

Diocese of Columbus
Grade Eight Religion COS
 Based on the **Six Tasks of Catechesis***

I. Catechesis promotes Knowledge of the Faith <i>(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 26-1065; General Directory for Catechesis, 84-85, 87)</i>		
A. The Person of Jesus Christ Jesus loves and invites every person to be in relationship with him		Christ Our Life
I. A. 1. Know that the goal of all faith formation is a relationship with Jesus Christ (CCC 426-427)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 1 A Community of Disciples p. 4 and 6.
I. A. 2. Explain the meaning of “all things are redeemed in Christ” (CCC 616; Col 1:20)		Gr. 8 SE: Glossary, redemption and Redeemer p. 318.
I. A. 3. Know that Christ’s resurrection confirms all his works and teachings and the truth of his divinity (CCC 651, 1 Cor 15:14)		Gr. 8 SE: Special Season Easter p.261-262.
B. Understand Scripture Sacred Scripture is the living Word of God, a history of the covenant, and a guide for life today		
I. B. 1. Know how to use such resources as a bible dictionary, bible commentary, and bible atlas		
I. B. 2. Describe the development of the Catholic canon (CCC 80-83)		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know p. 299-300
I. B. 3. Identify the Old Testament themes which are central to Salvation History (Creation, Covenant, Exodus, People of God)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. Tracing Our Roots p. 15.
I. B. 4. Identify the themes of Salvation History that are fulfilled in the New Testament (Covenant, Redemption, Resurrection, Communion)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 2 racing Our Roots p. 15.
C. Creeds and Doctrines of the Church The Creed expresses the faith of our Church and professes it to the world		
I. C. 1. Explain why the Christian faith is Trinitarian		Gr. 8 SE: Gather and Go Forth p. 117.

<p>I. C. 2. Distinguish among dogma, doctrine, and discipline (CCC 88-90)</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Glossary, doctrine p. 308</p>
<p>I. C. 3. Demonstrate the ability to locate Church teaching in the <i>Catechism</i></p>		
<p>I. C. 4. Identify some types of church documents, e.g. constitution, encyclical, and pastoral letter</p>		<p>Gr. 8: SE Ch. 18 Signs of the Times p. 165. Glossary, encyclical p. 308.</p>
<p>I. C. 5. Define “sacred deposit” of the faith (CCC 84)</p>		
<p>I. C. 6. Understand the relationship between justification and work in Catholic teaching (CCC 1987-1995; Jas 2:14-26)</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 2 Tracing our Roots p. Also, glossary, justification p. 312.</p>
<p>D. Discover the Church’s Tradition and Relevance of Church History Our Church has a rich heritage which still serves as a guide for us today</p>		
<p>I. D. 1. Identify the significance of the Council of Jerusalem</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 11 The Church Grows p. 103. Also, glossary p. 306.</p>
<p>I. D. 2. Describe the role of the martyrs and hermits in the early Church</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 12 p. 112. Ch. 10 The First Years p. 95-97. Gather and Go Forth p. 117.</p>
<p>I. D. 3. Identify the Edict of Milan and its effect</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 12 A House Built on Rock p. 111.</p>

<p>I. D. 4. Describe the purpose and outcomes of the early Ecumenical Councils, e.g., Nicaea, Chalcedon, and Constantinople</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 12 A House Built on Rock p. 113</p>
<p>I. D. 5. Describe the influence of St Augustine on the Church</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 21 The Way of Faith p. 199. Gather and Go Forth p. 198. Special Lesson 8 Reconciliation p. 269.</p>
<p>I. D. 6. Explain the place of St Benedict in the growth of western monasticism</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 13 A Light in the Darkness: Part 1 p. 120.</p>
<p>I. D. 7. Describe some of the issues that lead up to the East – West Schism in 1054</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 14 A Light in the Darkness: Part 2 p. 128 & 131. Also glossary, schism p. 319.</p>
<p>I. D. 8. Identify how the mendicant religious communities affected the growth of the Church</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 14 A Light in the Darkness: Part 2 p. 130.</p>
<p>I. D. 9. Explain the influence of the printing press on the life of the Church</p>		
<p>I. D. 10. Identify key persons in the Reformation and Counter Reformation</p>		
<p>I. D. 11. Describe the Church’s link to the exploration of the New World</p>		
<p>I. D. 12. Identify the papal encyclical <i>Rerum Novarum</i> as the first modern expression of Catholic Social Teaching</p>		<p>Gr. 8 S E: Ch. 18 Signs of the Times p.165 and 177.</p>
<p>I. D. 13. Identify the significance outcomes of the Second Vatican Council</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 1 A Community of Disciples p. 7. Ch. 15 The Church Faces Challenges p 140. Ch. 18 Signs of Our Times p. 167-169. Gather and Go Forth p. 171. Also glossary, Second Vatican Council p. 319</p>
<p>I. D. 14. Identify important figures in the history and life of the Catholic Church in the United States, e.g., <i>Bishop John Carroll, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Frances Cabrini, Fr. Augustus Tolton, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Katherine Drexel, Bl. Junipero Serra, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, etc.</i></p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 19, The Church in America p. 175 and 179. Ch. 19 p. 174. Ch. 19 p. 31 and 176. Also, History Timelines Booklet (back of book), The Church in North America.</p>

<p>E. Christian Thought and Culture Our Church’s tradition is based in an appreciation for the gifts of many persons – theologians, saints, artists, teachers, and preachers – living as faithful disciples of Jesus</p>		
<p>I. E. 1. Describe the Church’s role in the growth of universities and hospitals</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 19 The Church In North America p. 173-178.</p>
<p>I. E. 2. Provide examples of the faith being taught through Christian art and music</p>		<p>Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 22 The Way of Worship p. 209.</p>

II. Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of the Meaning of the Liturgy and Sacraments (CCC, 1066-1690; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
A. Paschal Mystery Forms and Transforms The liturgical and sacramental life of the Church informs, forms, and transforms us as disciples of Jesus in the world		Christ Our Life
II. A. 1. Explain how the Paschal Mystery “transcends all times while being made present in them all” (CCC 1085)		Gr. 8: Ch. 2 Tracing Our Roots p. 15. Ch. 22 The Way of Worship p. 208 and 210. Also glossary p. 316.
B. Sacraments Sacraments are special celebrations of God’s love for us		
II. B. 1. Understand the link between Baptism and Confirmation (CCC 1304-1305)		Gr. 8: What Catholics Should Know p. 294. Also glossary, Baptism p. 304 and Confirmation p. 306.
II. B. 2. Know the steps in the Rite of Confirmation (CCC 1293-1305)		Loyola Press also publishes Confirmed in the Spirit. See Rite of Confirmation SE p. 87-91
II. B. 3. Describe what it means to say the Eucharistic Liturgy is “the summit and source” of a Christian life (CCC 1324, LG 11)		Gr. 8: Glossary, liturgy p. 312 and Eucharistic Liturgy p. 308.
II. B. 4. Define transubstantiation (CCC 1376)		Gr. 8: Glossary p. 321.
II. B. 5. Identify the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (CCC 1229-1233)		Gr. 8: Glossary p. 318.
C. Liturgical Catechesis We are invited into full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church		
II. C. 1. Define liturgical catechesis (CCC 1074-1075)		
II. C. 2. Describe how music and art can be forms of liturgical catechesis (CCC 1156-1162)		
D. Dimensions of Priesthood: Baptismal and Ordained Like Jesus, we are called to be priest, prophet, and king		
II. D. 1. Know that through the sacrament of Confirmation the baptized are further empowered to share in Christ’s mission through a diversity of ministries (CCC 871-873)		Gr. 8: Glossary, Confirmation p. 306
II. D. 2. Know that the laity have the unique responsibility to be priest, prophet, and king in the world (CCC 871-873)		Gr. 8: Ch. 9 Am Apostolic Church p. 81.

III. Catechesis Promotes Moral Formation in Jesus Christ (CCC, 1691-2557; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
A. Commandment to Love The ‘new commandment’ of Jesus, to love one another as he, God, has loved us is one of the defining characteristics of the Christian faith.		
III. A. 1. Explain what is meant by the “law of the Gospel” (CCC 1965-1974)		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know, The New Commandment p. 291.
B. Ten Commandments and Beatitudes The Scriptures, especially in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, give us moral guidance		
III. B. 1. Explain why the Ten Commandments are still relevant in living a moral life (CCC 2070)		Gr. 7 SE: Gather and Go Forth p. 197. Also, What Catholics Should Know, The Ten Commandments p. 292.
III. B. 2. Identify the characteristics of a disciple as outlined in the Beatitudes (CCC 1716-1717)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 5 A People of Service p. 42 and 49. Also the Beatitudes p. 291.
C. Sin and Grace God’s love can overcome the evil of sin in our world		
III. C. 1. Describe how one’s choices have consequences for oneself and for others (Mt 25)		Gr. 8 SE: Special Lesson 8 Reconciliation, p. 271. Also, What Catholics Should Know, Making Good Choices p. 297
III. C. 2. Know that in the sacrament of Confirmation one receives, explicitly, the gifts of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1302-1305)		Gr. 8 SE: Glossary, Confirmation p. 306.
III. C. 3. Explain the relationship between the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1830-1832, Is 11:1-5, Gal 5:22)		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit p. 293.
D. Conscience Formation The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living		
III. D. 1. Explain what is meant by “a well-formed conscience” (CCC 1783-1785)		Gr. 8 SE: Special Lesson 8 Reconciliation p. 266. Also, Glossary, conscience. p. 306.
III. D. 2. Describe the responsibility to follow a well formed conscience (CCC 1706, 1790-1794)		Gr. 8 SE: Special Lesson 8 Reconciliation p. 266.
E. Objective Moral Norms The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong		
III. E. 1. Identify the role of Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium in living a moral life (CCC 85-86, 97-98)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 2 Tracing Our Roots p. 15. Ch. 9 An Apostolic Church p. 79.

F. Gospel of Life All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred		
III. F. 1. Explain why the Catholic Church teaches that all life is sacred from conception to natural death (CCC 2318-2330)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 23 The Way of the Family p 218-219.
III. F. 2. Know that the first principle of Catholic Social Teaching the promotion of human dignity (CCC #2419-2421)		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Showing Our Love to the World p. 301.
G. Living a Moral Life As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions		
III. G. 1. Describe how the gifts of the Holy Spirit help one to develop a virtuous life (CCC 1830)		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Virtues p. 293.
III. G. 2. Know that in spite of human weakness and failure one is called to follow Jesus and live a virtuous life each day (CCC 1810-1811)		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Virtues p. 293.

IV. Catechesis Teaches the Christian How to Pray (CCC, 2558-2865; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
A. Christian Prayer Tradition Prayer in all its many forms is a language of love, faith, and hope		Christ Our Life
IV. A. 1. Know that prayer is a gift from God that requires a response (CCC 2591)		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know p. 281.
IV. A. 2. Describe the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer (CCC 2670; Rom 8:26)		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know p. 281.
IV. A. 3. Recall and describe the different types of prayer (CCC 2625-2649)		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know p. 281-282.
B. Personal Prayer The mystery of God’s action in our lives draws us into a deeper relationship and a deeper desire to respond in prayer		
IV. B. 1. Explain why prayer is essential to the life of a disciple (CCC 2744-2745)		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know p. 281.
IV. B. 2. Recall the importance of Sacred Scripture in personal prayer, especially <i>Lectio Divina</i> (CCC 2653-2654)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 2 Tracing Our Roots p. 15.
C. Communal Prayer We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God		
IV. C. 1. Know that the Mass, the seven sacraments, the Liturgy of the Hours comprise the official public prayer of the Church (CCC 1113, 1175)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 22 The Way of Worship p. 208-209. Ch. 4 A People of Prayer p. 31.
IV. C. 2. Know that the Liturgy is Christ’s prayer “to the Father in the Holy Spirit” (CCC 1073)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 22 The Way of Worship p. 208
D. Popular Piety and Devotions Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God		
IV. D. 1. Describe the history of some popular devotions, <i>e.g., St. Faustina and Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations, Day of the Dead, St. Francis and the crèche, etc.</i> (CCC 1679, 2663)		Gr. 8 TE: Saints and Feast Days p. 461-492. Our Lady of Guadalupe T445.

V. Catechesis Prepares the Christian to Live in Community and to Participate in the Life and Mission of the Church (GDC, 84, 86-87)		
A. Spiritual Growth Our community life is built on the understanding that humans grow and develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially as well as spiritually		Christ Our Life
V. A. 1. Describe how the sacrament of Confirmation supports spiritual growth in both the individual and the community (CCC 1316)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 12 A House Built on Rock p. 109. Also, Glossary, Confirmation p. 306.
V. A. 2. Know that Confirmation commits one to lifelong spiritual growth		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 12 A House Built on Rock p. 109. Also, Glossary, Confirmation p. 306.
B. Relationships and Responsibilities In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that, living together in the Kingdom of God, we must grow in understanding, compassion, concern for the least, and mutual charity		
V. B. 1. Describe how Christian values and virtues are foundational in forming, strengthening and maintaining healthy relationships		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 13 A Light in the Darkness p. 121.
C. Marriage and Family Life—Domestic Church Our family life is the church of the home, where we learn to love God and care for each other		
V. C. 1. Explain the roles of consent, permanence, and fidelity in Christian marriage (CCC 1625- 1629, 1638, 1646-1651)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 24 p. 226-227.
V. C. 2. Describe the important role of mutual love, respect, and responsibilities of spouses toward each other and toward their children (CCC 1631)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 24 p. 226-227.
D. Faith Communities Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal		
V. D. 1. Know that the sacraments are the work of Christ and benefit both the community and the individual person (CCC 1140)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 7 Made Holy in the Spirit p. 62.
V. D. 2. Understand that Confirmation binds one more closely to the Church (CCC 1303)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 7 Made Holy in the Spirit p. 62.
V. D. 3. Describe how the gifts of the Spirit build up the Church		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 7 Made Holy in the Spirit p. 63.

E. Nature and Mission of the Church The Church is the family of God, sent to bring the Good News of Jesus to all people		
V. E. 1. Identify the different bodies that carry out the teaching sanctifying and governing roles of the Church <i>e.g., Roman Curia, USCCB, Local Archbishops and Bishops, priests</i> (CCC 888-896)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 2 Marks of the Church p. 80-81.
V. E. 2. Explain what it means to say that the Magisterium is both servant and custodian of Scripture and Tradition (CCC 85-87)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 9 An Apostolic Church p. 79.
F. Ecumenism We share in promoting the unity of all God’s people as part of our fidelity to the Gospel		
V. F. 1. Name some of the ways Catholics can respond to the call of Ecumenism (CCC 821)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 6 One In the Spirit p. 56.

VI. Catechesis Promotes a Missionary Spirit that Prepares the Faithful to Transform the World (GDC, 84, 86-87)		
A. Evangelization The Sacraments of Initiation both invite and empower us to live as disciples in the larger society and in the world		Christ Our Life
VI. A. 1. Understand that in the sacrament of Confirmation strengthens one to live as a disciple (CCC 1303)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 12 A House Built on Rock p. 109. Also glossary p. 306.
VI. A. 2. Identify some church documents which present the <i>New Evangelization</i> and its importance		Gr. 8 TE: The New Evangelization p. T287-T289.
B. Vocation/Apostolate Each of is called to a particular task in helping to reveal the Kingdom of God in the service of God’s plan for the world		
VI. B. 1. Understand that the gifts of the Holy Spirit help one discern God’s unique invitation of service to the Church		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. 7 Made Holy in the Spirit p. 63.
C. Social Action and Transformation The Social Teachings of our tradition inspire us to concern and to action aimed at the well-being of all humankind		
VI. C. 1. Recall the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching		Gr. 8 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Showing Our Love for the World p. 301-302.
VI. C. 2. Know that the sacrament of Confirmation completes one’s initiation into the life and mission activity in the Church (CCC 1303)		Gr. 8 SE: Glossary, Confirmation p. 306.
D. Interreligious Dialogue We dialogue and work with people of other faiths, to build understanding and to find our common hopes and values for a better world		
VI. D. 1. Know that the Church acknowledges the spiritual and moral truths of other religions as a preparation for hearing the Gospel (CCC 843)		Gr. 8 SE: Ch. One in The Spirit p. 56.

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