

Religion Standards

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1. The Faith Professed

Doctrine	
7.F.1	Explain that the Holy Trinity is the greatest mystery of the Catholic faith.
7.F.2	Explain that each person of the Trinity is distinct but cannot be separated from the other persons.
7.F.3	Analyze the role of divine revelation and human reason in understanding faith and loving God.
7.F.4	Explain that God is pure, uncreated spirit who always was and who always remains the same.
7.F.5	Define hypostatic union and explain that Jesus is one Person with a human and a divine nature.
7.F.6	List and explain the titles of Jesus.
7.F.7	Describe some ways that the Holy Spirit acts in the world.
7.F.8	Explain the Catholic view of death.
7.F.8a	Explain the purpose and significance of the Mass of Christian burial.
7.F.9	Explain the particular and general judgement, distinguishing between the two.
7.F.10	Explore the nature of angels using the Catechism and explain their roles according to Scripture and Tradition.
7.F.11	Describe the essence of heaven, hell, and purgatory.
7.F.12	Explain the purpose of plenary indulgences.
Scripture	
7.F.13	Explain the importance and purpose of daily reading and praying with Scripture.
7.F.14	Analyze the necessity of the Church in teaching and interpreting Scripture.
7.F.15	Distinguish between literal details and inspired realities in the Biblical text.
Old Testament	
7.F.16	Review familiar texts, explaining how each sheds light on the mystery of sin, God's promise to send a savior, and his journey with Israel to prepare them for Jesus.
New Testament	
7.F.17	List the four evangelists and their symbols.
7.F.18	Analyze the Gospel of Luke, recognizing its unique features, audience, structure and purpose.
7.F.19	Compare and contrast the infancy narratives of Luke and Matthew.
7.F.20	Discover Old Testament passages and prophecies that are fulfilled in the New Testament.
7.F.21	Explain that the resurrection, first of Jesus and then of all Christians, is essential to Christian belief.

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7.F.22	Identify central themes in the New Testament Epistles and apply them to modern society.
7.F.23	Analyze the Biblical references to the second coming of Christ.

2. Sacraments and Liturgical Life

Sacraments	
7.S.1	Explain how the sacraments meet one's needs in every moment of life, including preparation for death.
7.S.2	Identify where Jesus institutes each sacrament in Scripture.
Baptism	
7.S.3	Explain the effects of baptism.
7.S.4	Describe the nature of the baptismal priesthood.
Reconciliation	
7.S.5	Explain the rite and effects of the sacrament of Reconciliation.
7.S.6	Explain why the Church has the power to forgive sins.
7.S.7	Identify the essential elements of a good confession and distinguish between the two types of contrition.
7.S.8	Explain the seal of confession
7.S.9	Conduct an age-appropriate examination of conscience.
Confirmation	
7.S.10	Summarize the effects and responsibilities of Confirmation.
7.S.11	Explain how Confirmation strengthens and completes Baptism.
7.S.12	Explain what must be present for a valid Confirmation.
Matrimony	
7.S.13	Explain God's design for marital love.
7.S.14	Identify the necessary components of a sacramental Christian marriage.
7.S.15	Describe how marriage reflects the relationship between Jesus and his Bride, the Church.
7.S.16	Summarize the effects of the sacrament of marriage.
7.S.17	Define and explain the purpose of annulments.
Holy Orders	
7.S.18	Explain the purpose and effects of the sacrament of Holy Orders.
7.S.19	Identify the what must be present for the sacrament of Holy Orders.
7.S.20	Describe the role of the priest.
7.S.21	Define celibacy and explain how this is a specific and special call.
7.S.22	Identify the bishop as a successor of the apostles.
7.S.23	Describe the ordinary formation for a diocesan priest.
7.S.24	Describe the role of permanent deacons, Monsignors, archbishops, and cardinals.

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7.S.25	Explain the value and develop the habit of praying for priests.
Anointing of the Sick	
7.S.26	Explain the effects of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
7.S.27	Explain who can receive Anointing of the Sick.
7.S.28	Identify what must be present for a valid Anointing.
7.S.29	Define viaticum.
Sacramentals	
7.S.30	Define and explore the use of sacramentals to augment personal and communal prayer.
Liturgical Life	
Liturgical Calendar	
7.S.31	Identify the beginning and end of the liturgical year.
7.S.32	Identify and participate in the seasons of the Church year.
7.S.33	Explain the meaning and goal of each liturgical season.
7.S.34	List the three pillars of Lent and discover the Scripture references that encourage these practices.
7.S.35	Explain the purpose of Advent.
7.S.36	Define Paschal Mystery and explore the events of the Easter Triduum.
7.S.37	Explain what happened at Pentecost and why it is called the birthday of the Church.
7.S.38	Explain what it means to reverently and faithfully observe Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
7.S.39a	Memorize the dates of Holy Days of Obligation.
7.S.40	Recognize the significance of various feast days.
Eucharistic Liturgy	
7.S.41	Describe Mass as the greatest prayer and weekly participation in Mass as the foundation of Catholic life.
7.S.42	Identify and explain the meaning of key components of the liturgy.
7.S.43	Explain the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice in the Mass.
7.S.44	Describe the lectionary and sacramentary.
7.S.45	Explain the necessary preparation for receiving Holy Communion and summarize its effects.
7.S.46	Participate in liturgical planning within the school.
Liturgical Gestures & Para-Liturgical Celebrations	
7.S.47	Demonstrate appropriate participation and behavior in the Eucharistic liturgy.
7.S.48	Explain the importance of proper appearance at Mass.
7.S.49	Demonstrate and explain the significance of appropriate liturgical gestures.

3.Living in Freedom

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7.L.1	Understand that morality is coming to recognize God's loving call and responding in freedom.
7.L.2	Explain the Catholic understanding of joy, freedom, and free will.
7.L.3	Begin to identify object, intention, and circumstances as what define the morality of an action.
7.L.4	Recognize the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes and Jesus' law of Love as the keys to living a life of happiness and holiness as they uphold respect for God and the dignity of the human person.
7.L.5	Practice a healthy obedience that leads to increased freedom.
7.L.6	Review the meaning of conscience and the importance of forming it correctly.
7.L.7	Identify elements of natural law in the Ten Commandments.
7.L.8	Demonstrate the spiritual and corporal works of mercy as a habitual part of life.
7.L.9	Define virtue and explore the practice of the theological virtues and cardinal virtues.
7.L.10	List the seven capital sins and identify the theological and cardinal virtues that combat the sin.
7.L.11	Identify and practice steps for good decision making, including prayer to the Holy Spirit, guardian angel and saints.
7.L.12	Define concupiscence.
7.L.13	Explain temptations and identify ways to overcome them.
7.L.14	Explain the meaning and effects of sin, particularly to one's relationship with God and others.
7.L.15	Recognize the role of Confession in living a life of ongoing conversion, virtue, and grace.

4. Prayer

7.P.1	Define prayer and describe the power of prayer in daily life.
7.P.2	Describe the role prayer plays in conversion and forming one's conscience.
7.P.3	Explain and practice various forms of prayer.
7.P.4	Recognize that prayer can be spontaneous or formal, personal or communal, meditative and contemplative.
7.P.5	Recognize the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer.
7.P.6	Develop a personal plan of daily prayer and spiritual exercises.
7.P.7	Identify major obstacles to prayer and ways to overcome them.
7.P.8	Practice listening to God in prayer through silence and other forms of Christian meditation.
7.P.9	Memorize and pray age-appropriate prayers.

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7.P.10	Participate in Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, the rosary, Adoration, Benediction and other prayer celebrations in the Church.
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5. Church: The Body of Christ

7.C.1	Summarize the events that provided the foundation for the early Church.
7.C.2	Identify the work and place of Mary in salvation history and the Church.
7.C.3	Compare and contrast the Catholic Church with other rites, with Protestant churches, and with the Jewish religion.
7.C.4	Explain the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding and strengthening the Church.
7.C.5	Defend the Catholic understanding of the pope using the Scriptures and Fathers of the Church.
7.C.6	Explore the four marks of the Church and find them in the Nicene Creed.
Church in Heaven	
7.C.7	Explain the meaning of the Church Triumphant
7.C.8	Identify and explain the titles of Mary, relating them to the doctrines about Jesus that they protect.
7.C.9	Describe Church-approved apparitions of the Blessed Mother.
7.C.10	Define martyr.
Church in Purgatory	
7.C.11	Explain the meaning of the Church Suffering and the role of suffering in purgatory.
Church on Earth	
7.C.12	Explain the meaning of the Church Militant.
7.C.13	Explain the Church's hierarchy and how it manifests God's authority.
7.C.14	Describe the significance of papal infallibility and the magisterium.
7.C.15	Explain the meaning of stewardship and identify ways to apply it as a child and as an adult.
7.C.16	Define tithing and explore a healthy understanding of tithing in the life of a Christian.

6. Christians in the World

Catholic Social Teaching	
7.W.1	Explore examples of service in the Bible.
7.W.2	Compare and contrast responsible and irresponsible stewardship.

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7.W.3	Explore the ways Gospel values should drive social, economic and political choices.
7.W.4	Describe the role of natural law and the common good in a just society.
7.W.5	Analyze the connection between human rights and individual responsibility.
7.W.6	Retell stories of those who had a special ministry with the poor.
7.W.7	Describe and apply the seven themes of Catholic social teaching.
7.W.8	Participate in age-appropriate projects that build up life and show respect for God's creation.
7.W.9	Take age-appropriate action to work for justice and peace in public and political life.
Evangelization	
7.W.10	Identify times in the Scripture when Jesus gave His disciples the mission to evangelize.
7.W.11	Rephrase and apply Jesus' command: "Teach them to observe all that I have commanded you."
7.W.12	Discuss why living with integrity is important when it comes to sharing faith.
7.W.13	Identify missionary calls in the lives of the saints.
7.W.14	Explain that every Catholic is called to have a missionary spirit.
7.W.15	Identify and analyze actions, especially those that are popular in contemporary lifestyles, that support or undermine the value of life.

7. Theology of the Body

7.T.1	Deepen a sense of the personal dignity based on being made in God's image and likeness.
7.T.2	Explain that conception is the beginning of human life, where a new person, body and soul, is created and loved by God.
7.T.3	Explain how one's God-given intellect, will, and emotions interact, and how they affect one's actions.
7.T.4	Describe the uniqueness and complementarity of males and females and how one's sexuality affects the whole person.
7.T.5	Identify the role of the Church in teaching her people to use their gift of sexuality.
7.T.6	Identify appropriate ways to show affection and attraction.
7.T.7	Compare and contrast healthy relationships and friendships with unhealthy relationships using Jesus as a model.
7.T.8	Recognize that physical and emotional maturity occurs in individuals at different rates and analyze how this can affect relationships.

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7.T.9	Identify the basic rights of all human persons.
7.T.10	List some helpful choices to aid in a chaste lifestyle and their positive effects.
7.T.11	Recognize some offenses against chastity and their negative effects.
7.T.12	Define pornography in an age-appropriate manner and identify appropriate precautions and reactions.
7.T.13	Identify one's gifts and talents and discover ways to use these talents, eventually in one's vocation.
7.T.14	Compare and contrast the benefits and challenges of each vocation.
7.T.15	Compare and contrast God's plan for marriage and the way the media portrays marriage.
7.T.16	Explain how the great commandment should be applied to friendships and married love.
7.T.17	Identify and explain components of true love.
7.T.18	Explore the stages of human life present in a family and the human dignity of persons at each stage.