

Knowledge of Faith – We Believe			
Applied and Supporting Standards		Unit	Notes
4.1	Illustrate basic understanding of Catholic dogma and doctrine in light of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.		
4.1A	know that Jesus loves and invites every person to be in relationship with Him		
4.1A.1	identify some different names for Jesus (CCC 430-451)		
4.1A.2	know that Jesus has a fully human nature which includes human emotions (CCC 470-478; Jn 11:33-38; Mt 21:12; Lk 4:2)		
4.1A.3	know that Jesus has a fully divine nature. He was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit (CCC 464-469)		
4.1B	recognize Sacred Scripture as the living word of God, a story of the covenant, and a guide for life today		
4.1B.1	identify Divine Revelation as God's self-communication about his plan of creation and salvation (CCC 51-53)		
4.1B.2	know that "testament or "covenant" is a special promise initiated by God who invites his people to respond (CCC 56-64)		
4.1B.3	understand that the Bible is the written story of the covenant relationship between God and the Israelites and God and the Christian community (CCC 128-130)		
4.1B.4	locate books, chapters, and verses in Sacred Scripture		
4.1B.5	understand that Jesus studied and taught the Old Testament (CCC 121-123; Lk 2:41-52, 4:14-22)		
4.1B.6	know that the New Testament is the story and teachings of Jesus and the early Christian community (CCC 124) ^		
4.1C	explain and pray the Creed as an expression of our faith		
4.1C.1	explain that Jesus came to save man (redeem) us from our sins and fulfill the promise of salvation (CCC 561, 620-621) ^		
4.1C.2	explain the incarnation as God becoming Man. God assumed human nature without losing his divine nature (CCC 479, 480, 483) ^		
4.1C.3	explain the Immaculate Conception (CCC 508) and Annunciation (CCC 484) ^		
4.1C.4	explain Mary's "fiat" as Latin for "let it be" – Mary's "Yes" to God (CCC 973)		
4.1D	describe Church structure and history		
4.1D.1	describe saints and the canonization process: local request; Vatican review; beatification; canonization (CCC 828)		

Liturgy and Sacraments – We Celebrate			
Applied and Supporting Standards		Unit	Notes
4.2	Demonstrate the importance of Sacraments, with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist, in the life of Catholics.		
4.2A	explain the purpose of the sacraments and the centrality of the Eucharist		
4.2A.1	know that God shows his love by sending Jesus to save us from sin and death through the Paschal Mystery (CCC 601, 654; 1Cor 15:14)		
4.2B	engage in the sacraments		

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4.2B.1	describe the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism CCC 1274-1284; Confirmation 1316-1320; Eucharist CCC 1407-1417)		
4.2B.2	describe the special graces of the sacraments of Baptism (CCC 1279, 1266), Confirmation (CCC 1303, 1316), and Eucharist (CCC 1416)		
4.2B.3	describe how adults enter the Church (CCC 1232)		
4.2B.4	describe the essential rite of Confirmation (CCC 1300, 1320)		
4.2B.5	identify the symbols of Confirmation (CCC 1293)		
4.2B.6	explain how the indelible mark relates to Baptism and Confirmation (CCC 1280, 1304, 1317)		
4.2C	engage in the liturgical life of the Church		
4.2C.1	identify the four parts of the Mass and the purpose of each (Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word (CCC 1190), Liturgy of the Eucharist (CCC 1324, 1326), and Concluding Rites		
4.2C.2	identify the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (CCC 1438)		
4.2C.3	describe how praying the Stations of the Cross helps us reflect on Jesus' suffering and death^		
4.2C.4	identify Easter as the most important feast day of the year (CCC 1169)		
4.2C.5	identify the Holy Days of Obligation (CCC 2177)		
4.2C.6	identify the major feasts of Mary in her role as Mother of God, e.g., Annunciation, Visitation, Assumption, Christmas (CCC 1172)		

Morality – We Live			
Applied and Supporting Standards		Unit	Notes
4.3	Make moral decisions consistent with Church teachings.		
4.3A	explain Jesus as a model of how to live and love		
4.3A.1	locate the two Great Commandments in Scripture (CCC 2055)		
4.3A.2	explain how God helps us to understand moral law (CCC 1724)		
4.3A.3	memorize the Ten Commandments		
4.3A.4	retell the story of the Exodus and the Ten Commandments (Ex 7-20)		
4.3A.5	identify the Beatitudes as the heart of Jesus' teaching (CCC 1716; Mt 5:1-11; Lk 6:20-26)		
4.3A.6	explain how God revealed the Beatitudes (CCC 1716, 1724)		
4.3A.7	describe the actions and attitudes characteristic of Christian life depicted in the Beatitudes (CCC 1716-1717)		
4.3A.8	explain the role of virtues in our life (CCC 1803, 1833)		
4.3A.9	explain the theological virtues (CCC 1813-1829, 1840-1841)		
4.3B	describe how to make decisions in the light of Jesus' moral teachings		
4.3B.1	identify the different types of sin: personal and social (CCC 1852-1869, 1886-1888)		
4.3B.2	identify the effects of Original Sin for humanity (CCC 396-401)		
4.3B.3	know that conscience is God speaking I the heart of each person (CCC 1776; Hos 2:16)		
4.3B.4	identify resources for developing a well-formed conscience (CCC 1783-1785)		

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4.3B.5	identify that God gives us gifts of freedom and conscience (CCC 1730-1733, 1743-1744, 1776-1780, 1795-1797)		
4.3B.6	realize that grace helps one to follow one's conscience (CCC 1776, 1785)		
4.3B.7	know that the Holy Spirit gives one the power and strength to live the Christian life (CCC 1704; 1813, 1830; Jn 14:16-18)		

Prayer – We Become			
Applied and Supporting Standards		Unit	Notes
4.4	Use a variety of prayer forms as tools for inspiration and guidance. Develop a prayer life.		
4.4A	describe the role of prayer in spiritual growth		
4.4A.1	explain the 5 basic forms of prayer (CCC 2674) ^		
4.4A.2	explain the purpose of the Lord's Prayer (CCC 2774, 2775, 2776, 2798, 2799, 2800)		
4.4A.3	describe the 7 petitions in the Lord's Prayer (CCC 2857)		
4.4A.4	describe how praying the Stations of the Cross helps us reflect on Jesus's suffering and death^		
4.4A.5	explain the purpose of and actively pray grade-level prayers ^		

Community Life – We Belong			
Applied and Supporting Standards		Unit	Notes
4.5	Describe how you belong to Christ's Church, the family of God and how to take an active role in it.		
4.5A	demonstrate ways in which we grow spiritually		
4.5A.1	recognize that knowledge, study, dedication and practice of one's faith are integral to growth in holiness		
4.5A.2	recognize that one responds to the love of God by growing in relationship with God, others, self, and all creation		
4.5B	know that Jesus teaches us how to grow in understanding, compassion and concern for others		
4.5B.1	explain how the Ten Commandments are guidelines for relationships with God and other people (CCC 1955, 2061- 2062)		
4.5B.2	explain how the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation restores a healthy relationship with God and others (CCC 1469)		
4.5B.3	understand that there are times when we need to sacrifice our wants and desires for the good of others		
4.5C	describe families as the Church of home where we learn to love		
4.5C.1	explain the concept of the family as the domestic church (a place of faith, hope, and charity) (CCC 2204)		
4.5C.2	recognize that God made men and women equal in dignity (CCC 2203)		
4.5C.3	know that families cooperate with God's work of creation in bearing, raising and educating children (CCC 2205)		
4.5C.4	know that families are called to witness to the Gospel, to each other and to the larger community (CCC 2207-2210)		
4.5D	describe how Church is both personal and communal		

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4.5D.1	identify the Church as including all those living on earth, those in Heaven, and those in Purgatory (CCC 954)		
4.5D.2	define the term “People of God” (CCC 781-782)		
4.5D.3	know that the Apostle’s Creed is an expression of the Church’s faith (CCC 194)		
4.5E	explain that the Church is the people of God, sent to bring the Good News		
4.5E.1	know Jesus used parables to teach about the kingdom of God, e.g., the Good Samaritan, the Sower and the Seed, the Unforgiving Servant (CCC 546)		
4.5E.2	identify the Four Marks of the Church (CCC 813-865)		
4.5E.3	explain that lay people (laity) include all the baptized (not Holy Orders religious) (CCC 898-905, 940-942)		
4.5E.4	explain that the laity are called to live a life of holiness, serve others, and evangelize		
4.5E.5	explain that some men and women join religious communities to consecrate their lives to God - seeking holiness and describe those religious communities (CCC 925, 927, 944)		
4.5F	explain how we share in promoting the unity of all God’s people		
4.5F.1	know that all baptized Christians are brothers and sisters in Christ (CCC 838)		
4.5F.2	know that the Our Father/Lord’s Prayer is the common prayer of Christians (CCC 2771; Mt 6:9-14)		

Missionary Spirit – We Serve		
Applied and Supporting Standards	Unit	Notes
4.6 As missionaries, we are called to serve: “As you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me.” (Mt 25:40). Describe the mission of every disciple to grow the kingdom of God by spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Know, critique and apply social teaching and stewardship principles to societal situations in a way that acknowledges and affirms the dignity of the human person and community.		
4.6A evangelize by witness in words and actions		
4.6A.1 identify evangelization as sharing one’s faith in Jesus with others (CCC 905)		
4.6A.2 know that the sacramental life of the Church empowers the faithful to evangelize the world (CCC 1116, 1122, 2044)		
4.6A.3 recall the term “disciple” as one who accepts Jesus’ call to follow him and to bring others into relationship with him (CCC 618, 767; Acts 11:26)		
4.6B explain how each of us is called to a particular task in helping to reveal the Kingdom of God		
4.6B.1 know that “vocation” is a call to love and serve God and others in a special way (CCC 825)		
4.6C engage in activities that foster the social teachings of the Church		
4.6C.1 understand the virtue of justice as giving God and others what is due to them (CCC 1807)		
4.6C.2 know why the poor and marginalized have a special place in the teachings of Jesus		
4.6C.3 define the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (CCC 2447; Mt 25) ^		

The Diocese of Dallas religion curriculum standards are organized around the six tasks of catechesis outlined in the National Directory of Catechesis. “Forming his disciples, Jesus 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” (NDC, 20).

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Explain the purpose of and actively pray the following prayers:									
PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sign of the Cross	Sign of the Cross	Sign of the Cross	Sign of the Cross	Sign of the Cross	Sign of the Cross	Sign of the Cross	Sign of the Cross	Sign of the Cross	Sign of the Cross
Grace (before/after meals)	Grace (before/after meals)	Grace (before/after meals)	Grace (before/after meals)	Grace (before/after meals)	Grace (before/after meals)	Grace (before/after meals)	Grace (before/after meals)	Grace (before/after meals)	Grace (before/after meals)
Guardian Angel	Guardian Angel	Guardian Angel	Guardian Angel	Guardian Angel	Guardian Angel	Guardian Angel	Guardian Angel	Guardian Angel	Guardian Angel
		Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer
		Hail Mary	Hail Mary	Hail Mary	Hail Mary	Hail Mary	Hail Mary	Hail Mary	Hail Mary
		Glory Be	Glory Be	Glory Be	Glory Be	Glory Be	Glory Be	Glory Be	Glory Be
			Confiteor	Confiteor	Confiteor	Confiteor	Confiteor	Confiteor	Confiteor
			Act of Contrition	Act of Contrition	Act of Contrition	Act of Contrition	Act of Contrition	Act of Contrition	Act of Contrition
			Prayers of the Faithful	Prayers of the Faithful	Prayers of the Faithful	Prayers of the Faithful	Prayers of the Faithful	Prayers of the Faithful	Prayers of the Faithful
			Stations of the Cross	Stations of the Cross	Stations of the Cross	Stations of the Cross	Stations of the Cross	Stations of the Cross	Stations of the Cross
				Come Holy Spirit	Come Holy Spirit	Come Holy Spirit	Come Holy Spirit	Come Holy Spirit	Come Holy Spirit
				Gloria	Gloria	Gloria	Gloria	Gloria	Gloria
				St. Michael the Archangel	St. Michael the Archangel	St. Michael the Archangel	St. Michael the Archangel	St. Michael the Archangel	St. Michael the Archangel
				Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
					Nicene Creed	Nicene Creed	Nicene Creed	Nicene Creed	Nicene Creed
					Angelus	Angelus	Angelus	Angelus	Angelus
					Magnificat	Magnificat	Magnificat	Magnificat	Magnificat
						Apostle's Creed	Apostle's Creed	Apostle's Creed	Apostle's Creed
						Rosary	Rosary	Rosary	Rosary
							Memorare	Memorare	Memorare
							Lectio Divina	Lectio Divina	Lectio Divina
								Hail, Holy Queen	Hail, Holy Queen
								The Examen	The Examen
								Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction	Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction
									Liturgy of the Hours