

Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines

Kindergarten

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.”

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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 Kindergarten:

Introduce the child to awareness of God as creator, the Holy Family, and stories of Jesus' life. –
Goal content is developed in Task One.

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*

Catechism	Foundational Truths of the Faith	Compendium
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 27-30• 44-45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• God created each person to know and love Him. God imprinted His own image on each person.• True happiness in this life will occur to the extent that each person lives in communion with God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50-53• 68-69	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 65-66• 73	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 150-152• 176-178	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25• 27

Six Tasks of Catechesis

Task 1: Catechesis Promotes knowledge of the faith.

Catechism	Content	Scripture	Compendium	Living the Christian Faith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 279-301, 338 • 339 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God the Father is the Creator of all. • Everything God created is good. • God created the gift of light and saw that it was good. • God created the sky and saw that it was good. • God created the oceans and seas. He created the land and filled it with many plants, fruits, and vegetables, and He saw that they were good. • God created the sun and the moon and saw that they were good. • God created the fish and birds and saw that they were good. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 1:1-31 Creation • Genesis 1:3-8; 1:14-18 • Genesis 1:10-12 • Genesis 1:16 • Genesis 1:21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52, 59 • 62 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the children to understand that God created the earth, creatures and humans. • Allow them to share ways they can help take care of the earth, the animals, the water, the air, the plants, and God's people. Topics to discuss with the children might be: loving people, recycling, pollution, and wild life preservation. • Share classroom snacks that would be grown in a garden. • Plant seeds with the children and show how sun and water effect their growth. • Display a picture of St. Francis. Explain that St. Francis taught that we can love God by taking care of the animals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2416 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created the land and all the creatures that crawl on the ground and saw that they were good. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 1:24-26 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 343 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created men and women, the highpoint of creation, and saw that they were good. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 1:26 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God gives us the gift of our five senses to experience His great creations. Take a nature walk and help the children try to experience all of God's creation through their
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 345 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When God finished creating the world he 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 1:31 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 358, 1721 • 441-445, 454, 461-470, 495, 509 • 733-736, 747 • 261 	<p>rested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created each person out of love and wants them to love Him and be with Him forever in heaven. • God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to show each person how to love God. Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead so each person can go to heaven. • God cares for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and cares for each person. • Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. • Jesus is truly God and truly man. • Jesus sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to help each person love God. Grace is God's love and life which helps each person to be good. • God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit together are the Blessed Trinity. Every prayer should begin with the Sign of the Cross. The prayer is: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen," • Angels are special friends of God whom He created to share His love. Each person has a Guardian Angel sent by God to help and protect them in this life. We cannot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John 10:1-21 The Good Shepherd • Luke 2:1-14 The Birth of Jesus • Luke 1:30-33 He "will be called the Son of the Most High" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 362 • 85 • 83-89, 95 • 145 • 44, 48 • 60-61 	<p>five senses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create name tags for each child that read: "God Loves (Name of Child)." • Create a bulletin board with Christ as the Good Shepherd. Have Him surrounded with sheep, each representing one of the children in the classroom. • Share the story of the Annunciation, Luke 1:26-38. • Use the story of St. Patrick and the shamrock to explain the Blessed Trinity. • Be sure to reinforce the use of the Sign of the Cross in prayer throughout the day. Make the connection that this is the prayer to the Trinity. • Every day each person should pray to their Guardian Angel. • Teach children the Guardian Angel prayer.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 498, 148-149, 501 	<p>see angels but they are present to us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God sent the Angel Gabriel to Mary to ask her to be the mother of Jesus. Mary loved God very much and said “yes” to God. Mary always wanted to do what would make God happy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 1:26-38 Mary agrees to be the mother of Jesus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 98, 94, 29, 100 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 531-532 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus grew up in a family. Mary was His mother and Joseph was His foster father. They lived in Nazareth. They loved God and loved each other so they are called the Holy Family. • Mary is our Heavenly Mother. She wants to help each person grow to know her son Jesus. Jesus loves His Mother, Mary, very much and wants us to honor her. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 2:39-52 The Holy Family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 104 • 100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the children share a loving story about their family. • Introduce the Hail Mary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many people who lived holy lives are called Saints. Saints are God’s special people and part of the family of the Church in heaven. They are Jesus’ friends and our friends. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 564 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell the story of St. Joseph.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 828, 945, 2030 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible is a special book that teaches God’s people about His creation. The Bible tells about God’s Chosen People, the Israelites; and about the life of Jesus. The Bible shows how to do God’s will. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Timothy 3:15-16 All scripture is inspired by God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the children understand that the Bible is very special and should be kept in a special place. At Mass, there are always special readings from the Bible.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 104 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible tells the story of God’s people. Each person is a part of that story. These are some of the stories of God loving and saving his people: 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose as many of these stories as you see appropriate for the children.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 131-133 	<p>Creation stories</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis 1:1-31 • Genesis 2:1-25 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the children if they have story books at home that tell or contain these Bible stories.

	Noah and the Ark	• Genesis 7:12- 8:20		
	Abraham and Sarah	• Genesis 21:1-8		
	Exodus	• Exodus 12:37-42		
	Calling of Samuel	• 1 Samuel 3:1-18		
	David and Goliath	• 1 Samuel 17:4-51		
	Jonah and the Whale	• Jonah 2:1-11		
	Daniel and the Lions' Den	• Daniel 6:2-29		
	The Christmas Story	• Luke 2:1-20		
	The Holy Family	• Luke 2:39-51		
	The Wedding at Cana	• John 2:1-11		
	Jesus blessing the little children	• Luke 18:15-17		
	The Prodigal Son	• Luke 15:11-32		
	The Good Shepherd	• John 10:1-21		
	The Last Supper	• Luke 22:14-20		
	The Resurrection	• Luke 24:1-12		

Task Two: Catechesis Promotes knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the sacraments.

Catechism	Liturgical	Scripture	Compendium	Living the Christian Faith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1131 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus gives the people of the Church the Sacraments to bring us God’s grace and help us love God. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 224-225 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1213, 1277, 1250-1252 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAPTISM After we are born we receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Each person becomes a child of God and a member of the Catholic Church. Each person receives God’s special grace of His life and love. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 252, 258 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell children to ask their parents about their Baptism. They can find out the date, the name of the Church and its location.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1253-1255 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At our baptism, our parents and godparents made promises for us and agreed to help us learn about God and keep those promises. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 259 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the children if they remember attending a baptism for a sibling, cousin, or friend.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1373-1375, 1413 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUCCHARIST In the Sacrament of the Eucharist Jesus comes to each person in a very special way. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 282 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about the promises of Baptism. • Ask the children who their god-parents are.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1352 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the Mass the priest puts his hands over the bread and wine. He asks God the Father to send the Holy Spirit to make the bread and wine holy. This is called the epiclesis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John 6:57 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have your pastor talk to the children about when the epiclesis and the consecration take place during the Mass.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1354 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next part of the Mass is called the Consecration. The priest consecrates the bread and wine and it becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus. The priest says, “this is my body, this is my blood.” 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 277 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1323, 1337-1340 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before He died Jesus ate a last meal with his apostles. This Last Supper was the first Eucharist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 22:14-20 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 272, 273, 276 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell children the story of the Last Supper and display an image.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1171-1194 • 1193, 2042 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Until we are able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist we can go up to receive a blessing from the priest. Young children can pray in their hearts that Jesus comes to them. • The Church Year is called the Liturgical Year. During the Liturgical Year the Church celebrates different seasons. Each season has a special color. The Liturgical Year starts with Advent. The other seasons are Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Times. • Each person is expected go to Mass every Sunday to praise God and to thank Him for all His gifts. At the Mass we celebrate God's love for us, the priest helps us learn about God. Each person must be attentive and learn to listen and be silent. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 242 • 241, 432 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show the children how they should cross their arms over their chest when they go up to receive a blessing at Communion. • Show the children the different Liturgical Colors and explain when each is used. Change the color of the classroom prayer corner according to Liturgical season. • Post the liturgical calendar. • Ask the children what color vestment the priest was wearing the previous Sunday.
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Task Three: Catechesis Promotes moral formation in Jesus Christ.				
Catechism	Moral	Scripture	Compendium	Living the Christian Faith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1872, 1731-1733 • 1490 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God graces us with His love. Each person can choose what is good or choose what is wrong. Each person can ask God to help them to choose what is good. Each person sins when he or she chooses what is wrong. • When a person chooses to do wrong it hurts their relationship with God. God will forgive each person if they tell God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 15:4-7 The Lost Sheep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 392, 363 • 300 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the children to understand that each day each person can choose to do what is good or wrong. Let them give examples of what is good and what is wrong. • Help the children to understand that God wants us to forgive others like He forgives us.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 606 • 2056 • 2055, 2142 • 2174-2176, 2168-2169, 2172 • 2214-2217, 2197, 2234 • 2464-2487, 2258, 2262, 2302 • 2288 	<p>they are sorry and ask Him to forgive them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus sacrificed His life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead so that each person's sins may be forgiven. Because Jesus died for each person they may some day go to heaven to be with Him. This makes Jesus our savior. • God gave Moses the Ten Commandments so that we would know how to show God we love Him and how to do good. • God wants each person to love Him and to love other people by being kind in word and action. • God wants each person to worship Him each Sunday at Mass. • God wants each person to obey their parents and other people in authority; such as priests, teachers and police officers. • God wants each person to always tell the truth. It is wrong to say hurtful things about other people. It is wrong to hurt someone on purpose. • God wants each person to respect the gift of their own bodies, and to never hurt the bodies of other people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark 10:45 Jesus gave His life as a ransom • Exodus 20:1 God gave Moses the Ten Commandments • Matthew 22:37-40 The Greatest Commandment • Exodus 20:8-11 The third commandment • Exodus 20:12 The forth commandment • Exodus 20:13;16 The fifth & eighth commandment • Exodus 20:15,17 The seventh, ninth & tenth commandments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 119 • 436 • 435, 447 • 450, 452-453 • 455, 459, 463 • 2464-2487, 2258, 2262, 2302, 521-523, 480 • 487 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the image of the crucifix to help the children understand why Christ suffered and died for each person. • Talk to the children about ways to be kind in word and action in their classroom community. • Ask the children to share ways that they obey or disobey their parents.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2401, 2534, 2408 • 1700 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God wants each person to respect the belongings of other people. It is also wrong to take or damage anything that belongs to another person. • God wants each person to treat everyone with respect because we are all God's children and are special to Him. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew 25:40 Care for one another. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 503, 508, 531 • 358 	
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Task Four: Catechesis teaches the Christian how to pray with Christ.

Catechism	Prayer	Scripture	Compendium	Living the Christian Faith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2599 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus listens to and talks with His Father. Jesus teaches us that each person must talk to Him and tell Him they love Him. This is called prayer. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 542 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage daily prayer which helps us to grow in our personal relationships with God.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2559 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We pray when we talk to God with our minds and hearts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 18:9-14 Be humble in prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 534 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain to the children how prayer strengthens God's divine life within each person.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2646 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We pray to ask God for His help. God wants us to ask for His help. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark 11:24, Matthew 7:7-8 Asking in Prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 553 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage each child to pray in the morning and before they go to bed at night.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2670 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Holy Spirit is sent by Jesus to make us holy. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 2:38 The Holy Spirit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 561 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about the Holy Spirit as the gift of love.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2682, 969 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We ask Mary, our Mother, to pray to Jesus for us. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 563, 197 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a prayer service in honor of Mary.

**Task Five: Catechesis prepares the Christian to live in community
and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.**

Catechism	Community Life	Scripture	Compendium	Living the Christian Faith
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 261 • 832, 833, 836 • 946, 828, 2683 • 2204-2205 • 2179 • 1566-1568 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are three persons in one God. They are identified as the Trinity, a community of persons. • We belong to a Church family. The Church is a community made up of the people of God lead by the priest. • Saints are special friends of Jesus who lived their lives doing God’s will. They now live in heaven and are part of our Church family. • The family is a special community within the Church. A family is made of a mother, father and children. We love and care for our families just as God loves and cares for His family the Church. • The parish is a community of people who gather with the priest at the parish church to praise and worship God. The name of our parish is _____. • Every parish has a pastor 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. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48, 44 • 167-168 • 165, 429, 564 • 456 • 328-329 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help children to see different types of communities in their daily lives. • Ask the children if they have a favorite saint. • Help the children to understand the importance of loving and respecting their mother and father, grandparents, and siblings. (Be sensitive to the fact that some children only live with one parent).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 833, 894 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our parish is one of many parishes in this community that make up our diocese. We are part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. A diocese is lead by a priest who is a bishop. The name of our Bishop is _____. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 167, 187 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show or display photographs of the Pastor, Bishop, and Pope.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 880-882 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pope is a bishop who is the head of all the dioceses of the Catholic Church. The Pope's name is _____. • He is the head of the family of the Church here on earth. The Pope lives in Rome, Italy, at Vatican City. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 182 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show a map of the world and let them see where Italy is.

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1823 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God calls us to share His love with all people. Each person can share God's love with our words or acts of service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark 16:15 Commissioning of the Apostles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 388 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do a small service project. Help a person in need. Discuss ways this can be done.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 905-906 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some people are missionaries and go to other countries to share God's love. • Each person can share God's love by doing acts of kindness towards our family and our friends. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 190 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell a story of a Catholic missionary. • Help the children to identify ways they can do acts of kindness at home and with loved ones.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2443-2444, 2462 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each person can share God's love by giving to the poor. God wants us to be fair by making sure that each person has what they need. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 10:30-37 Good Samaritan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 520 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the children begin to recognize why we give back some of our earnings to God.

• 2447	• Each person can share God's love by helping our neighbors, the sick and the elderly.		• 520	
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Catechism	In God's Image	Compendium
• 355 • 2822 • 1213-1216	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is our Father in heaven who created each one of us out of love for us. • Every person is a wonderful gift from God and should be loved. • Love means wanting to do what is right and good for another person. • We should ask God every day to help us to love. • In baptism we receive the special gift of grace from God which helps us to love like He loves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66-67 • 291 • 252

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)

Saints				
St. Gabriel	September 29 th	God's Messenger Angel	Patron Saint of postal workers	He was sent by God to give Mary the message that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus
Blessed Mother Mary	September 8 th	Mother of Jesus, the Son of God.	Jesus gave Mary to us to be our Mother, too. She shows us how to live our lives and say 'yes' to God.	Mary was conceived without original sin and was taken up to heaven body and soul at the end of her earthly life.

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Saint Joseph	March 19 th	Husband to Mary and Foster Father to Jesus	Patron Saint of fathers and carpenters	Joseph was asked by God to care for Mary and Jesus. He was a carpenter and loved God very much.
Saint Patrick	March 17 th	Patron Saint of Ireland	Taught people about the Trinity using a shamrock	He was a bishop and built the first Catholic church in Ireland.
Saint Nicholas	December 6 th	Born in Turkey; his feast day is celebrated around the world, especially in northern Europe; came to be known as Santa Claus	Patron Saint of Children	He always shared his money with the poor. He became a monk and then a Bishop

Other saints may be found on a Catholic website: www.catholic-saints.info – or – www.catholic.org/saints/

Catechism	Traditions and Devotions	Compendium
• 524	Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year. It is when we prepare for Jesus' coming. The liturgical color is purple. Have an Advent wreath or Jesse Tree in the classroom.	• 102
• 536	Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ on earth. The liturgical color is white. Have a birthday party for Jesus and give the gifts that are collected to someone who is in need.	• 105
• 1438	Lent 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. Have a box to save money for the poor, i.e. Rice Bowl. Introduce the Stations of the Cross to the students by breaking them down and presenting them one at a time.	• 301
• 1169	Easter 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.	• 241
• 971	Marian Devotions Introduce prayers of the Rosary . Pray a decade a week for special intentions.	• 971
• 1158	Hymns: When we sign a hymn we pray to God in a special way. Choose a hymn the children know and let them sing it.	• 239

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--- to be Memorized	Prayers	--- to be Introduced
The Sign of the Cross		<i>The Glory Be</i>
<i>Our Father</i>		<i>Angel of God</i>
<i>The Hail Mary</i>		<i>Spontaneous prayers of praise, sorrow, thanksgiving and petition</i>
<i>Prayers before and after meals</i>		<i>The Apostles Creed</i>

Signs and Symbols	
Altar	Baptismal Font
Bible	Christmas Crib
Crucifix	Genuflection/Genuflect
Holy Water	Kneeling
Paschal Candle	Sanctuary
Sign of Peace	Sign of the Cross
Stations of the Cross	Statues
Tabernacle	Vestments of the priest and server

Vocabulary		
Advent	Altar	Amen
Angel	Apostles	Baptism
Baptismal Font	Bible	Blessed Trinity
Blessing	Catholic	Christian
Christmas	Church	Commandment
Consecrate	Consecration	Creation
Creator	Crucifix	Easter Sunday
Epiclesis	Eucharist	Father
Feast Day	Forgive	Genuflect
God	Godparents	Grace
Guardian angel	Heaven	Holy Family
Holy Spirit	Holy Water	Jesus
Last Supper	Lent	Liturgical Colors
Liturgical Year	Love	Mary
Mass	Missionaries	Our Father
Parish	Parish name	Pastor
Prayer	Priest	Resurrection

Rosary	Sacraments	Sacrifice
Saints	Savior	Service
Sign of the Cross	Sin	Son of God
Stations of the Cross	Worship	

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."

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