

A. PRAYER/ LITURGY

- 1. _____ Prayer is talking and listening to God
- 2. _____ Pray formally and spontaneously as an integral part of the day
- 3. _____ Use sign of the cross and grace before meals
- 4. _____ Celebrate the seasons of the liturgical year
- 5. _____ Recite the Our Father and Hail Mary

B. TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH/FAITH

- 1. _____ Recognize God as creator, Jesus as God's Son and Spirit as God's love
- 2. _____ Recognize that everything that God made is good
- 3. _____ Recognize Mary as the mother of Jesus, Joseph as the foster father of Jesus
- 4. _____ Recognize Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the Holy Family

C. CHURCH HISTORY/TRADITIONS

- 1. _____ Show reverence in church
- 2. _____ Recognize the saints as friends of Jesus

D. SACRAMENTS

- 1. _____ Introduce Baptism as a sign of God's love
- 2. _____ Identify sacramentals as visible signs of our faith

E. NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Identify the New Testament as God's word Bible)
- 2. _____ Identify Jesus as the Son of God through gospel stories

F. OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Recognize the Bible as a special book about God and God's word
- 2. _____ Recognize God's love for His creation through stories (creation, Noah's Ark ...)
- 3. _____ Identify heroes of the Bible

G. MORALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that actions affect others
- 2. _____ Accept responsibility for individual actions
- 3. _____ Recognize Jesus as a friend to everyone
- 4. _____ Recognize the importance of always tell the truth

H. PEACE/JUSTICE

- 1. _____ Recognize the personal responsibility to care for all God's creation
- 2. _____ Recognize that every person is loved by God and should be treated with kindness

I. MISSION/EVANGELIZATION/SERVICE

- 1. _____ Shows God's love for all people through words and actions
- 2. _____ Participate in simple outreach programs

J. STEWARDSHIP

- 1. _____ Recognize self and others as gifts from God
- 2. _____ Recognize that we use personal gifts and talents to help others

K. ECUMENISM

- 1. _____ Recognize that all people are part of God's family and loved by God

L. HUMAN SEXUALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that each individual is unique and should be treated with respect
- 2. _____ Recognize that there are different genders
- 3. _____ Demonstrate respect for the person and personal space of others
- 4. _____ Recognize the correct way to display love of family/good touch – bad touch

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A. PRAYER/LITURGY

- 1. _____ Recognize that prayer is talking and listening to God
- 2. _____ Pray formally or spontaneously as an integral part of the day
- 3. _____ Use sign of the cross and grace before and after meals
- 4. _____ Celebrate the seasons of the liturgical year and participate in the liturgy
- 5. _____ Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be

B. TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH/FAITH

- 1. _____ Identify God the Father as creator of the world, Jesus as God's Son, and the Spirit as God's love
- 2. _____ Identify Mary as the Mother of Jesus, and Joseph as the foster father of Jesus
- 3. _____ Identify Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the Holy Family
- 4. _____ Recognize the Church as the people of God

C. CHURCH HISTORY/TRADITIONS

- 1. _____ Recognize that we are loved by God and part of God's family
- 2. _____ Identify the saints as friends of God
- 3. _____ Identify one's parish, pastor, bishop, and pope

D. SACRAMENTS

- 1. _____ Identify the sacraments as a sign of God's love
- 2. _____ Recognize water as a symbol of the sacrament of Baptism
- 3. _____ Recognize the words used in the sacrament of Baptism
- 4. _____ Recognize sacramentals as visible signs of our faith (rosary, holy water, Bible, candle)

E. NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Identify the New Testament as a special book about Jesus
- 2. _____ Identify Jesus as the Son of God through gospel stories

F. OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Recognize the Bible as a special book about God
- 2. _____ Identify God's love of creation through stories

G. MORALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that our actions affect others and develop an awareness of the difference between right/wrong
- 2. _____ Accept responsibility for individual actions
- 3. _____ Recognize the importance of always telling the truth

H. PEACE/JUSTICE

- 1. _____ Demonstrate a willingness to work with others and cooperate and share
- 2. _____ Explain the need to care for all God's creation
- 3. _____ Recognize the diverse cultural backgrounds of classmates
- 4. _____ Demonstrate an awareness of the poor and recognize the need to help them
- 5. _____ Recognize and practice peacemaking
- 6. _____ Recognize that every person is loved by God and deserves to be treated with respect

I. MISSION/EVANGELIZATION/SERVICE

- 1. _____ Show God's love for all people
- 2. _____ Participate in simple outreach projects

J. STEWARDSHIP

- 1. _____ Recognize that all people are made in the image of God
- 2. _____ Recognize that our talents are gifts from God
- 3. _____ Recognize that we use personal gifts and talents to help others

K. ECUMENISM

- 1. _____ Recognize that all people are part of God's family and loved by God
- 2. _____ Recognize that Christians are followers of Jesus

L. HUMAN SEXUALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that each individual is unique and should be treated with love and respect
- 2. _____ Recognize the correct way to demonstrate love of family/good touch—bad touch
- 3. _____ Recognize that everyone is a member of a family
- 4. _____ Recognize that there are different genders
- 5. _____ Demonstrate respect for the person and personal space of others/good touch – bad touch

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A. PRAYER/LITURGY

- 1. _____ Recognize prayer as talking and listening to God
- 2. _____ Celebrate the seasons of the liturgical year/Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Triduum, Easter
- 3. _____ Recognize and participate in various parts of the mass
- 4. _____ Recall the passion and death of Jesus through the celebration of Stations of the Cross
- 5. _____ Recite the sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be
- 6. _____ Recognize sacramentals as visible signs of our Faith (medals, holy water, statues, rosary)

B. TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH/FAITH

- 1. _____ Recognize that there are three persons in one God/Blessed Trinity
- 2. _____ Recognize God as Father, Jesus as God's Son, and Holy Spirit as God's love
- 3. _____ Recognize Mary as Jesus' mother and the Mother of our Church
- 4. _____ Recognize the apostles as special followers of Jesus
- 5. _____ Recognize the Church as the people of God
- 6. _____ Recognize the two great commandments of love/love God and love others

C. CHURCH HISTORY/TRADITIONS

- 1. _____ Recognize that God's people celebrate the liturgy and sacraments together
- 2. _____ Identify daily feast days of saints
- 3. _____ Identify one's parish, pastor, bishop and pope

D. SACRAMENTS

- 1. _____ Recognize the sacrament of Baptism as a sign of belonging to God's family
- 2. _____ Recognize the symbols of Baptism (see addendum)
- 3. _____ Recognize the Eucharist as Jesus
- 4. _____ Recognize that the word Eucharist means thanksgiving

E. NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Reverence the Bible as the revealed word of God
- 2. _____ Recognize Jesus as a sign of God's love through Bible stories (baptism, Last Supper, Good Samaritan, Lost Sheep)
- 3. _____ Recognize that Jesus also prayed to the Father
- 4. _____ Demonstrate an understanding of the Christmas and Easter story

F. OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Reverence the Old Testament as God's word, a special book of God and of God's people
- 2. _____ Identify the Jewish people as the chosen people of God

G. MORALITY

- 1. _____ Practice the Two Great Laws of Love by the choices we make
- 2. _____ Recognize that our actions affect others
- 3. _____ Accept responsibility for individual actions
- 4. _____ Develop an awareness of the need to be sorry for our wrongful actions
- 5. _____ Recognize the concept that we have a forgiving God
- 6. _____ Recognize the importance of always telling the truth
- 7. _____ Recognize that God made us to know/love/serve Him

H. PEACE/JUSTICE

- 1. _____ Explain the need to care for creation; God's people and environment
- 2. _____ Recognize the diverse cultural backgrounds of classmates
- 3. _____ Relate stories of peacemakers: i.e. Jesus, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Theresa
- 4. _____ Identify the needs of the poor and recognize the responsibility to help them
- 5. _____ Demonstrate willingness to be of service to others
- 6. _____ Demonstrate respect towards others

I. MISSION/EVANGELIZATION/SERVICE

- 1. _____ Shows God's love for all people through our words and actions
- 2. _____ Participate in a service project
- 3. _____ Recognize that Jesus calls us to serve God and others

J. STEWARDSHIP

- 1. _____ Recognize that our talents are a gift from God
- 2. _____ Recognize and use personal gifts and talents to help others
- 3. _____ Recognize that all people are made in the image of God

K. ECUMENISM

- 1. _____ Recognize that all people are part of God's family and loved by God
- 2. _____ Recognize the term Christian as followers of Jesus
- 3. _____ Recognize Catholics as Christians who follow Jesus

L. HUMAN SEXUALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that each individual is unique and should be treated with love and respect
- 2. _____ Show respect for each person and the personal space of others/good touch – bad touch
- 3. _____ Recognize that everyone is a member of a family
- 4. _____ Recognize that all families are different and special
- 5. _____ Recognize that there are different genders
- 6. _____ Recognize that human beings and animals have babies that need to be nurtured
- 7. _____ Know that the private parts of the body are sacred

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A. PRAYER/LITURGY

- 1. _____ Recognize prayer (formal and informal) as talking and listening to God
- 2. _____ Know the seasons of the liturgical year (see addendum)
- 3. _____ Participate in liturgy by knowing and using the mass responses
- 4. _____ Participate in reflection on Sunday scriptures
- 5. _____ Recite prayers (see addendum)

B. TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH/FAITH

- 1. _____ Recognize the Blessed Trinity; God as Creator, Jesus as Redeemer, Holy Spirit as Sanctifier/Helper
- 2. _____ Identify Mary as the Mother of all Catholics
- 3. _____ Identify the Church as the people of God
- 4. _____ Recognize the Ten Commandments as God's Law
- 5. _____ Name the two great commandments of love/love God and love others
- 6. _____ Define sin as a free choice to turn away from God
- 7. _____ Identify the terms: conscience, free will, sin

C. CHURCH HISTORY/TRADITIONS

- 1. _____ Identify the vessels and vestments used in the celebration of the Eucharist
- 2. _____ Recognize the role of saints in the tradition of the church
- 3. _____ Identify one's parish, pastor, bishop, pope
- 4. _____ Recognize that the Church continues Jesus' ministry

D. SACRAMENTS

- 1. _____ Identify the seven sacraments as special signs of God's presence in our daily lives
- 2. _____ Understand that the sacraments are channels of grace, God's life within us
- 3. _____ Develop an understanding that the Church forgives in God's name
- 4. _____ Recognize Reconciliation as the sacrament of God's forgiveness
- 5. _____ Identify Eucharist as the body and blood of Jesus/Real Presence of Jesus
- 6. _____ Recognize and practice the proper reception of the Eucharist
- 7. _____ Review sacramentals as visible signs of our faith
- 8. _____ Recognize sacramentals in the church (crucifix see addendum)

E. NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Reverence the Bible as God's word
- 2. _____ Use scripture to reinforce themes of Eucharist and Reconciliation
- 3. _____ Recognize the New Testament as the story of Jesus' life and ministry

F. OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Reverence the Bible as God's word
- 2. _____ Use scripture to reinforce themes of Eucharist and Reconciliation
- 3. _____ Identify Adam and Eve/original sin
- 4. _____ Identify the theme of covenant as a relationship between God and His people through the stories of (Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Moses)

G. MORALITY

- 1. _____ Accept responsibility for individual actions
- 2. _____ Recognize that God has given us the free will to make good/bad choices- right from wrong
- 3. _____ Introduce the concept of examination of conscience
- 4. _____ Distinguish the differences among temptation, sin and accident
- 5. _____ Recognize that conscience, intellect and free will enable us to make good and bad choices
- 6. _____ Recognize that the choice to harm God's creation is wrong
- 7. _____ Recognize that we should give and accept forgiveness

H. PEACE/JUSTICE

- 1. _____ Demonstrate a willingness to give service to the community
- 2. _____ Recognize models of peacemakers such as saints and world leaders
- 3. _____ Recognize and accept all peoples through an understanding of their cultures and customs: race, handicapped, personality, etc.

I. MISSION/EVANGELIZATION/SERVICE

- 1. _____ Identifies ways of living the Gospel
- 2. _____ Identify the meaning and role of missionary
- 3. _____ Recognize one's call to serve others through outreach projects
- 4. _____ Recognize how the parish helps many people

K. STEWARDSHIP

- 1. _____ Recognize and use personal gifts and talents to help others
- 2. _____ Identify each one's responsibility to share their time, talent and treasure with the church

L. ECUMENISM

- 1. _____ Identify the term Christian as followers of Jesus
- 2. _____ Recognize a Catholic as a Christian who follows Jesus
- 3. _____ Identify different faith communities within the area

M. HUMAN SEXUALITY

- 1. _____ Respect that each individual is unique and should be treated with respect
- 2. _____ Show respect for the goodness of all of God's people and creation
- 3. _____ Recognize that human beings have babies that need to be nurtured
- 4. _____ Identify special gifts that each one contributes to the family
- 5. _____ Demonstrate a sense of acceptance, pride, and loyalty in one's family
- 6. _____ Choose friends that help us to be good
- 7. _____ Identify possible areas of abuse; good touch—bad touch
- 8. _____ Recognize that the private parts of the body are sacred

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A. PRAYER/LITURGY

- 1. _____ Pray formally and spontaneously as an integral part of the day
- 2. _____ Practice prayer as talking and listening to God
- 3. _____ Recognize psalms as prayer
- 4. _____ Recognize liturgy as the public worship of the Church
- 5. _____ Celebrate the seasons of the liturgical year
- 6. _____ Recognize and explain the parts of the mass: liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist
- 7. _____ Recite the mass responses appropriately during liturgy
- 8. _____ Encourage participation in liturgy through reflection on Sunday scripture
- 9. _____ Pray and memorize the Apostles Creed, Act of Contrition, and rosary

B. TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH/FAITH

- 1. _____ Recognize the Blessed Trinity as three divine persons in one God: Father as Creator; Son as Redeemer; and Holy Spirit as Sanctifier
- 2. _____ Identify the beliefs contained in the Apostles Creed which includes the four marks of the Church: one, holy, Catholic, apostolic
- 3. _____ Memorize the Ten Commandments and the Two Great Laws of Love
- 4. _____ Identify the Theological virtues/faith, hope and love

C. CHURCH HISTORY/TRADITIONS

- 1. _____ Recognize that Jesus and his apostles and disciples formed the first Christian community
- 2. _____ Recognize Pentecost as the birthday of the Church
- 3. _____ Recognize special feasts of Mary (see addendum)
- 4. _____ Identify the various church traditions used to celebrate the liturgical year (see addendum)

D. SACRAMENTS

- 1. _____ Identify and review the seven sacraments as signs of initiation, healing, and vocation/service
- 2. _____ Learn that sacramentals are symbols in our church (scapular, holy water, palm)
- 3. _____ Recognize that all sacraments give grace, God's life within us

E. NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Reverence the Bible as God's word
- 2. _____ Recognize that the New Testament reveals the words and actions of Jesus and the early Christian community
- 3. _____ Identify miracles, parables, and other stories that relate to the themes of initiation, healing and vocation/service

F. OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Reverence the Bible as God's word
- 2. _____ Recognize the Hebrew leaders in the Old Testament stories
- 3. _____ Identify the theme of covenant as a relationship of God with his people i.e. (Noah/Abraham)

G. MORALITY

- 1. _____ Understand that God has given us intellect and free will to make good/bad choices
- 2. _____ Review conscience formation
- 3. _____ Identify how the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes are guides in having an informed conscience
- 4. _____ Examine the need to reconcile relationships that have been injured/broken
- 5. _____ Recognize that a deliberate choice against the Ten Commandments/Beatitudes can be sinful – mortal or venial

H. PEACE/JUSTICE

- 1. _____ Recognize the importance of being a committed, responsible member of a family
- 2. _____ Show kindness not selfishness or cruelty to others
- 3. _____ Explain how the Prayer of St. Francis echoes peace making
- 4. _____ Recognize models of peacemakers such as saints/current leaders
- 5. _____ Demonstrate tolerance and respect towards others

I. MISSION/EVANGELIZATION/SERVICE

- 1. _____ Identify the ways we can share our faith with others (parish activities/retreats)
- 2. _____ Identify and participate in service projects (Rice Bowl, homeless, food pantry etc.)
- 3. _____ Identify the needs of children in mission lands

J. STEWARDSHIP

- 1. _____ Identify a steward as one who uses God's gifts wisely
- 2. _____ Recognize each person as the responsibility to share time, talents and treasure with their parish church

K. ECUMENISM

- 1. _____ Demonstrate respect for children of other faiths
- 2. _____ Recognize that other faith communities have special celebrations
- 3. _____ Share the message of Jesus (Good News) with others

L. HUMAN SEXUALITY

- 1. _____ Reinforce that each individual is unique and special and should be treated with love and respect
- 2. _____ Identify the qualities of a good friend
- 3. _____ Practice ways of including everyone in group activities
- 4. _____ Practice anti-bullying behavior
- 5. _____ Identify possible areas of abuse; good-bad touch
- 6. _____ Recognize that feelings and emotions affect behavior
- 7. _____ Know the private parts of the body are sacred
- 8. _____ Know the appropriate way to demonstrate love
- 9. _____ Identify a safe adult with whom to talk about safe touch
- 10. _____ Learn and respect one's own health and safety

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A. PRAYER/LITURGY

- 1. _____ Pray formally and spontaneously as an integral part of the day
- 2. _____ Practice various types of prayer (adoration, contrition, thanksgiving supplication)
- 3. _____ Use various forms of prayers (litany, intercession, psalms, song, scripture)
- 4. _____ Celebrate the liturgical year
- 5. _____ Learn the holy days of obligation/dates in the United States (see addendum)
- 6. _____ Encourage participation in Sunday liturgy through reflection on scripture
- 7. _____ Recognize and explain the meaning of Eucharist (thanksgiving) as well as the other parts of the mass
- 8. _____ Recite and pray: Prayer of St. Francis, Acts of Faith, Hope and Love, Angelus
- 9. _____ Pray the rosary; know the mysteries of the rosary (see addendum)

B. TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH/FAITH

- 1. _____ Recognize the Blessed Trinity
- 2. _____ Name the Ten Commandments
- 3. _____ Learn the Beatitudes (see addendum)
- 4. _____ Recite the Apostles Creed
- 5. _____ Learn the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (see addendum)

C. CHURCH HISTORY/TRADITIONS

- 1. _____ Recognize Pentecost as the formal beginning of the church
- 2. _____ Recognize the Immaculate Conception as a special feast of Mary/review feast of the Annunciation and other Marian feasts
- 3. _____ Review church traditions for liturgical year

D. SACRAMENTS

- 1. _____ Recognize and review the seven sacraments as signs of initiation, healing, vocation
- 2. _____ Recognize how vocation is related to sacrament
- 3. _____ Learn symbols of the sacraments

E. NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Model reverence for the bible as God's revelation
- 2. _____ Examine the structure of the bible and recognize scriptural notation
- 3. _____ Recall stories of Jesus and the early church

F. OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Model reverence for the bible as God's revelation
- 2. _____ Recall creation and covenant stories of God and his people
- 3. _____ Review parts of the bible

G. MORALITY

- 1. _____ Understand and know that the Ten Commandments are the basis for decision making
- 2. _____ Recognize mortal and venial sin
- 3. _____ Recognize the need for the sacrament of reconciliation

H. PEACE/JUSTICE

- 1. _____ Model responsibility for the gifts and talents that God has given us
- 2. _____ Explore the role and work of peacemakers; identify current peacemakers
- 3. _____ Practice responsibility for the varied needs of others
- 4. _____ Practice tolerance and acceptance of others
- 5. _____ Participate in service and advocacy projects to help persons who are less fortunate

I. MISSION AND EVANGELIZATION/SERVICE

- 1. _____ Identify Jesus' mission as the call to love/serve others
- 2. _____ Create and participate in outreach programs

J. STEWARDSHIP

- 1. _____ Define the role of steward as one who uses God's gifts wisely
- 2. _____ Identify the ways one can share time, talent, and treasure with the church

K. ECUMENISM

- 1. _____ Demonstrate respect for the children of other faiths
- 2. _____ Recognize that other faith; communities have special celebrations
- 3. _____ Share the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ with others

L. HUMAN SEXUALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that each individual is unique and special and should be treated with respect and love
- 2. _____ Recognize that self-knowledge is important
- 3. _____ Recognize that all humans grown and change at different rates
- 4. _____ Recognize that there is a fundamental God-given equality between the sexes
- 5. _____ Identify possible areas of abuse
- 6. _____ Know the private parts of the body by correct name
- 7. _____ Know what to do if one is touched improperly
- 8. _____ Set boundaries for good-bad touch
- 9. _____ Identify one adult with whom you can talk about safe touch

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A. PRAYER/LITURGY

- 1. _____ Pray formally and spontaneously as an integral part of the day practice prayer types; adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, supplication
- 2. _____ Use a variety of prayer forms; litany, intercession, psalm, song, scripture, meditation
- 3. _____ Celebrate the liturgical year/plan liturgical celebrations
- 4. _____ Prepare for Sunday liturgy through reflection on Sunday scripture readings
- 5. _____ Pray Nicene Creed and Apostles Creed
- 6. _____ Explain the role of the assembly by participating in responses, songs, and a personal self offering to God
- 7. _____ Recognize that Christ is present in the priest, assembly, scripture and Eucharist
- 8. _____ Review holy days/dates of obligation

B. TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH/FAITH

- 1. _____ Review and explain the precepts of the church (see addendum)
- 2. _____ Identify the beliefs of the Nicene Creed
- 3. _____ Identify the theological and Cardinal virtues (see addendum)
- 4. _____ Review the mysteries of the rosary as well as feast days of Mary (see addendum)

C. CHURCH HISTORY/TRADITIONS

- 1. _____ Understand that the suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus is the Paschal Mystery
- 2. _____ Recognize the special feasts of Mary (see the addendum)
- 3. _____ Identify the roles of pope, bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and laity
- 4. _____ Explain the significance of the Holy Land

D. SACRAMENTS

- 1. _____ Define and explain the rite of the sacraments of initiation; Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist
- 2. _____ Define and explore the rite of the sacraments of healing; reconciliation, anointing of the sick
- 3. _____ Define and explain the rite of the sacraments of vocation/service; marriage and Holy Orders
- 4. _____ Explain the term transubstantiation, which is used to describe the unique change of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ
- 5. _____ Use and explain the sacraments as a way to enhance the spiritual life
- 6. _____ Review meaning of sacramentals

E. OLD TESTAMENT/NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Model reverence for the bible as God's revelation
- 2. _____ Recognize that all scripture is inspired by God
- 3. _____ Describe the structure of the bible and recognize scriptural notation

F. MORALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that conflict exists and explore ways to seek resolution
- 2. _____ Apply the steps of good decision making
- 3. _____ Recognize that the formation of an informed conscience leads to good decision making
- 4. _____ Learn that we are responsible for our actions and that there are consequences for actions
- 5. _____ Recognize that peer pressure has an affect on our behavior
- 6. _____ Practice an examination of conscience based on the Ten Commandments

G. PEACE/JUSTICE

- 1. _____ Recognize the importance of being a committed, responsible member of family and community
- 2. _____ Explain the Church's position on such topics; peace/war, discrimination/acceptance, slavery/freedom
- 3. _____ Explore the role and work of contemporary peacemakers (saints, world leaders)
- 4. _____ Create and participate in service projects
- 5. _____ Identify ways of helping others and defending the rights of others
- 6. _____ Define the terms *social justice* and *social action*

I. MISSION/EVANGELIZATION/SERVICE

- 1. _____ Explain the mission of Jesus
- 2. _____ Create and participate in outreach to others
- 3. _____ Identify examples of God working through the lives of saints using human effort to build the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of peace and justice

J. STEWARDSHIP

- 1. _____ Define steward through the understanding of donating one's time, talent, and treasure
- 2. _____ Participate in a simple volunteer program

K. ECUMENISM

- 1. _____ Identify the role of the Catholic Church in the world
- 2. _____ Identify the ways that the Catholic Church reaches out to other religions
- 3. _____ Recognize that other faiths have specific celebrations
- 4. _____ Recognize tolerance as respect for the human dignity of others
- 5. _____ Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others

L. HUMAN SEXUALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that each individual is unique and special and should be treated with love and respect
- 2. _____ Identify how feelings and emotions affect one's behavior
- 3. _____ Identify possible areas of abuse
- 4. _____ Set boundaries for safe touch
- 5. _____ Identify a trusted adult to talk about unsafe touch
- 6. _____ Recognize the signs that people use to lure one into unsafe touch
- 7. _____ Know the signs of sexual abuse
- 8. _____ Pray for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death

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A. PRAYER /LITURGY

- 1. _____ Pray formally and spontaneously as an integral part of the day; practice prayer types; adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, supplication (petition)
- 2. _____ Use a variety of prayer forms; litany, intercession, psalm, song, scripture, meditation
- 3. _____ Articulate and celebrate the seasons of the liturgical year/plan liturgical celebrations
- 4. _____ Prepare for Sunday liturgy by reflection on Sunday scriptures
- 5. _____ Learn the Rosary, Angelus, Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven), Memorare (see addendum)

B. TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH/FAITH

- 1. _____ Identify, memorize and discuss the beliefs contained in the Nicene and Apostle's Creed
- 2. _____ Recite and explain how the Beatitudes guide one's life
- 3. _____ Review and explain the precepts (laws) of the Church (see addendum)
- 4. _____ Recognize that Mary is the Mother of God and Mother of the Church

C. CHURCH HISTORY/TRADITIONS

- 1. _____ Identify the Jewish customs, traditions and Old Testament feasts
- 2. _____ Explain the Passover celebration and its influence on the early church
- 3. _____ Learn and explain the Ten Commandments and one's personal responsibility toward God and neighbor

D. SACRAMENTS

- 1. _____ Participate in the sacramental life of the Church
- 2. _____ Understand that the seven sacraments are channels of God's grace (sanctifying)
- 3. _____ Identify sacramentals (see addendum)

E. NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Model reverence for the Bible as God's revelation
- 2. _____ Recognize that all scripture is inspired by God
- 3. _____ Describe the structure of the Bible and recognize scriptural notation
- 4. _____ Explain how Jesus is prefigured in the Old Testament
- 5. _____ Relate the New Testament to their own lives
- 6. _____ Compare the lives of contemporary people to the life of Jesus

F. OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Model reverence of the Bible as God's revelation
- 2. _____ Describe the structure of the Bible and recognize scriptural notation
- 3. _____ Discuss the scriptural themes of: call, covenant, faithfulness, sin, conversion, reconciliation, and recommitment
- 4. _____ Explore the salvation stories and place them on a time line
- 5. _____ Construct a map of the Old Testament
- 6. _____ Recognize and understand the importance of the characters (both men and women) of the Hebrew Scriptures; Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Ruth, Queen Esther, etc.

G. MORALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize conflict and explore ways to seek resolution
- 2. _____ Learn and apply the steps of good decision making
- 3. _____ Understand that an informed conscience is vital to decision making
- 4. _____ Discuss the importance of accepting responsibility for our actions, facing consequences for these actions, and the need for reconciliation
- 5. _____ Distinguish between sins of omission and commission

H. PEACE/JUSTICE

- 1. _____ Recognize that the Old Testament prophets preached God's justice and mercy
- 2. _____ Identify and apply the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy
- 3. _____ Recognize the needs of others before their own
- 4. _____ Recognize the need to respect human life and dignity of life from conception to natural death

I. MISSION/EVANGELIZATION/SERVICE

- 1. _____ Create and participate in outreach to others
- 2. _____ Support parish mission drives through prayer, finances, or material goods

J. STEWARDSHIP

- 1. _____ Identify the talents of self and others
- 2. _____ Understand tithing as the responsibility of stewardship; time, talent, treasure
- 3. _____ Participate in a simple volunteer program
- 4. _____ Understand God's Providence as protection of all creation

K. ECUMENISM

- 1. _____ Explore the relationship of the Catholic church with Judaism
- 2. _____ Celebrate the Seder meal
- 3. _____ Share the message of Christian faith and service with others

L. HUMAN SEXUALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that each individual is unique and should be treated with love and respect
- 2. _____ Review the nature of puberty, the reproductive systems, and how they function
- 3. _____ Affirm the role of family in developing one's ability to love others
- 4. _____ Discuss the importance of loyalty and faithfulness in relationships
- 5. _____ Recognize the privileges and responsibility of human sexuality
- 6. _____ Know what sexual abuse is
- 7. _____ Set and exercise boundaries of touch
- 8. _____ Recognize the lure and manipulation one uses to lead one to unsafe touch
- 9. _____ Share the information or experience with someone you trust
- 10. _____ Develop an awareness of the dangers of the internet (My Space, Face Book, etc.)

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A. PRAYER/LITURGY

- 1. _____ Pray formally and spontaneously as an integral part of the day; practice prayer types; adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, supplication(petition)
- 2. _____ Use a variety of prayer forms; litany, intercession, psalm, song, scripture, meditation
- 3. _____ Articulate and celebrate the cycles of the liturgical year/plan liturgical celebrations
- 4. _____ Prepare for Sunday liturgy by reflection on Sunday scriptures
- 5. _____ Know the structure of the mass; Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist
- 6. _____ Identify the Holy Days of Obligation (see addendum)
- 7. _____ Demonstrate an understanding of Liturgy of the Hours; Morning and Evening Prayer
- 8. _____ Participate in a retreat experience
- 9. _____ Review the mysteries of the Rosary (October and May celebrate the rosary)

B. TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH/FAITH

- 1. _____ Learn the term Incarnation, Holy Trinity (One God, Three Divine Persons)
- 2. _____ Recognize Jesus as fully human and fully divine
- 3. _____ Identify the individual roles within the church; Pope and Bishops are the authentic teachers of the faith
- 4. _____ Reinforce the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (faith in action)/the Theological (faith, hope and love) and Cardinal virtues(prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance)
- 5. _____ Reaffirm the beliefs of the Nicene and the Apostles Creed
- 6. _____ Understand the term encyclical and know that there are writings of U.S. Bishops to the faithful

C. CHURCH HISTORY/TRADITIONS

- 1. _____ Compare and contrast ministerial roles of the early Church with those of the present Church
- 2. _____ Recognize that the Church is the People of God, Christ is the Head, we the baptized are the members
- 3. _____ Analyze the early church traditions and compare them to modern day practices
- 4. _____ Understand the Advent tradition of waiting and longing for the coming of the Lord; and the Lenten tradition of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for the Paschal Mystery
- 5. _____ Know the term Triduum (see addendum)

D. SACRAMENTS

- 1. _____ Identify and explain the Seven Sacraments and explain sign, symbol, and Rite of each sacrament
- 2. _____ Identify the purpose of the sacraments of initiation, sacraments of vocation/service, and sacraments of healing
- 3. _____ Explain the term RCIA program and its place in Easter Vigil
- 4. _____ Participate in the sacramental life of the church

E. NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Model reverence for the Bible as the inspired word of God
- 2. _____ Understand that God reveals Himself through scripture and tradition
- 3. _____ Discuss the authorship and formation of the New Testament
- 4. _____ Know the sign, symbols of the writers, and audience of the gospel
- 5. _____ Relate the New Testament to their own lives
- 6. _____ List the books of the New Testament
- 7. _____ Know the location of the Holy Land during Jesus' time and currently

F. OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Model reverence for the Bible as the inspired word of God
- 2. _____ Understand that God revealed Himself through scripture and tradition
- 3. _____ Identify prophecies about the Messiah
- 4. _____ Compare the Hebrew Scripture and the New Testament image of God

G. MORALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that we are human beings with intellect and free will
- 2. _____ Recognize that conflict exists and explore ways to seek resolution
- 3. _____ Apply the steps of good decision making based on God's law and the teaching of the Church
- 4. _____ Analyze the role that an informed conscience plays in decision making
- 5. _____ Discuss the importance of accepting responsibility for our actions and the need for reconciliation
- 6. _____ Discuss the Church's teaching on respect and the dignity of the human person
- 7. _____ Know the terms mortal sin, venial sin; the seven capital sins/vices (see addendum)
- 8. _____ Know the seven Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit (see addendum) as aides to living a moral life
- 9. _____ Understand vice as the opposite of virtue
- 10. _____ Discuss the Church's teaching on respect for life (abortion, capital punishment, war, violence and other sins against the 5th commandment)

H. PEACE/JUSTICE

- 1. _____ Recognize and discuss the call to the mission of peace and justice
- 2. _____ Know and discuss the church's position on life issues
- 3. _____ Participate in activities to promote stewardship of the earth
- 4. _____ Recognize the positive qualities in people who are different from themselves
- 5. _____ Demonstrate a willingness to defend the human rights of others when they are threatened

I. MISSION/EVANGELIZATION/SERVICE

- 1. _____ Identify, develop and/or participate in outreach programs, (i.e. Habitat for Humanity, Food Banks, Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services and local homeless organizations)

J. STEWARDSHIP

- 1. _____ Understands tithing as the responsibility of stewardship; time, talent, treasure
- 2. _____ Understand God's Providence as protection for all creation

L. ECUMENISM

- 1. _____ Explain the meaning of ecumenism
- 2. _____ Discuss the role of the Catholic Church in the world
- 3. _____ Share the message of Christian faith and service with others

M. HUMAN SEXUALITY

- 1. _____ Reinforce that each individual is unique and special and should be treated with love and respect
- 2. _____ Review the nature of puberty, the reproductive system, and how they function
- 3. _____ Explore the meaning of being an adolescent/meaning of abstinence
- 4. _____ Discuss the Church's teaching on marriage/divorce/annulment
- 5. _____ Recognize the privileges and responsibility for human sexuality
- 6. _____ Know and recognize the signs of sexual abuse
- 7. _____ Recognize the lure and manipulation one uses to lead one to unsafe touch
- 8. _____ Identify, know and exercise boundaries to keep one from harm
- 9. _____ Honor and respect the wishes of others who don't want to be touched
- 10. _____ Develop an awareness of the dangers of the internet (My Space, Face Book etc.)

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A. PRAYER/LITURGY

- 1. _____ Pray formally and spontaneously as an integral part of the day, practice prayer types; adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and supplication (petition)
- 2. _____ Use a variety of prayer forms; litany, intercession, psalms, song, scripture, meditation, contemplation
- 3. _____ Articulate and celebrate the liturgical year/plan liturgical celebrations
- 4. _____ Prepare for Sunday liturgy through reflection on the scriptures
- 5. _____ Understand the Liturgy of the Hours as the official prayer of the church
- 6. _____ Participate in a retreat experience

B. TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH/FAITH

- 1. _____ Reaffirm the beliefs of the Nicene and the Apostle's Creed
- 2. _____ Explain the Magisterium of the Church
- 3. _____ Recognize that human and divine nature of Christ
- 4. _____ Recognize the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the Church
- 5. _____ Reaffirm the understanding of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist as the foundation of our faith (transubstantiation)
- 6. _____ Review the Paschal Mystery
- 7. _____ Identify and discuss encyclicals and letters of the U.S. Bishops
- 8. _____ Explain apologetics and how to defend Catholic teachings

C. CHURCH HISTORY/TRADITIONS

- 1. _____ Explain how the councils of the church responded to the issues, heresies, and the challenges of the times
- 2. _____ Relate Councils with locations and issues: Jerusalem, Nicea, Constantinople, Ephesus, Chalcedon, Florence, Trent, Vatican I, and Vatican II
- 3. _____ Understand how the Protestant Reformation brought about the division of Christian faith; identify our common roots
- 4. _____ Explain the history and veneration of the saints/relics
- 5. _____ Recognize the structure of the Vatican today
- 6. _____ Understand the process of electing a Pope/conclave
- 7. _____ Understand the process of the canonization of a saint
- 8. _____ Review the birth of the Church at Pentecost
- 9. _____ Relate lives of the saints, especially Mary, to personal journeys of faith

D. SACRAMENTS

- 1. _____ Describe the sacramental life of the Church and one's part in it
- 2. _____ Review all the signs, symbols and Rites of the sacraments
- 3. _____ Learn the term Mystical Body of Christ in relation to the sacrament of baptism
- 4. _____ Reaffirm the importance of vocation (vocare -to call) to the priesthood and religious life as a life of service to the church

E. NEW TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Model reverence for the Bible as the inspired word of God
- 2. _____ Know that God reveals Himself throughout scripture and tradition
- 3. _____ Understand that Catholic beliefs and practices are rooted in the sacred scripture and tradition
- 4. _____ Relate the New Testament to their own lives

F. OLD TESTAMENT

- 1. _____ Model reverence for the Bible as the inspired word of God
- 2. _____ Know that God reveals Himself through scripture and tradition

G. MORALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that conflict exists and explore ways to seek resolution
- 2. _____ Apply the steps of good decision making
- 3. _____ Analyze the role that an informed conscience plays in decision making/examination of conscience
- 4. _____ Know and discuss the importance of accepting responsibility for one's actions, and facing consequences for one's actions, and the need for reconciliation
- 5. _____ Realize that Christian discipleship is counter cultural to society
- 6. _____ Reinforce the Church teaching on the life issues (abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia) as well as sins against the fifth commandment

H. PEACE/JUSTICE

- 1. _____ Recognize and respond to one's all to the mission of peace and justice
- 2. _____ Recognize the current leaders of the church who promote peace and justice
- 3. _____ Recognize the dignity of each person and acknowledge the positive qualities in persons who are different from us as we are all created by God
- 4. _____ Realizes the importance of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching

I. MISSION/EVANGELIZATION/SERVICE

- 1. _____ Recognize the role of the Holy Spirit in the work of the Church
- 2. _____ Reflect on the importance of outreach and participate in service/outreach projects
- 3. _____ Identify each one's call to serve the Church
- 4. _____ Examine the role of the laity in the Church since Vatican II
- 5. _____ Learn the Church's mission to the poor/Preferential Option for the Poor
- 6. _____ Recognize the need to accept the culture of others

J. STEWARDSHIP

- 1. _____ Understand tithing as the responsibility of stewardship; time, talent, treasure
- 2. _____ Recognize the importance of sharing our gifts with others
- 3. _____ Identify persons whose lives exemplify the Law of Love (Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy, Ten Commandments, Beatitudes)

K. ECUMENISM

- 1. _____ Compare and contrast the traditions of other religions to the Catholic tradition
- 2. _____ Share the message of Christian faith and service with others

L. HUMAN SEXUALITY

- 1. _____ Recognize that each individual is unique and special and should be treated with love and respect
- 2. _____ Review the nature of puberty, the reproductive systems, how they function
- 3. _____ Explore the meaning of being an adolescent/teach abstinence
- 4. _____ Recognize the privileges and responsibilities of human sexuality
- 5. _____ Know and recognize the signs of sexual abuse
- 6. _____ Identify, know and exercise the boundaries to keep one safe
- 7. _____ Honor and respect the wishes of others who do not wish to be touched
- 8. _____ Develop an awareness of the dangers of the internet as related to (My Space, Face Book etc.) and the responsibility to maintain the good reputation of self and others on line as well as in life

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Objective To teach that God promises to love us always; to review Chapter 1 ideas and their relationship to our faith; to work with older children to use the internet and complete computer tasks

Materials *We Believe God Loves Us* Teacher Guide and Student Editions, *We Believe* Grade One CD, CD player, www.webelieve.com website, computers, God's Creation hidden picture page, pencils, crayons, drawing paper

Procedure Open books to page 26. Read together today's lesson: *God promises to love us always*. Gather together in the prayer corner and pray the opening prayer: *God, we want to grow in your love forever*. Discuss the meaning of the word *forever*. Use crayons to color another word for forever, *always*. Read aloud the WE BELIEVE section of the page, and then have a volunteer read the story from Genesis 2-3. Read aloud the top of page 27 that tells how God never stopped loving Adam and Eve. Explain the God promises to love us always, too. Discuss ways we can show our love for God. Have the children complete one of these sentences on the top of a piece of paper: *Thank You, God, for _____*.

Or *God, thank You for _____*.

Then have each child draw and color a picture to illustrate his/her sentence. When everyone is completed, have volunteers share their work. Display the pictures in the prayer corner. As the children are displaying their work, play the Grade 1 CD song #2, *Thank You, God*. Have the children sing along with the words on page 19 in their books.

(Please note that for this part of the lesson, each child will be partnered with an eighth grade buddy who could help with the internet and following activities.)

Go to the computer lab and have the children go to the www.webelieve.com website. Go to the **Students** section and click on **Activities**. Have them choose two of the activities to complete. (They may choose from a matching activity, a word scramble, a keyword activity, and a crossword puzzle.) Walk around to assist where needed. Then help the children go to the **Catechist/Teacher** section of the website and click on **Study Guides**. Click on Chapter 1. Help each child complete the ten questions on the study guide and press *check work*. Have each child print out his/her completed study guide.

Evaluation Look at the children's completed pictures and sentences thanking God. Observe their class participation. Assess their understanding of the key points in the chapter by their performance on the study guide.

Assign the completion of page 28, the Chapter 1 Review, in the *We Believe* book. Have the children study that and their study guide for tomorrow's chapter 1 test.

Grade 2
Religion Lesson Plan

Chapter 1, Day 4

Aim: To emphasize that Jesus, the Son of God, taught us about God the Father and God The Holy Spirit and identify each as the Blessed Trinity

To pray the Sign of the Cross as a way to show our love for God the Father, God The Son, and God the Holy Spirit

Materials: visual –The Blessed Trinity- highlighters, crayons

Content: Remind children that we are respectful when we pray in word and action. The children will pray the Sign of the Cross together and pray quietly in their hearts to Jesus. Recall and discuss what was taught in chapter 1, days 1-3. Read together page 26. Children will circle box with Key Word- Blessed Trinity. Show visual of the Blessed Trinity. Explain Blessed means “holy”, tri- means “three”. Stress that there is only one God, but there are three Persons in one God. Children will highlight in their texts:

- The Father is God.
- The Son is God.
- The Holy Spirit is God.

Practice: Neatly, complete the prayer on page 27. As a class, recite the prayer, the Sign of the Cross.

Homework: Review chapter 1 for tomorrow’s test.

Evaluation- Assess children’s ability to recall and discuss lessons from days 1-3 in chapter 1 and prayer on page 27. Identify the three Persons in one God and what we call the three persons in one God. Did the class pray respectfully?

Follow-up: Explain that the Glory prayer on page 19 is another prayer that reminds us of the Blessed Trinity. Make a model of the Blessed Trinity on the computer or as a group using a ruler on large chart paper, or in a large group write a prayer poem to the Blessed Trinity.

Grade 3
Religion Lesson Plan

Topic: God's Love for Us

Objective: To emphasize the lessons that Jesus taught about God's love for us.

Content: TEXT: Sadlier, We Believe We Are the Church, pages 31 – 41

Procedure: Begin with the "We Gather" prayer. Use the chapter story (p. 31E) to clarify "Love" in the children's minds about their family. Then, read Matthew 6:26 – 33 to show how much God loves us.

Assessment: Teachers interaction with the students in discussing their answers to the "We Respond" questions (p. 35)

Audio Visual: Sony Wonder, "The Story of the Prodigal Son" (Time Life Video) 1996

Grade 4
Religion Lesson Plan

Objective: To introduce the Beatitudes taught by Jesus and identify ways to live out each of the Beatitudes.

Materials: Book, pencil, beach ball, computer

Procedure:

1. Pages 34-35 in Sadlier “We Believe” religion series.
2. Read page 34 together. Discuss each of the Beatitudes. Have the student complete the chart describing how they can live each of the Beatitudes.
3. Have students sit in a circle. Using a beach ball, have the students pass the ball completing each of the Beatitudes. The first student says the first half then passes the ball to another student who completes the Beatitude. (Books may be used.)
4. Use internet links to reinforce the Beatitudes and word meanings.
 - a. www.akidsheart.com/bible/nt/serm/sermnt.html
 - b. www.gardenofpraise.com/bibl42s.htm

Evaluation: Completion of ball activity.
Completion of internet activity. (Some answers can be printed)

GAME OPTIONS:

1. Have the student use vocabulary in the Beatitudes then pass the ball to another student to describe the meaning of that word.
EXAMPLE: “Meek”(pass ball to another student) “Being kind, patient, and respectful of others”
2. Have first student say the Beatitude then the next student describes a way to live that Beatitude.

Grade 5
Religion Lesson Plan

Topic: The Liturgical Year

Objective: To present the liturgical year as a time to remember and celebrate the life of Christ.

Content: TEXT: Sadlier, “We Believe”, Chapter 6, p. 79 - 83
p. 114 – 124; “Bible”, Matthew 13: 31 – 32; Mark 4: 30 – 32;
Luke 13: 18 - 19

Procedure: A. Springboard – Focus on Life

1. What are the dates that you mark on your calendar?
 2. How do you celebrate each special day?
- B. Connect/Lead the discussion to the presentation of the liturgical calendar that marks the changing church seasons.
- C. Read and discuss the “We Believe” paragraphs to provide the students with a clear understanding of the liturgical year.
- D. Divide the class into six groups by picking popsicle sticks numbered 1 – 6. Assign each liturgical season to each of the six groups for a small group discussion.
- E. Each group will present the outcome of their self-study to the whole class. Every member will get to share some information about the liturgical season assigned to them.

Assessment: Re-scramble the groupings. A representative from each new group will draw a liturgical season. The group is then responsible for a presentation in the form of a tableau.

Grade 6
Religion Lesson Plan

Topic: Creation

Objective: To teach that God makes Himself known to us through divine Revelation which is handed down to us through the Bible and Tradition.

Content: TEXT: Sadlier, “We Believe We Are God’s People”, p. 31 – 40; “Bible”, Genesis 1: 1 – 13; 2: 1 – 4.

Procedure: Begin with the “We Gather Prayer”. Explain that Genesis focuses on the beginning of God’s relationship with humanity. Discuss some beginnings that students have in common (first time experiences). Partner students for Scripture Reading.

Assessment: Complete the Reflect and Pray Activity (Reproducible Master) p. 310

Audio Visual: The Genesis Project, Inc., “The Book of Genesis – Part I”.

Grade 7
Religion Lesson Plan

Topic: The Parables

Objective: To explain what a parable is and to demonstrate how Jesus used parables to teach spiritual lessons.

Content: TEXT: Sadlier, “New Testament, A Course on Jesus Christ and His Disciples”, p. 114 – 124; “Bible”, Matthew 13: 31 – 32; Mark 4: 30 – 32; Luke 13: 18 - 19

Procedure: Begin with the reading of one of the KINGDOM parables, the Mustard Seed. Use it to explain what the seed stands for and what challenge is contained in it.

Assessment: Use small groups and have students discuss some ways each of them can put the message of the parable into practice.

Audio Visual: The Genesis Project, Inc., “The Book of Luke Part III - Parables”.

Grade 8
Religion Lesson Plan

Topic: Church History

Objective: To examine some of the crises affecting the Church in America during the 1940's to the 1970's.

Content: TEXT: Sadlier, "Church History, A Course on the People of God",
p. 150 – 161.

Procedure: Begin with prayer on p. 155 (T.Ed). Discuss some of the historical events of these decades and ask, "Is a crisis also an opportunity?" Use the examples of cardinal Bernardin and others who took hard stands to speak out for truth and justice.

Assessment: Have students discuss the FYI question on page 159 proposed by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, "Do you think America still needs a change of heart?"

Audio Visual: Fox Video, "The Diary of Anne Frank".

ADDENDUM PRAYERS**Sign of the Cross**

In the name (+) of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, our hope!

To you do we cry, the poor banished children of Eve!

To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping from this valley of tears!

Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us;

and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus!

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Doxology

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer to Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here.

Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are to receive from your bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace After Meals

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all your benefits who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more,
And to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you,
and I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment.
But most of all because they offend you, my God, Who are all good and deserving
of all my love.
I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near
occasions of sin.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus
Christ his only son our Lord Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Nicene Creed

We believe in One God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Confiteor

I confess to Almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters,

That I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words,

In what I have done and in what I have failed to do;

And I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, all the angels and saints, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

Simple Act of Faith, Hope, and Love

My God, I believe in You, I trust You, and I love you with my whole heart.

Amen.

Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Pray Hail Mary

Behold the handmaid of the Lord

R Be it done unto me according to your word.

Pray Hail Mary

And the world was made flesh

R And dwelt among us.

Pray Hail Mary

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

R That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray,

Pour forth we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son, was made know by the message of an angel, may His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

During Easter Time: Queen of Heaven

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

The Son whom it was your privilege to bear, alleluia.

Has risen as He said, alleluia.

Pray God for us, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad Virgin Mary alleluia.

For the Lord has truly risen alleluia.

Let us pray,

O God, You were pleased to give joy to the world through the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant, we beseech You, that through the mediation of the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may come to the joys of life everlasting. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known,

That anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help,

Or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence I fly unto you, o Virgin of Virgins, my Mother;

To you I come before I stand sinful and sorrowful: O Mother of the Word

Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer them.

Amen.

Mysteries of the Rosary**Joyful Mysteries**

1. Annunciation
2. Visitation
3. Birth of Our Lord
4. Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
5. Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

1. Agony in the Garden
2. Scourging at the Pillar
3. Crowning with Thorns
4. Carrying of the Cross
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

1. Resurrection
2. Ascension
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven
5. The Coronation of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth

Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary

1. Baptism of Jesus
2. Wedding Feast of Cana
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. Transfiguration
5. Institution of the Eucharist

Seven Sacraments**Sacraments of Initiation**

Baptism/Confirmation/Holy Eucharist

Sacraments of Healing

Penance/Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments of Service

Holy Orders/Matrimony

Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. Do not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your mother and father.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Laws of Love

1. Love God with your whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.
2. Love your neighbor as yourself.

Precepts of the Church

1. Participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.
2. Confess your sins at least once a year.
3. Receive Communion at least during the Easter season.
4. Observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Provide for the material needs of the Church.

Theological Virtues

Faith, Hope, Love

Cardinal Virtues

Prudence, Justice, Fortitude Temperance

Capital Sins

Pride, greed, lust, envy, anger, gluttony, and sloth

Spiritual Words of Mercy

1. Convert the sinner
2. Instruct the ignorant
3. Counsel the doubtful
4. Comfort the sorrowful
5. Bear wrongs patiently
6. Forgive injuries
7. Pray for the living and the dead

Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit those in prison
7. Bury the dead

Holy Days of Obligation in the United States

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| 1. November 1: | Feast of All Saints |
| 2. December 8: | Feast of the Immaculate Conception |
| 3. December 25: | Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord |
| 4. January 1: | Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God |
| 5. 40 days after Easter | Feast of the Ascension of our Lord |
| 6. August 15: | Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother |

Other Feasts of Our Blessed Mother

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| 1. February 12: | Our Lady of Lourdes |
| 2. March 25: | Annunciation |
| 3. July 16: | Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 4. September 8: | Birth of Our Lady |
| 5. October 7: | Feast of the Holy Rosary |
| 6. December 12: | Our Lady of Guadalupe |

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom/Understanding/Counsel/Fortitude/Knowledge/Piety/Fear of the Lord

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

1. Life and dignity of the human person
2. Call to family, community participation
3. Rights and responsibilities
4. Option for the poor and vulnerable
5. Dignity of work and the rights of workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's creation

Web Resources for Religion Curriculum

The following sites are good resources for your religion classes:

- www.catholiceducation.org lists numerous sites
- www.cin.org Catholic Information Network
- www.memorare.com/games/index.html
- www.catholic.org
- www.faithfirst.com
- www.catholic.net
- www.ewtn.com
- www.catholicnews.com
- www.silk.net/RelEd/
- www.4catholiceducators.com
- www.domestic-church.com
- <http://themass.org>
- www.usccb.org

Each religion series has its own web site.

Religion Curriculum

Other information is available on the following websites:

www.home-school.info

www.catholiccurriculumcorp.org

www.faithfirst.com

www.findinggod.org

www.webelieveweb.com

www.cyberfaith.com

www.akidsheart.com

www.gardenofpraise.com

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Glossary Of Terms

Glossary of Terms in the Catechetical Curriculum

Term Level Meaning

Abortion 8 The act of destroying an unborn child; refer to CCC #2271-2272.

Absolution 2 The blessing of forgiveness prayed by the priest over the penitent in the sacrament of penance; refer to CCC # 1441-1442.

Abstinence 7 People over the age of 14 are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent as a means of corporate penance.

Adam and Eve 1 The first parents of the human race created in God's own image and likeness; God breathed his life into the couple and gave them charge of all creation; refer to CCC #3699-379.

Adoration 5 One of the ends of prayer; the act of reverence to God and Jesus in the Eucharist.
Adultery 8 Marital infidelity

Advent 1 The first season of the Church year; a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ; the term comes from the Latin word for "coming."

Alb 5 The white robe the priest, deacon, or altar server wears at Mass; the term come from the Latin word for "white."

Altar 2 The table used for the celebration of Mass.

Ambo 3 The stand from which the Scriptures are proclaimed in Church.

Amen 2 The word said at the end of a prayer to mean, "So be it!"

Angel 1 A spiritual being in heaven.

Annunciation 5 The commemoration of the time that Mary said, "Yes!" when the angel asked her to be the Mother of God; First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.

Apostles 1 Originally this term meant the 12 people closest to Jesus whom he sent forth to bring the good news of salvation; those whom by baptism are charged to bring the good news of God's love to others.

Apostolic 3 One of the four marks of the church that means the roots of the church can be traced to the apostles; it is also the charge of the church to bring the good news of salvation to the world.

Ascension 8 Term given to Jesus' ascending into heaven 40 days after his resurrection; the Second Glorious Mystery of the Rosary.

Ash Wednesday 4 First day of Lent; a day of fasting and abstinence; the faithful receive ashes on their forehead as a sign of repentance.

Assembly 2 The gathering of the baptized to give praise and worship to God.

Assumption 8 Term given to Mary being taken into heaven; the Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary; refer to CCC #966.

Baptism 1 The first of the seven Sacraments; the sacrament that incorporates the person into the Body of Christ; refer to CCC #977.

Baptistry 3 The place in the church where the baptismal font is placed.

Beatitudes 4 Eight beatitudes are listed in Matthew 5: 1-11; a way of living in the manner of Jesus Christ.

Belief 4 A truth that is held in a person's heart.

Benediction 7 A devotion of the church to honor Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Benedictus 8 The Canticle of Zechariah in Luke 1:67-79; used in Morning Prayer of the Church.

Bible 1 The written revelation of God's love for his people; the two major segments are Old Testament and New Testament; refer to CCC #105-108.

Bishop 2 The third of the sacraments of Holy Orders; the bishop is appointed by the Pope to be the clerical head of a particular diocese.

Blessed Sacrament 2 Title given to Jesus present in the bread or host; reserved in the tabernacle for adoration and to be sacrament for the sick.

Blessing 2 A prayer for good for the person being blessed; refer to CCC #1671-1672.

Body of Christ 7 All the baptized form the Body of Christ when they come together in the name of Christ; refer to CCC #787-789.

Book of Gospels 3 A book used at Mass from which the Gospel for each Sunday or Feast Day is proclaimed.

Canonization 4 Process whereby someone who has died is declared a saint in heaven.

Canticles 8 A special hymn of praise found in the scriptures

Capital Sins 8 Pride, greed, lust, anger, envy, gluttony, sloth; refer to CCC #1866.

Cardinal Virtues 8 Cardinal Virtues include prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance; moral virtues acquired by human efforts around which all other virtues are related; refer to CCC #1805.

Cassock 5 Robe worn by clergy; priests' cassocks are black, bishops' cassocks are red.

Catholic 2 A mark of the church which refers to the fact that the church is for people of all races

and cultures, whether rich or poor; refer to CCC #830.

Catholic Charities 7 An organization within the church that works to help those in need; a special collection is taken up in church annually to support this effort.

Catholic Relief 7 An organization that meets the needs of crisis victims throughout the world; a special Services collection is taken up in church annually to support this international effort.

Celibacy 7 The oath a priest takes at ordination to declare that he will not be married.

Chalice 5 The cup used at Mass to hold the wine that will become the Blood of Christ; it is to be made of precious material.

Chasuble 5 The outer vestment worn by the priest or deacon at Mass; its color reflects the liturgical season.

Chrism 5 Olive oil and balsam consecrated by the Bishop each Holy Thursday to be used for baptisms and confirmations in each parish for the coming year; chrism is also used to anoint men to the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Christian Morality 8 The way of living that is in the manner of Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #1749.

Christmas 1 The feast of the birthday of Jesus Christ derived from the expression of Christ's Mass; the feast is also known as the Nativity.

Church 1 The people of God; the Body of Christ; the building where the people of God gather to give praise and worship.

Ciborium 5 The dish-like container for the bread that is the Body of Christ. It is kept in the tabernacle for adoration and to be heavenly food for the sick.

Cincture 5 The rope-like belt worn a priest or altar server wears around the alb.

Clergy 6 Those who are ordained in the Sacrament of Holy Orders to help others and make sacraments available for all of the people of God.

Commandment 1 A law given to God's people to help them live the way God plans for his people; refer to CCC #2052.

Commission 6 The act of choosing to sin by doing something contrary to God's commandments.

Communal Prayer 3 A way of praying with a gathering of people.

Communion of Saints 3 The gathering of the whole church in Christ: those on earth, those in purgatory, and those in heaven; refer to CCC #954.

Community 1 The name given to a group of God's people who come together.

Confession 2 A name given to the sacrament of penance; the part of the sacrament where one names the sins for which forgiveness is asked.

Confirmation 1 The second of the seven sacraments, it is the sacrament that seals baptism and charges the person to more completely live like Christ and help to participate in the life of the church; refer to CCC #1285.

Conscience 2 A part of a person's intellect that passes judgment on an thought or action; a conscience is formed by a person's learning and living Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #1777.

Contrition 2 One of the four ends of prayer; it is the desire for forgiveness within a person.

Corporal Works of 4 Based on Matthew 25: 31-46, the corporal works of mercy include: feed the hungry, give Mercy drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, ransom the captive, bury the dead.

Covenant 4 A special promise made between God and his people. Once God makes this promise, he never breaks it; refer to CCC #62.

Creed 4 A summary of beliefs of the church. The term comes from a Latin word that means, "I give my heart to;" refer to CCC #187-193.

Crucifix 2 A cross that holds the corpse of Jesus on it.

Deacon 3 A person ordained to special service in the church.

Decade 4 A term used to denote ten "Hail Mary's" in the rosary.

Diocese 2 A group of parishes in a geographical area that is headed by a Bishop of the Church.

Disciple 1 One who follows Jesus.

Discipleship 8 The term given to the special way of life one is called to live who is baptized into Jesus Christ.

Dogma 6 A belief that has been explained by the Magisterium in Church teaching.

Easter 1 The celebration of Christ's rising from the dead.

Easter Vigil 7 The church's celebration held on Holy Saturday to commemorate Jesus' resurrection; it is the time when people celebrate the sacraments of initiation through RCIA in the church.

Empathy 8 Identifying with the joys and sufferings of others.

Eucharist 1 A name given to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament; the term comes from the Greek, "to give thanks;" refer to CCC #1322-1330.

Evangelists 4 The term given to the four Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Evangelization 4 The mission of the church to spread the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth; refer to CCC #861.

Evening Prayer 8 Part of the Liturgy of the Church; it consists of psalms, canticles, readings, and intercessions for all God's people.

Evil 4 The absence of good.

Faith 8 A theological virtue that helps one believe in God; refer to CCC #26.

Fast 7 On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday adults between the ages of 18 and 59 are to eat only three meals a day without eating anything in between; two of the meals combined cannot be larger than the third meal.

Food Banks 7 Places where the poor may go to receive the food they need.

Forgiveness 1 The reason Jesus came to earth; it is also something given to others when one has been offended.

Free Will 2 Made in the image and likeness of God, a person has the ability to choose his/her own actions; refer to CCC #1730.

Fruits of the Spirit 7 Listed in Galatians 5:22-23, these virtues express the perfection of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.

Genuflect 1 A reverence made before entering a pew in church or passing the Blessed Sacrament; a person touches the right knee to the floor.

Gifts of the Spirit 7 Listed in Isaiah 11: 1-2, these are dispositions of the heart that help a person to live in the Spirit of Jesus Christ: wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord.

God 1 The supreme being who is, was, and always will be; the creator of heaven and earth; refer to CCC #27.

God's Providence 6 God's desire is to have his people return to be with him forever in heaven; refer to CCC #302.

Gospel 2 The good news of salvation; there are four Gospel accounts in the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Grace 2 A gift from God that allows us to participate in the very life of God; it may be sanctifying or actual; refer to CCC #1996-1997.

Gratitude 8 A disposition that should be in the heart of one who receives and lives Eucharist.
Habitat for Humanity 7 A group dedicated to building homes for the poor.

Healing 3 The process by which one is made whole in either/ or body and spirit.

Heaven 1 The state of permanent perfection and union with God in heaven for eternity; refer to CCC #1023-1024.

Hell 4 The opposite state of heaven; a permanent place of misery and separation from God; refer to CCC #1033.

Holiness 7 A condition of baptism that allows one to be in relationship with God; refer to CCC #2013.

Holy 3 One of the four marks of the church; as Christ is holy, so members of the church through baptism participate in the holiness of Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #823-829.

Holy Communion 2 A name given to the reception of the Blessed Sacrament or Eucharist.

Holy Days of 7 The seven days of the Days of the church year when the faithful people of the United States gather at Mass, other than Sundays, to worship God

Homily 2 Talk given by the priest or deacon after the Gospel to help make the message of scripture meaningful in today's society

Hospitality 5 A virtue that displays the welcoming spirit of Jesus Christ.

Host 2 A term given to the bread of the Blessed Sacrament. It comes from the Latin, "hostia," which means victim.

Idol 4 Someone or something that a person makes more important than God.

Immortality 4 Understanding that the soul of a person will live forever and will be united with the body at the final judgment.

Incarnation 5 The action of the Son of God coming down and becoming Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #461-463.

Infallibility 6 A gift that the Pope receives to proclaim the truth about God and the things of God; refer to CCC #92.

Inspiration 6 The act whereby God inspired the human authors of the Bible to reveal truth about God.

Intellect 2 The ability to know things; it is one of the ways people are made in God's image and likeness.

Jesse Tree 6 An Advent custom of hanging decorations on a tree to remember those great people in the scriptures who waited for coming of the Savior.

Judgment 5 When one comes before God at the time of death; it also given to the meeting of God with all his people at the end of time, this will determine heaven, purgatory, or hell for the person being judged; refer to CCC #1021.

Justice 3 One of the cardinal virtues that means living in right relationship with God and all people by working to improve people's conditions; refer to CCC #1807.

Kingdom of God 3 The reign of God; it is begun here on earth and perfected in heaven; refer to CCC #541-546.

Laity 6 All of the baptized except for those who have Holy Orders; refer to CCC #897.

Laying on of Hands 5 The symbolic gesture of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon God's people.

Lectionary 2 The book used at Mass that contains the Scripture readings for each day.

Lent 1 The six week period before Easter that begins on Ash Wednesday; originally a time of baptismal preparation.

Liturgical cycles 4 The seasons of the Church calendar: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, Pentecost

Liturgy 3 The public work of worship in the church; it includes: Mass, Sacraments, and Liturgy of the Hours; refer to CCC #1067.

Liturgy of the 2 The second major part of the Mass where the Body and Blood of Jesus is consecrated Eucharist and the people receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Liturgy of the Hours 8 Part of the Liturgy of the Church; the two major hours of prayer are morning and evening prayer.

Liturgy of the Word 2 The first major part of the Mass where the Word of God is proclaimed.

Lord's Prayer 1 The prayer that Jesus taught his disciples; it is also called, "the Our Father".

Lumen Gentium 8 One of the major documents from the Vatican II Council; it is also called, " The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church."

Luminous 6 One of the four mysteries of the Rosary given to the Church by Pope John Paul II: Baptism of Jesus, Wedding at Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist.

Magisterium 8 The teaching body of the Church headed by the Pope; refer to CCC #85-87.

Magnificat 8 A Gospel canticle taken from Luke 1: 46-55 and prayed at Evening Prayer of the Church.

Martyr 5 One who dies for giving witness to Christ.

Mary 1 The mother of Jesus, both God and man; refer to CCC #721-725.

Mass 1 The worship of the Church that is based on the Last Supper; refer to CCC #1332

Matrimony 3 The sacrament that unites a man with a woman to share their love for one another and bring forth children; refer to CCC #1061.

Miracle 1 An act that has consequences beyond human understanding.

Missal 3 The book that contains the prayers of the Mass and is used at the altar.

Mission 3 The work of the church to bring the good news to others.

Monstrance 5 The stand in which the Blessed Sacrament is placed for adoration.

Morning Prayer 8 Part of the Liturgy of the Church prayed each morning; it consists of psalms, canticles, readings, and intercessions for all God's people

Mortal Sin 5 Sin that breaks a person's covenant with God; something very wrong, a person knows it's very wrong, and the person chooses to do it; refer to CCC #1854-1859.

Mystery 5 A truth that is partly hidden from us, but partly revealed; refer to CCC #42-43.

Mystical Body of 5 A term used by Saint Paul in the Letter to the Corinthians to explain the mystery of Christ unity in Jesus Christ that takes place at baptism; refer to CCC #787-791.

New Testament 2 The second major part of the Bible that tells the good news of Jesus Christ.

Oil of Sick 3 Olive oil blessed by the Bishop on Holy Thursday and used throughout the diocese in the coming of the year in the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Old Testament 2 The first major part of the Bible that foretells the coming of the Savior.

Omission 6 Sin that happens by not doing something that should be done by a disciple of Jesus Christ.

One 3 A mark of the Church; there is one God, one Lord, and one Baptism; refer to CCC #865.

Ordinary Time 2 The Sundays of the Church year that are designated by ordinal numbers.

Original Sin 5 The first sin committed by Adam and Eve; refer to CCC #396-412.

Outreach 8 Service to the poor and needy.

Parable 3 A story used by Jesus to explain a truth about the Kingdom of God.

Parish 1 A group of people who are registered and worship at a particular Catholic church.

Paschal Candle 3 The large candle that is lit during the Easter Season as a symbol of Jesus, the Light of World; it is also used at funerals.

Paschal Mystery 4 The mystery of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection; refer to CCC #571.

Pastor 1 The priest who leads a parish.

Paten 5 The plate that is used to hold the bread that is Jesus at Mass.

Patron Saint 5 The saint in heaven for which a person is named.

Peace 1 A condition of harmony of body, mind, and spirit; it may be individual and communal.

Penance 2 Prayers or actions undertaken to indicate a desire to live a more Christ-centered life; a sacrament of healing where a person celebrates God's forgiveness for sin.

Pentecost 7 The birthday of the Church; celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in Acts 2:1-11.

Pew 3 The long bench where people sit in church.

Pope 2 The visible head on earth of the Roman Catholic Church; refer to CCC #882.

Posada 3 An Hispanic tradition on Christmas eve that re-enacts the story of Mary and Joseph seeking room in Bethlehem.

Praise 1 A reason to pray and honor God for his love and goodness.

Prayer 1 Lifting mind and heart to God in loving relationship with him; prayer is either private or communal; it may be formal or informal.

Precepts of the 5 Minimal requirements for living out what it means to live as Roman Catholics. Refer to Church CCC #2041-2043.

Prejudice 6 A biased opinion against some one or thing.

Presider's Chair 3 The chair where the priest sits during the Mass.

Priest 3 One who is ordained by the bishop to be serve the spiritual needs of the people of God; refer to CCC #1551.

Priesthood of the 5 All the baptized are called to share in the priesthood of Christ through participation at Faithful Mass; refer to CCC #1547.

Private Prayer 3 The individual conversation that a person has with God, the Blessed Mother, or a saint.

ProceSSIONAL Cross 3 The cross that leads the entrance procession at Mass.

Prophet 3 One who calls people to remember the truth of God.

Psalm 2 A song in the Bible. There are 150 songs in the Book of Psalms.

Purgatory 4 A time of purification after death for those who are not yet ready to enter into heaven; refer to CCC #1030.

RCIA 7 The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the normative process for those seeking the three sacraments of initiation in the church.

Real Presence 2 The belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist; refer to CCC #1378-1379.

Reconciliation 2 A name given to the Sacrament of Penance that expresses the understanding that through the sacrament one is brought to right relationship with God, self, and others.

Redemption 8 The act of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection that made it possible for the baptized to enter heaven; refer to CCC #571.

Religion 1 The set of beliefs, way of life, and way of worship that a person embraces as a faith response to God; refer to CCC #2135.

Remembrance 4 Making the past present as in the act of consecration of the Eucharist at Mass; refer to CCC #1341.

Respect 1 The act where one treats another person with dignity.

Responsibility 3 A charge to be or do something for a very good reason.

Resurrection 2 Christ's rising from the dead on Easter Sunday

Revelation 6 The act of God revealing truths about himself in the Scriptures.

Reverence 4 Treating another with respect.

Rosary 4 A prayer to the Blessed Mother; refer to CCC #2678.

Sacrament 1 A universal efficacious sign of the church that signifies the saving act of Christ in the lives of God's people; there are 7 sacraments; refer to CCC #1131.

Saints 1 The baptized; the term usually refers to those people who are now in heaven.

Salvation 6 The condition of being redeemed by Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #169.

Sanctifying Grace 2 The very life of God that is the habitual gift a person receives through participation in the sacraments; it is this very life that makes it possible to call God, "Father;" refer to CCC #1999-2000.

Sanctuary 3 The place in the church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle. A light is always lit in this place.

Satan 4 The Evil one.

Sharing 1 A habit of helping those who are less fortunate.

Sin 1 Missing the mark on how to live as God's people; a sin is constituted with: something is wrong, a person knows it's wrong, and chooses to do it; refer to CCC #1849-1850.

Social Sin 6 A result of original sin, it is a sinful condition that is prevalent in society, such as: slavery, oppression of women, racism, bigotry.

Soul 1 The spiritual part of a person that is immortal; refer to CCC #363.

Spiritual Works of 4 Seven ways a Christian is called to tend to the spiritual needs of others; refer to CCC Mercy #2447.

Stations of the Cross 5 A devotion to commemorate Jesus journey to his crucifixion.

Steward 4 One who responds to the call to care for all God's creation.

Stewardship 4 The responsibility to care for all of God's creation.

Stole 5 The scarf-like vestment that a priest wears around his neck when performing sacramental duties; a deacon wears a stole across his chest.

Supplication 5 The act of asking for needs in prayer; one of the four ends of prayer, also known as petition; refer to CCC #2679.

Tabernacle 3 The receptacle in church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved.

Temptation 2 The time of choice to do wrong before choosing to perform an action; refer to CCC #538.

Ten Commandments 4 The ten laws God gave Moses so that the people of God would know how to live as God's people; refer to CCC #2067.

Thanksgiving 5 The attitude to which a person is called to live in gratitude for salvation through Jesus Christ.

Theological Virtues 8 The three virtues: faith, hope, and love, that are infused in a person through baptism that are the source of all other virtue; refer to CCC #1812-1827.

Tithe 6 The practice of donating a portion of one's income to God.

Tradition 6 The oral, lived transmission of the faith from one generation to the next; refer to CCC #83.

Transubstantiation 7 The consecration of the bread and wine at Mass into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #1376.

Triduum 4 The liturgical remembrance of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection comprising Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and culminating in the Easter Vigil.

Trinity 2 The mystery of faith that expresses the unity of God who is three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; refer to CCC #234.

Truth 4 A belief held through faith in God.

Vatican II 8 A gathering of the Bishops of the Church called by Pope John XXIII from 1962 to 1965 that called for renewal in the church.

Venial Sin 5 Sin that does not sever the relationship with God, but diminishes it; refer to CCC #1862.

Vice 7 A habit of evil.

Virtue 7 A habit of doing good.

Vocation 2 The way a person responds to living out the baptismal call: single, married, priesthood or religious life.

Vow 5 A sacred promise a person makes to God; this is usually done in the presences of witnesses; refer to CCC #915.

Worship 3 The act whereby a community gives praise and honor due to God through liturgical expression; refer to CCC #1067.

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Saints The baptized; the term usually refers to those people who are now in heaven.

Sharing A habit of helping those who are less fortunate.

Sin Missing the mark on how to live as God's people; a sin is constituted with: something is wrong, a person knows it's wrong, and chooses to do it; refer to CCC #1849-1850.

Soul The spiritual part of a person that is immortal; refer to CCC #363.

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Level 2: Glossary of Terms

Term Meaning

Absolution The blessing of forgiveness prayed by the priest over the penitent in the sacrament of penance; refer to CCC # 1441-1442.

Altar The table used for the celebration of Mass.

Amen The word said at the end of a prayer to mean, "So be it!"

Assembly The gathering of the baptized to give praise and worship to God.

Bishop The third of the sacraments of Holy Orders; the bishop is appointed by the Pope to be the clerical head of a particular diocese.

Blessed Sacrament Title given to Jesus present in the bread or host; reserved in the

tabernacle for adoration and to be sacrament for the sick.

Blessing A prayer for good for the person being blessed; refer to CCC #1671-1672.

Catholic A mark of the church which refers to the fact that the church is for people of all races and cultures, whether rich or poor; refer to CCC #830.

Confession A name given to the sacrament of penance; the part of the sacrament where one names the sins for which forgiveness is asked.

Conscience A part of a person's intellect that passes judgment on an thought or action; a conscience is formed by a person's learning and living Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #1777.

Contrition One of the four ends of prayer; it is the desire for forgiveness within a person.

Crucifix A cross that holds the corpse of Jesus on it.

Diocese A group of parishes in a geographical area that is headed by a Bishop of the Church.

Free Will Made in the image and likeness of God, a person has the ability to choose his/her own actions; refer to CCC #1730.

Gospel The good news of salvation; there are four Gospel accounts in the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Term Meaning

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Grace A gift from God that allows us to participate in the very life of God; it may be sanctifying or actual; refer to CCC #1996-1997.

Holy Communion A name given to the reception of the Blessed Sacrament or Eucharist.

Homily Talk given by the priest or deacon after the Gospel to help make the message of scripture meaningful in today's society.

Host A term given to the bread of the Blessed Sacrament. It comes from the Latin, "hostia," which means victim.

Intellect The ability to know things; it is one of the ways people are made in God's image and likeness.

Lectionary The book used at Mass that contains the Scripture readings for each day.

Liturgy of the Eucharist The second major part of the Mass where the Body and blood of Jesus is consecrated and the people receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Liturgy of the Word The first major part of the Mass where the Word of God is proclaimed.

New Testament The second major part of the Bible that tells the good news of Jesus Christ.

Old Testament The first major part of the Bible that foretells the coming of the Savior.

Ordinary Time The Sundays of the Church year that are designated by ordinal numbers.

Penance Prayers or actions undertaken to indicate a desire to live a more Christ-centered life; a sacrament of healing where a person celebrates God's forgiveness for sin.

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Term Meaning

Pope The visible head on earth of the Roman Catholic Church; refer to CCC #882.

Psalms A song in the Bible. There are 150 songs in the Book of Psalms.

Real Presence The belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist; refer to CCC #1378-1379.

Reconciliation A name given to the Sacrament of Penance that expresses the understanding that through the sacrament one is brought to right relationship with God, self, and others.

Resurrection Christ's rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Sanctifying Grace The very life of God that is the habitual gift a person receives through participation in the sacraments; it is this very life that makes it possible to call God, "Father;" refer to CCC #1999-2000.

Temptation The time of choice to do wrong before choosing to perform an action; refer to CCC #538.

Trinity The mystery of faith that expresses the unity of God who is three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; refer to CCC #234.

Vocation The way a person responds to living out the baptismal call: single, married, priesthood or religious life.

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Level 3: Glossary of Terms

Term Meaning

Ambo The stand from which the Scriptures are proclaimed in Church.

Apostolic One of the four marks of the church that means the roots of the church can be traced to the apostles; it is also the charge of the church to bring the good news of salvation to the world.

Baptistry The place in the church where the baptismal font is placed.

Book of Gospels A book used at Mass from which the Gospel for each Sunday or Feast Day is proclaimed.

Communal Prayer A way of praying with a gathering of people.

Communion of Saints The gathering of the whole church in Christ: those on earth, those in purgatory, and those in heaven; refer to CCC #954.

Deacon A person ordained to special service in the church.

Healing The process by which one is made whole in either/ or body and spirit.

Holy One of the four marks of the church; as Christ is holy, so members of the church through baptism participate in the holiness of Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #823-829.

Holy Orders The sacrament that ordains men to continue the sacramental life of the church; the three orders are deacon, priest, bishop; refer to CCC #1536

Justice One of the cardinal virtues that means living in right relationship with God and all people by working to improve people's conditions; refer to CCC #1807.

Kingdom of God The reign of God; it is begun here on earth and perfected in heaven; refer to CCC #541-546.

Liturgy The public work of worship in the church; it includes: Mass, Sacraments, and Liturgy of the Hours; refer to CCC #1067.

Matrimony The sacrament that unites a man with a woman to share their love for one another and bring forth children; refer to CCC #1061

Missal The book that contains the prayers of the Mass and is used at the altar.

- Mission** The work of the church to bring the good news to others.
- Oil of Sick** Olive oil blessed by the Bishop on Holy Thursday and used throughout the diocese in the coming of the year in the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
- One** A mark of the Church; there is one God, one Lord, and one Baptism; refer to CCC #865.
- Parable** A story used by Jesus to explain a truth about the Kingdom of God.
- Paschal Candle** The large candle that is lit during the Easter Season as a symbol of Jesus, the Light of the World; it is also used at funerals.
- Peace** A condition of harmony of body, mind, and spirit; it may be individual and communal.
- Pew** The long bench where people sit in church.
- Posada** An Hispanic tradition on Christmas eve that re-enacts the story of Mary and Joseph seeking room in Bethlehem.
- Presider's Chair** The chair where the priest sits during the Mass.
- Priest** One who is ordained by the bishop to be serve the spiritual needs of the people of God; refer to CCC #1551.
- Private Prayer** The individual conversation that a person has with God, the Blessed Mother, or a saint.
- Processional Cross** The cross that leads the entrance procession at Mass.
- Prophet** One who calls people to remember the truth of God.
- Responsibility** A charge to be or do something for a very good reason.
- Sanctuary** The place in the church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle. A light is always lit in this place.
- Tabernacle** The receptacle in church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved.
- Worship** The act whereby a community gives praise and honor due to God through liturgical expression; refer to CCC #1067.

Level 4: Glossary of Terms

Term Meaning

- Ash Wednesday** First day of Lent; a day of fasting and abstinence; the faithful receive ashes on their forehead as a sign of repentance.
- Beatitudes** Eight beatitudes are listed in Matthew 5: 1-11; a way of living in the manner of Jesus Christ.
- Belief** A truth that is held in a person's heart.
- Canonization** Process whereby someone who has died is declared a saint in heaven.
- Corporal Works of Mercy** Based on Matthew 25: 31-46, the corporal works of mercy include: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, ransom the captive, bury the dead.
- Covenant** A special promise made between God and his people. Once God makes this promise, he never breaks it; refer to CCC #62.
- Creed** A summary of beliefs of the church. The term comes from a Latin word that means, "I give my heart to;" refer to CCC #187-193.
- Decade** A term used to denote ten "Hail Mary's" in the rosary.
- Evangelists** The term given to the four Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- Evangelization** The mission of the church to spread the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth; refer to CCC #861.
- Evil** The absence of good.
- Hell** The opposite state of heaven; a permanent place of misery and separation for God; refer to CCC #1033.
- Idol** Someone or something that a person makes more important than God.
- Immortality** Understanding that the soul of a person will live forever and will be united with the body at the final judgment.
- Liturgical cycles** The seasons of the Church calendar: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, Pentecost
- Paschal Mystery** The mystery of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection; refer to CCC #571.

- Purgatory** A time of purification after death for those who are not yet ready to enter into heaven; refer to CCC #1030.
- Remembrance** Making the past present as in the act of consecration of the Eucharist at Mass; refer to CCC #1341.
- Reverence** Treating another with respect.
- Rosary** A prayer to the Blessed Mother; refer to CCC #2678.
- Satan** The Evil one.
- Spiritual Works of Mercy** Seven ways a christian is called to tend to the spiritual needs of others; refer to CCC #2447.
- Steward** One who responds to the call to care for all God's creation.
- Stewardship** The responsibility to care for all of God's creation.
- Ten Commandments** The ten laws God gave Moses so that the people of God would know how to live as God's people; refer to CCC #2067.
- Triduum** The liturgical remembrance of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection comprising Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and culminating in the Easter Vigil.
- Truth** A belief held through faith in God.

Level 5: Glossary of Terms

Term Meaning

- Adoration** One of the ends of prayer; the act of reverence to God and Jesus in the Eucharist.
- Alb** The white robe the priest, deacon, or altar server wears at Mass; the term come from the Latin word for "white."
- Annunciation** The commemoration of the time that Mary said, "Yes!" when the angel asked her to be the Mother of God; First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.
- Cassock** Robe worn by clergy; priests' cassocks are black, bishops' cassocks are red.
- Chalice** The cup used at Mass to hold the wine that will become the Blood of Christ; it is to be made of precious material.

- Chasuble** The outer vestment worn by the priest or deacon at Mass; its color reflects the liturgical season.
- Chrism** Olive oil and balsam consecrated by the Bishop each Holy Thursday to be used for baptisms and confirmations in each parish for the coming year
- Ciborium** The dish-like container for the bread that is the Body of Christ. It is kept in the tabernacle for adoration and to be heavenly food for the sick.
- Cincture** The rope-like belt worn a priest or altar server wears around the alb.
- Hospitality** A virtue that displays the welcoming spirit of Jesus Christ.
- Incarnation** The action of the Son of God coming down and becoming Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #461-463.
- Judgment** When one comes before God at the time of death; it also given to the meeting of God with all his people at the end of time, this will determine heaven, purgatory, or hell for the person being
- Laying on of Hands** The symbolic gesture of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon God's people.
- Martyr** One who dies for giving witness to Christ.
- Monstrance** The stand in which the Blessed Sacrament is placed for adoration.
- Mortal Sin** Sin that breaks a person's covenant with God; something very wrong, a person knows it's very wrong, and the person chooses to do it; refer to CCC #1854-1859.
- Mystery** A truth that is partly hidden from us, but partly revealed; refer to CCC #42-43.
- Mystical Body of Christ** A term used by Saint Paul in the Letter to the Corinthians to explain the mystery of unity in Jesus Christ that takes place at baptism; refer to CCC #787-791.
- Original Sin** The first sin committed by Adam and Eve; refer to CCC #396-412.
- Paten** The plate that is used to hold the bread that is Jesus at Mass.
- Patron Saint** The saint in heaven for which a person is named.
- Precepts of the Church** Minimal requirements for living out what it means to live as Roman Catholics. Refer to CCC #2041-2043

Priesthood of the Faithful All the baptized are called to share in the priesthood of Christ through participation at Mass; refer to CCC #1547.

Stations of the Cross A devotion to commemorate Jesus journey to his crucifixion.

Stole The scarf-like vestment that a priest wears around his neck when performing sacramental duties; a deacon wears a stole across his chest.

Supplication The act of asking for needs in prayer; one of the four ends of prayer, also known as petition; refer to CCC #2679.

Thanksgiving The attitude to which a person is called to live in gratitude for salvation through Jesus Christ.

Venial Sin Sin that does not sever the relationship with God, but diminishes it; refer to CCC #1862.

Vow A sacred promise a person makes to God; this is usually done in the presences of witnesses; refer to CCC #915.

Level 6: Glossary of Terms

Term Meaning

Clergy Those who are ordained in the Sacrament of Holy Orders to help others and make sacraments available for all of the people of God.

Commission The act of choosing to sin by doing something contrary to God's commandments.

Dogma A belief that has been explained by the Magisterium in Church teaching.

God's Providence God's desire is to have his people return to be with him forever in heaven; refer to CCC #302.

Infallibility A gift that the Pope receives to proclaim the truth about God and the things of God; refer to CCC #92.

Inspiration The act whereby God inspired the human authors of the Bible to reveal truth about God.

Jesse Tree An Advent custom of hanging decorations on a tree to remember those great people in the scriptures who waited for coming of the Savior.

Laity	All of the baptized except for those who have Holy Orders; refer to CCC #897.
Luminous	One of the four mysteries of the Rosary given to the Church by Pope John Paul II: Baptism of Jesus, Wedding at Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Eucharist.
Omission	Sin that happens by not doing something that should be done by a disciple of Jesus Christ.
Prejudice	A biased opinion against some one or thing.
Revelation	The act of God revealing truths about himself in the Scriptures.
Salvation	The condition of being redeemed by Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #169.
Social Sin	A result of original sin, it is a sinful condition that is prevalent in society, such as: slavery, oppression of women, racism, bigotry.
Tithe	The practice of donating a portion of one's income to God.
Tradition	The oral, lived transmission of the faith from one generation to the next; refer to CCC #83.

Level 7: Glossary of Terms

Term Meaning

Abstinence	People over the age of 14 are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent as a means of corporate penance.
Benediction	A devotion of the church to honor Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.
Body of Christ	All the baptized form the Body of Christ when they come together in the name of Christ.
Catholic Charities	An organization within the church that works to help those in need; a special collection is taken up in church annually to support this effort.
Catholic Relief Services	An organization that meets the needs of crisis victims throughout the world; a special collection is taken up in church annually to support this international effort.
Celibacy	The oath a priest takes at ordination to declare that he will not be married.

- Easter Vigil** The church's celebration held on Holy Saturday to commemorate Jesus' resurrection; it is the time when people celebrate the sacraments of initiation through RCIA in the church.
- Fast** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday adults between the ages of 18 and 59 are to eat only three meals a day without eating anything in between; two of the meals combined cannot be larger than the main meal
- Food Banks** Places where the poor may go to receive the food they need.
- Fruits of the Spirit** Listed in Galatians 5:22-23, these virtues express the perfection of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.
- Gifts of the Spirit** Listed in Isaiah 11: 1-2, these are dispositions of the heart that helps a person to live in the Spirit of Jesus Christ: wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord.
- Habitat for Humanity** A group dedicated to building homes for the poor.
- Holiness** A condition of baptism that allows one to be in relationship with God.
- Holy Days of Obligation** The seven days of the Days of the church year when the faithful people of the United States gather at Mass, other than Sundays, to worship God
- Pentecost** The birthday of the Church; celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in Acts 2:1-11.
- RCIA** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the normative process for those seeking the three sacraments of initiation in the church.
- Transubstantiation** The consecration of the bread and wine at Mass into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
- Vice** A habit of evil.
- Virtue** A habit of doing good.

Level 8: Glossary of Terms

Term Meaning

- Abortion** The act of destroying an unborn child; refer to CCC #2271-2272.
- Adultery** Marital infidelity
- Ascension** Term given to Jesus' ascending into heaven 40 days after his resurrection; the Second Glorious Mystery of the Rosary.
- Assumption** Term given to Mary being taken into heaven; the Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary; refer to CCC #966.

- Benedictus** The Canticle of Zechariah in Luke 1:67-79; used in Morning Prayer of the Church.
- Canticles** A special hymn of praise found in the scriptures
- Capital Sins** Pride, greed, lust, anger, envy, gluttony, sloth; refer to CCC #1866.
- Cardinal Virtues** Cardinal Virtues include prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance; moral virtues acquired by human efforts around which all other virtues are related; refer to CCC #1805.
- Christian Morality** The way of living that is in the manner of Jesus Christ; refer to CCC #1749.
- Discipleship** The term given to the special way of life one is called to live who is baptized into Jesus Christ.
- Empathy** Identifying with the joys and sufferings of others.
- Evening Prayer** Part of the Liturgy of the Church; it consists of psalms, canticles, readings, and intercessions for all God's people.
- Faith** A theological virtue that helps one believe in God; refer to CCC #26.
- Gratitude** A disposition that should be in the heart of one who receives and lives Eucharist.
- Liturgy of the Hours** Part of the Liturgy of the Church; the two major hours of prayer are morning and evening prayer.
- Lumen Gentium** One of the major documents from the Vatican II Council; it is also called, "The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church."
- Magisterium** The teaching body of the Church headed by the Pope; refer to CCC #85-87.
- Magnificat** A Gospel canticle taken from Luke 1: 46-55 and prayed at Evening Prayer of the Church.
- Morning Prayer** Part of the Liturgy of the Church prayed each morning; it consists of psalms, canticles, readings, and intercessions for all God's people.
- Outreach** Service to the poor and needy.
- Redemption** The act of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection that made it possible for the baptized to enter heaven; refer to CCC #571.
- Theological Virtues** The three virtues: faith, hope, and love, that are infused in a person through baptism that are the source of all other virtue; refer to CCC #1812-1827.
- Vatican II** A gathering of the Bishops of the Church called by Pope John XXIII from 1962 to 1965 that called for renewal in the church.