

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</i> , 26-1065; <i>General Directory for Catechesis</i> , 84-85, 87)		
A. The Person of Jesus Christ Jesus loves and invites every person to be in relationship with him	Finding God	
I. A. 1. Know that the goal of all faith formation is a relationship with Jesus Christ (CCC 426-427)	Gr. 8 SE: Session 1 Jesus' Message p. 5	
I. A. 2. Explain the meaning of "all things are redeemed in Christ" (CCC 616; Col 1:20)	Gr. 8 SE: Session 6 We Believe p. 50-52.	
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: Session 1 Jesus Message p. 4. Glossary, Resurrection p. 319.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Bible and You p. 253-256. Glossary, canon p. 304.	
I. B. 3. Identify the Old Testament themes which are central to Salvation History (Creation, Covenant, Exodus, People of God)	Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Bible and You p. 253-254.	
I. B. 4. Identify the themes of Salvation History that are fulfilled in the New Testament (Covenant, Redemption, Resurrection, Communion)	Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Bible and You p. 255-256.	
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: Session 7 Gregory the Great Influences the Liturgy p. 57. Session 11 The Church and Society. Glossary, Trinity p. 323.	

<p>I. C. 2. Distinguish among dogma, doctrine, and discipline (CCC 88-90)</p>	<p>Gr. 8 SE: Session 13 Nourished by the Eucharist, dogma p. 109. Session 7 Gregory the Great Influences the Liturgy, doctrine p. 56. Glossary, dogma p. 307 and doctrine p. 307.</p>	
<p>I. C. 3. Demonstrate the ability to locate Church teaching in the <i>Catechism</i></p>	<p>Gr. 8 SE: While there is no specific page that shows how to locate Church teaching in the Catechism of the Catholic Church there are references to the Catechism on p. 144, 145, 154, 162 and 198.</p>	
<p>I. C. 4. Identify some types of church documents, e.g. constitution, encyclical, and pastoral letter</p>	<p>Gr. 8 SE: Session 22 Acting on Behalf of Justice p. 189 (encyclical). Session 21 Truth Revealed by God p. 181 (Constitution on the Catholic Faith). Session 7 Gregory the Great Influences the Liturgy p. 57.</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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Formulas of Catholic Doctrine p. 265. Glossary, justification p. 313. Web: Catholic Basics, Justification.</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: Session 2 The Church Grows p. 13, 15-16. Glossary, Council of Jerusalem p. 306.</p>	
<p>I. D. 2. Describe the role of the martyrs and hermits in the early Church</p>	<p>Gr. 8 SE: Martyrs: Session 3 Witnesses to the Faith p. 20-23. Session 9 Sent on a Mission p. 73. Session 19 Faith and Reason p. 161. Glossary, martyr p. 314. Hermit: Catholic Web Solitude and Community.</p>	
<p>I. D. 3. Identify the Edict of Milan and its effect</p>	<p>Gr. 8 SE: Session 8 Monasteries and Community p. 64. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Church and World Timeline p. 260.</p>	

I. D. 4. Describe the purpose and outcomes of the early Ecumenical Councils, e.g., Nicaea, Chalcedon, and Constantinople	Gr. 8 SE: Session 6 We Believe p. 48-49.	
I. D. 5. Describe the influence of St Augustine on the Church	Gr. 8 SE: Session 3 Witness to the Faith p. 20. Session 8 Monasteries and Community p. 64.	
I. D. 6. Explain the place of St Benedict in the growth of western monasticism	Gr. 8 SE: Unit 2 We Belong p. 45-46. Session 8 Monasteries and Community p. 64-65.	
I. D. 7. Describe some of the issues that lead up to the East – West Schism in 1054	Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Church and World Time Line p. 260-261.	
I. D. 8. Identify how the mendicant religious communities affected the growth of the Church	Gr. 8 SE: Session 11 The Church and Society p. 93. Glossary, Mendicant Order p. 314.	
I. D. 9. Explain the influence of the printing press on the life of the Church	Gr. 8 SE: Session 16 The Protestant Reformation.	
I. D. 10. Identify key persons in the Reformation and Counter Reformation	Gr. 8 SE: Session 16 The Protestant Reformation p. 135-139. Session 17 Renewal in the Church p. 144-145.	
I. D. 11. Describe the Church’s link to the exploration of the New World	Gr. 8 SE: Church and World Timeline p. 260-261.	
I. D. 12. Identify the papal encyclical <i>Rerum Novarum</i> as the first modern expression of Catholic Social Teaching	Gr. 8 SE: Session 22 Acting on Behalf of Justice p. 189.	
I. D. 13. Identify the significance outcomes of the Second Vatican Council	Gr. 8 SE: Session 23 Renewal in the Church p. 196-199.	
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>	Gr. 8 SE: Session 5 Celebrating Ordinary Time p. 37. Web: Catholic Basics, American Saints.	

<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: Session 11 The Church and Society p. 92.</p>	
<p>I. E. 2. Provide examples of the faith being taught through Christian art and music</p>	<p>Gr. 8 SE: Session 23 Renewal in the Church p. 196-199.</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	Finding God	
II. A. 1. Explain how the Paschal Mystery “transcends all times while being made present in them all” (CCC 1085)	Gr. 8 SE: Session 6 p. 50.	
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 SE: Session 4 The Catechumenate in the Early Church p. 30-31.	
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 SE: Session 13 Nourished by the Eucharist p. 110-111.	
II. B. 4. Define transubstantiation (CCC 1376)	Gr. 8 SE: Glossary, transubstantiation p, 323.	
II. B. 5. Identify the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (CCC 1229-1233)	Gr. 8 SE: Session 15 Celebrating Lent p. 127. Glossary, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults p. 320.	
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 SE: Glossary, Confirmation p. 305.	
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 SE: Glossary, laity p. 313.	

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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 262.	
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. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, the Ten Commandments p. 264.	
III. B. 2. Identify the characteristics of a disciple as outlined in the Beatitudes (CCC 1716-1717)	Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Beatitudes p. 263.	
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: Session 17 Renewal in the Church p. 146-147.	
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: Session 4 The Catechumenate in the Early Church p. 31.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 266.	
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: Session 19 Faith and Reason p. 162-164.	
III. D. 2. Describe the responsibility to follow a well formed conscience (CCC 1706, 1790-1794)	Gr. 8 SE: Session 19 Faith and Reason p. 162-164.	
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: Session 6 We Believe p. 48-52.	

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: Session 22 Acting on Behalf of Justice p. 190-191.	
III. F. 2. Know that the first principle of Catholic Social Teaching the promotion of human dignity (CCC #2419-2421)	Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 298-300.	
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; Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Virtues p. 266.	
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; Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Virtues p. 266.	

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	Finding God	
IV. A. 1. Know that prayer is a gift from God that requires a response (CCC 2591)	Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 268.	
IV. A. 2. Describe the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer (CCC 2670; Rom 8:26)	Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 268.	
IV. A. 3. Recall and describe the different types of prayer (CCC 2625-2649)	Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 268-269.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 268.	
IV. B. 2. Recall the importance of Sacred Scripture in personal prayer, especially <i>Lectio Divina</i> (CCC 2653-2654)	Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 268. Glossary, <i>Lectio Divina</i> p. 313.	
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: Session 13 Nourished by the Eucharist p. 10-111.	
IV. C. 2. Know that the Liturgy is Christ’s prayer “to the Father in the Holy Spirit” (CCC 1073)	Gr. 8 SE: Session 13 Nourished by the Eucharist p. 10-111.	
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 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 278-281.	

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	Finding God	
V. A. 1. Describe how the sacrament of Confirmation supports spiritual growth in both the individual and the community (CCC 1316)	Gr. 8 SE: Session 4 The Catechumenate in the Early Church p. 31. Glossary, Confirmation p. 305.	
V. A. 2. Know that Confirmation commits one to lifelong spiritual growth	Gr. 8 SE: Session 4 The Catechumenate in the Early Church p. 31. Glossary, Confirmation p. 305.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 266.	
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: Session 14 Serving Physical and Spiritual Needs p. 119.	
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: Session 14 Serving Physical and Spiritual Needs p. 119.	
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: Glossary, sacrament p. 320.	
V. D. 2. Understand that Confirmation binds one more closely to the Church (CCC 1303)	Gr. 8 SE: Session 4 The Catechumenate in the Early Church p. 31.	
V. D. 3. Describe how the gifts of the Spirit build up the Church	Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 266. Glossary, Gifts of the Holy Spirit p. 309.	

<p>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</p>		
<p>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)</p>	<p>Gr. 8 SE: Session 14 Serving Physical and Spiritual Needs p.115-122. Session 23 Renewal in the Church p. 196-197.</p>	
<p>V. E. 2. Explain what it means to say that the Magisterium is both servant and custodian of Scripture and Tradition (CCC 85-87)</p>	<p>Session 23 Renewal in the Church p. 196-197.</p>	
<p>F. Ecumenism We share in promoting the unity of all God’s people as part of our fidelity to the Gospel</p>		
<p>V. F. 1. Name some of the ways Catholics can respond to the call of Ecumenism (CCC 821)</p>	<p>Gr. 8 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 296-297.</p>	

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	Finding God	
VI. A. 1. Understand that in the sacrament of Confirmation strengthens one to live as a disciple (CCC 1303)	Gr. 8 SE: Session 4 The Catechumenate in the Early Church p. 31.	
VI. A. 2. Identify some church documents which present the <i>New Evangelization</i> and its importance	Gr. 8 SE: Session 25 Celebrating Pentecost p. 214-215.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 266. Glossary, Gifts of the Holy Spirit p. 309.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Catholic Social Teaching p. 298-300.	
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: Session 4 The Catechumenate in the Early Church p. 31.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 296-297.	

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