Day</b> celebrates the lives of the saints. Study <b>patron saints</b>. Celebrate All Saint Day as a class. Introduce, in prayer or song, the Litany of Saints.</p>	• 195, 242
• 524	<p><b>Advent</b> is the beginning of the liturgical year. It is when we prepare for Jesus' coming. The liturgical color is purple. Create Classroom Advent Wreath to prepare for Christ. This tradition carries many symbols: the <i>circle of the wreath</i> represents God who is eternal, the <i>evergreen</i> represents Christ who is always living and gives us eternal life, the <i>holly berries</i> represent drops of Christ's saving blood, the <i>candles</i> represent the light of the world (Jesus) coming closer as we light each additional candle, the three <i>violet candles</i> represent repentance and preparation for the Birth of Christ, the <i>rose candle</i> represents <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>, a celebration of the Sunday half way to Christmas. Create a Jesse Tree which will trace the genealogy of Christ, "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse..." (Isaiah 11:1)</p>	• 102
• 525-526	<p><b>Christmas</b> is the celebration of the birth of Christ on earth. The liturgical color is white. Prepare a classroom nativity or crèche. The nativity was first arranged by St. Francis of Assisi. Explore Christmas in song. Investigate the meaning of lyrics, such as the 12 Days of Christmas, or have the students write their own songs about this season.</p>	• 103

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• 1438	<b>Lent</b> is the time of thinking about the sufferings of Christ on earth. The liturgical color is purple. The liturgical symbols of Lent are the crucifix, the crown of thorns, and the nail. Participate in a Lenten spiritual exercise.	• 301
• 1169	<b>Easter</b> is the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. It is the most important feast of the liturgical year. The liturgical color is white. The very special symbol of Easter is the paschal candle. Recognize the entire season; beginning with the Resurrection, the <b>Ascension</b> 40 days later and ending after 50 days with Pentecost. In addition, explain how the end of the Easter season, Pentecost, also marks the birth of the Church.	• 241

--- to be Memorized	Prayers	--- to be Introduced
<b>The Sign of the Cross</b>		<i>Simple Responses at Mass</i>
<b>Our Father</b>		<i>Spontaneous Prayers of Praise, Sorrow and Petition</i>
<b>The Hail Mary</b>		<i>The Sorrowful Mysteries</i>
<b>The Apostles' Creed</b>		<i>The Glorious Mysteries</i>
<b>Act of Contrition</b>		<i>Joyful Mysteries</i>
<b>Angel of God</b>		<i>Luminous Mysteries</i>
<b>The Glory Be To the Father</b>		<i>Act of Faith</i>
<b>Prayer before and after meals</b>		

<b>Signs and Symbols</b>	
<b>Altar</b>	<b>Ambo</b>
Ashes	<b>Baptismal Font</b>
Bread	<b>Chalice</b>
Christmas Crib	<b>Ciborium</b>
<b>Crucifix</b>	<b>Cruets</b>
Easter (Paschal) Candle	Exposition of the <b>Blessed Sacrament</b>
Fire	<b>Genuflecting/ Genuflect</b>
<b>Holy Water</b>	Incense
Kneeling	Lectionary
<b>Monstrance</b>	Pictures of the Saints
Prayer Corner/Table	Reconciliation Room/Confessional

Sanctuary	Sanctuary light
Sign of Peace	Stain Glass Windows
<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Statue of Mary
Statues	<b>Tabernacle</b>
Ten Commandments	The congregation / the people of God gathered
The presider / the priest or bishop	Wine

<b>New Vocabulary Words for Grade Four</b>		
Adoration	Adultery	Annunciation
Anointed	Apostolic	Assumption
Beatitudes	Chastity	Corporal Works of Mercy
Covet	Crucifixion	Dignity of the Human Person
Diocese	Domestic Church	Evil
False Witness	Fortitude	Glorious Mysteries
Good Friday	Gossip	Holy Father
Holy Thursday	Holy Week	Honor
Intercede	Intercession	Intercessory Prayer
Israel	Martyr	Meek
Modesty	Mourn	New Covenant
Obedience	Omission	Paschal Mystery
Patron Saints	Peacemaker	Petition
Poverty	Prayer Life	Precepts of the Church
Prudence	Religious	Reverence
Sabbath	Sacrament of Matrimony	Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance
Sacred Scripture	Sermon on the Mount	Sin of Omission
Sorrowful Mysteries	Spiritual	Spiritual Works of Mercy
Temperance	Temple of the Holy Spirit	Temptations
Thanksgiving	Vow	Witness

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### Vocabulary Words for Review from Kindergarten to Grade Three

<i>Absolution</i>	<i>Advent</i>	<i>All Saint's Day</i>
<i>All Soul's Day</i>	<i>Altar</i>	<i>Ambo</i>
<i>Amen</i>	<i>Angels</i>	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>
<i>Apostles</i>	<i>Ascension</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
<i>Baptism</i>	<i>Baptismal Font</i>	<i>Bethlehem</i>
<i>Bible</i>	<i>Bishop</i>	<i>Blessed Sacrament</i>
<i>Blessed Trinity</i>	<i>Blessing</i>	<i>Blood of Christ</i>
<i>Body of Christ</i>	<i>Canonize</i>	<i>Cardinal Virtues</i>
<i>Catholic</i>	<i>Chalice</i>	<i>Charity</i>
<i>Christ</i>	<i>Christian</i>	<i>Christian Initiation</i>
<i>Christmas</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>Ciborium</i>	<i>Commandment</i>	<i>Communion</i>
<i>Communion of Saints</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Confession</i>
<i>Confirmation</i>	<i>Conscience</i>	<i>Consecrate</i>
<i>Consecrated Life</i>	<i>Consecration</i>	<i>Contrition</i>
<i>Covenant</i>	<i>Creation</i>	<i>Creator</i>
<i>Creed</i>	<i>Crucifix / cross</i>	<i>Cruets</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>Disciples</i>	<i>Divine</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>Epiclesis</i>	<i>Epiphany</i>
<i>Eternal Life</i>	<i>Eucharist</i>	<i>Eucharistic Prayer</i>
<i>Evangelize</i>	<i>Examination of conscience</i>	<i>Faith</i>
<i>Fast</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Feast Day</i>
<i>Forgive</i>	<i>Free will</i>	<i>Genuflect</i>
<i>God</i>	<i>Godparents</i>	<i>Gospel reading</i>
<i>Grace</i>	<i>Great Commandment</i>	<i>Guardian angel</i>
<i>Heaven</i>	<i>Hell</i>	<i>Holy</i>
<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>Holy Day (of obligation)</i>	<i>Holy Family</i>
<i>Holy Orders</i>	<i>Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Holy Water</i>
<i>Homily</i>	<i>Hope</i>	<i>Host</i>
<i>Jesus</i>	<i>Joyful Mysteries</i>	<i>Justice</i>
<i>Kingdom of God</i>	<i>Laity</i>	<i>Last Judgment</i>
<i>Last Supper</i>	<i>Lent</i>	<i>Liturgical colors</i>
<i>Liturgical year</i>	<i>Liturgy</i>	<i>Liturgy of the Eucharist</i>
<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	<i>Lord's Prayer / Our Father</i>	<i>Love</i>

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<i>Luminous Mysteries</i>	<i>Marks of the Church</i>	<i>Mary</i>
<i>Mass</i>	<i>Memorial</i>	<i>Mercy</i>
<i>Mission</i>	<i>Missionaries</i>	<i>Monstrance</i>
<i>Mortal sin</i>	<i>Nazareth</i>	<i>New Testament</i>
<i>Nun</i>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>One</i>
<i>Ordained</i>	<i>Ordinary Time</i>	<i>Original sin</i>
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Parish name</i>
<i>Particular Judgment</i>	<i>Paschal Candle</i>	<i>Pastor</i>
<i>Penance</i>	<i>Pentecost</i>	<i>People of God</i>
<i>Personal sin</i>	<i>Pope</i>	<i>Praise</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Priest</i>	<i>Psalm</i>
<i>Purgatory</i>	<i>Purification</i>	<i>Real Presence</i>
<i>Reconciliation</i>	<i>Reparation</i>	<i>Resurrection</i>
<i>Rosary</i>	<i>Sacrament of Eucharist</i>	<i>Sacrament of Holy Orders</i>
<i>Sacraments</i>	<i>Sacraments of Initiation</i>	<i>Sacrifice</i>
<i>Saints</i>	<i>Salvation</i>	<i>Samaritan</i>
<i>Savior</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Sign of the Cross</i>
<i>Sin</i>	<i>Son of God</i>	<i>Soul</i>
<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	<i>Successors</i>	<i>Suffering</i>
<i>Tabernacle</i>	<i>Theological Virtues</i>	<i>Tradition</i>
<i>Transubstantiation</i>	<i>True Presence</i>	<i>Unity</i>
<i>Venial sin</i>	<i>Vestments</i>	<i>Virtue</i>
<i>Vocation</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Worship</i>

### **Fundamental Objectives for Evangelization**

1. "To foster in the heart of every believer an experience of personal conversion to Jesus Christ that leads to a personal renewal and greater participation in the Christian life in the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ."
2. "To encourage a greater knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and Sacred Tradition of the Church."
3. "To focus their efforts and resources on the conversion and renewal of every parish, especially through the implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults."

4. “To rededicate themselves to a liturgical renewal that develops a greater appreciation for the presence and power of Christ in the word of God and the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist, and a stronger commitment to celebrating the Eucharist each Sunday.”
5. “To make the evangelical and social justice dimensions of the Sunday Eucharist more explicit.”
6. “To call their people to a more effective integration of daily prayer in their lives, especially the ancient practice of praying the Psalms and the Church’s Liturgy of the Hours, contemplation of the mysteries of the life of Christ through the Rosary, and a greater reverence of the Eucharist through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.”
7. “To ensure that all Catholic institutions, especially parishes, are accessible and welcoming to all.”

“These pastoral directives for evangelization give catechesis in the United States a missionary dynamic that encourages us to continue to evangelize the culture, affirming what is compatible and challenging what is not:

Seeing both the ideals and the faults of our nation, we Catholics need to recognize how much our Catholic faith, for all it has received from American culture, still has to offer to our nation.

The ministry of catechesis, as an essential moment in the Church’s mission of evangelization, is a fundamental ecclesial service for the realization of the missionary mandate of Jesus here in the United States.”

**-National Directory for Catechesis** (#17E, Pg.52-53)