

Religion Standards

Sixth Grade

1. The Faith Professed

Doctrine	
6.F.1	Explain why the faith is considered a mystery and a free gift from God.
6.F.2	Explain that God is pure, uncreated spirit who always was and who always remains the same.
6.F.3	Describe how God's actions are trinitarian as summarized in the Creed.
6.F.4	Define divine revelation and identify the modes of divine revelation.
6.F.5	Distinguish between human and sacred tradition.
6.F.6	Summarize the roles and titles of Jesus.
6.F.7	Explain how Jesus fulfills the Old Covenant and initiates the New Covenant.
6.F.9	Explain the Catholic view of death.
6.F.10	Explain the particular and general judgement, distinguishing between the two.
6.F.11	Define angel according to the Catechism and describe the difference between good angels and bad angels.
6.F.11a	Identify Satan as the Father of Lies.
6.F.12	Compare and contrast heaven, hell and purgatory.
6.F.13	Name and explain the precepts of the Church.
Scripture	
6.F.14	Explain how to show love and respect for the Bible as the Word of God written in human language.
6.F.15	Describe how the Bible was written.
6.F.16	Explain the Holy Spirit's role in the development of Sacred Scripture.
6.F.17	Recognize that each excerpt of Scripture is part of the whole of salvation history.
6.F.18	Recognize the organization of the Bible and each Testament.
6.F.19	Identify the audience and purpose of the Gospel of Matthew.
Old Testament	
6.F.20	Explore key Old Testament figures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adam & Eve ▪ Cain & Abel ▪ Noah ▪ Abraham – monotheism and its significance at this point in history ▪ Melchizedek ▪ Moses – Passover foretelling the Eucharist, Jewish roots of Christianity in the priesthood of Levi, foretelling of Jesus' sacrifice in the lamb sacrifices of the Old Testament ▪ Judges: role in the history of Israel ▪ David

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prophets: Samuel, Elijah, Isiah, Ezekiel, Daniel ▪ Esther ▪ Psalms
New Testament	
6.F.21	Explain how Jesus is the "new Adam" and the fulfillment of God's covenant with King David.
6.F.22	Describe how Jesus' Jewish culture influenced his life.
6.F.23	Explore New Testament figures and events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annunciation ▪ Visitation ▪ Christmas ▪ Epiphany ▪ Presentation in the Temple ▪ Temptation in the Desert ▪ Wedding at Cana ▪ Transfiguration ▪ Passion and death ▪ Resurrection ▪ Ascension
6.F.24	Describe the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Capernaum and the call of the disciples.
6.F.25	Explain how Jesus' challenge to be salt and light reveal the nature of the Kingdom of God.
6.F.26	Explore the miracles of Jesus and explain their purpose.
6.F.27	Apply the teachings of the Beatitudes to Christian discipleship in the world today.
6.F.28	Recognize the beginning of the Church's structure in Jesus' selection, formation, and commissioning of the Twelve apostles.
6.F.29	Explain how each of the Easter stories fit together into one true narrative of the Resurrection.
6.F.30	Trace the action of the Holy Spirit through the Acts of the Apostles.

2. Sacraments and Liturgical Life

Sacraments	
6.S.1	Define and list the seven sacraments.
6.S.2	Explain how the sacraments meet one's needs in every moment of life, including preparation for death.
6.S.3	Identify Old Testament events that prefigure the sacraments.
Baptism	
6.S.4	Explain what occurs physically during a baptism (the rite) and how the soul is affected (effects).
Reconciliation	

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6.S.5	Explain the rites and effects of the sacrament of Reconciliation.
6.S.6	Conduct an age-appropriate examination of conscience.
Confirmation	
6.S.7	Summarize the effects and responsibilities of Confirmation.
Matrimony	
6.S.8	Explain God's design for marital love.
Holy Orders	
6.S.9	Explain the purpose and effects of the sacrament of Holy Orders.
Anointing of the Sick	
6.S.10	Explain the effects of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
Sacramentals	
6.S.11	Define and explore the use of sacramentals to augment personal and communal prayer.
Liturgical Life	
Liturgical Calendar	
6.S.12	Identify and participate in the seasons of the Church year.
6.S.13	Explain the meaning and goal of each liturgical season.
6.S.14	Describe how one can strengthen the positive moral habits of prayer, frequent reception of the sacraments and sacrifice during Lent and Advent.
6.S.15	Link Old Testament and early Christian practices to their modern-day counterparts.
6.S.16	Connect symbols of Advent to the persons and events in Scripture which they represent.
6.S.17	Explore the events of the Easter Triduum.
6.S.18	Explain what it means to reverently and faithfully observe Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
6.S.19	Recognize the significance of various feast days.
6.S.20	Recognize how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours.
Eucharistic Liturgy	
6.S.21	Recognize that the Eucharist is the center of our faith.
6.S.22	Explain the purpose of the Scripture readings at Mass.
6.S.23	Describe how Jesus is present to his people in the Eucharist.
6.S.24	Summarize the effects of receiving Holy Communion.
Liturgical Gestures & Para-Liturgical Celebrations	
6.S.25	Demonstrate appropriate participation and behavior in the Eucharistic liturgy.
6.S.26	Make visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.
6.S.27	Demonstrate and explain the significance of appropriate liturgical gestures.

3.Living in Freedom

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6.L.1	Understand that morality is coming to recognize God's loving call and responding in freedom.
6.L.2	Express that true happiness comes from life with God and virtuous choices.
6.L.3	Find similarities and differences between free will and freedom.
6.L.4	Begin to identify object, intention, and circumstances as what define the morality of an action.
6.L.5	Define universal call to holiness and express ways to grow in response to the universal call to holiness.
6.L.6	Understand and apply moral norms found in the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and Jesus' law of love.
6.L.7	Define conversion and explain the role of grace in ongoing conversion.
6.L.8	Review the meaning of conscience and the importance of forming it correctly.
6.L.9	Describe what proper obedience to legitimate authority involves and how it becomes a path for inner freedom.
6.L.10	Demonstrate the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in ordinary circumstances.
6.L.11	Define grace, explain its effects, and explain how one receives and cooperates with grace.
6.L.12	Explore the practice of the theological virtues, cardinal virtues, gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.
6.L.13	Explain the meaning and effects of sin, particularly to one's relationship with God and others.
6.L.14	Recognize the role of Confession in living a life of ongoing conversion, virtue, and grace.

4. Prayer

6.P.1	Define prayer and describe the power of prayer in daily life.
6.P.2	Identify major obstacles to prayer and ways to overcome them.
6.P.3	Recognize the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer.
6.P.4	Explain how one is able to pray at all times throughout the day, not just in formal prayers.
6.P.5	Recognize Jesus and Mary as models of prayer and humility.
6.P.6	Identify the significance of the Psalms and how to use the Psalms in prayer.
6.P.7	Analyze the Shema (Hear, O Israel) and Our Father.
6.P.8	Practice listening to God in prayer through silence and other forms of Christian meditation.
6.P.9	Explain the meaning of devotion and develop a healthy understanding of how it is demonstrated.

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6.P.10	Memorize and pray age-appropriate prayers.
6.P.11	Participate in Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, the rosary, Adoration, Benediction and other prayer celebrations in the Church.

5. Church: The Body of Christ

6.C.1	Explain that the Church is the Body of Christ on Earth and the mission of Christ is completed through her.
6.C.2	Compare the Eastern Catholic Church with the Roman Catholic Church.
6.C.3	Use Scripture to explain that Jesus founded the Church and continues to reveal himself to the world through her.
6.C.4	Explain that the whole Body of Christ, those in heaven, in purgatory, and on Earth, are united.
6.C.5	Explain in what sense the Church is universal and a sign of unity in the world.
Church in Heaven	
6.C.6	Recognize the importance of the saints as witnesses and intercessors and recount the lives of specific saints.
Church in Purgatory	
6.C.7	Explain the purpose of purgatory and the importance of praying for souls in purgatory.
Church on Earth	
6.C.8	Explain the hierarchical structure of the Church and how it manifests God's authority.
6.C.9	Describe the significance of papal infallibility and the magisterium.

6. Christians in the World

Catholic Social Teaching	
6.W.1	Recognize that justice and peace are only possible by following God's plan for the world.
6.W.2	Describe and apply the seven themes of Catholic social teaching.
6.W.3	Explain the role of leadership and responsibility in responding to God's call to service.
6.W.4	Explore and defend the rights and equality of all humans as made in the image of God, regardless of race, sex, economic background or religion.
6.W.5	Explain how abortion and euthanasia do not respect the dignity of each person.

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6.W.6	Identify specific ways to speak out against injustice and work to end suffering in the world like prophets in the Old Testament.
6.W.7	Describe the role of natural law and the common good in a just society.
6.W.8	Participate in age-appropriate service projects.
Evangelization	
6.W.9	Identify times in the Scripture when Jesus gave His disciples the mission to evangelize.
6.W.10	Describe ways that Catholics are called to be missionaries.
6.W.11	Identify ways one can defend gospel values in modern society.

7. Theology of the Body

6.T.1	Deepen a sense of the personal dignity based on being made in God's image and likeness.
6.T.2	Explain that at conception, which marks the first moment of new life, an irreplaceable and unrepeatable human being, body and soul, is created and loved by God.
6.T.3	Describe free will and God's intention in giving humans this ability.
6.T.4	Situate human sexuality in the context of God's plan for love and the complementarity of the masculinity and femininity.
6.T.5	Identify appropriate ways to show affection and attraction.
6.T.6	Identify negative consequences of inappropriate displays of affection.
6.T.7	Compare and contrast healthy relationships and friendships with unhealthy relationships using Jesus as a model.
6.T.8	Describe and apply the meaning of the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit, as referenced in Scripture.
6.T.9	Discuss the need for God's grace and the fruits of the Holy Spirit to live a life of chastity and purity.
6.T.10	Explore the meaning of vocation as well as vocation options and the importance of discerning God's call for each individual.
6.T.11	Describe the importance of dating in discerning the vocation of marriage.
6.T.12	Explain the importance of protecting and respecting the family.
6.T.13	Engage in age-appropriate activities that show respect for all life.