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## I. Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of the Faith

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 26-1065; General Directory for Catechesis, 84-85, 87)*

### A. The Person of Jesus Christ

***Jesus loves and invites every person to be in relationship with him***

- I. A. 1.** Define the term “Incarnation” and know that it is a distinctive sign of the Christian faith (CCC 461-463; CFCL I.A.7)
- I. A. 2.** Know that Jesus is the full revelation of God to humanity (CCC 50, 73, 221)
- I. A. 3.** Know some New Testament titles for Jesus. (CCC 430-451)

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### 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.** Recognize that Sacred Scripture is inspired by God, but written down by human authors (CCC 105-106)
- I. B. 2.** Know how to find books, chapters, and verses in Sacred Scripture
- I. B. 3.** Describe how God’s revelation comes through people and events in Sacred Scripture (CCC 69-73)
- I. B. 4.** Identify the lands of the New Testament on a map

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**C. Creeds and Doctrines of the Church**

***The Creed expresses the faith of our Church and professes it to the world***

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| <p><b>I. C. 1.</b> Know that the three persons of the Trinity show us how to love one another unconditionally (CCC 255; CFCL I.A.3)</p> <p><b>I. C. 2.</b> Explain the meaning and purpose of a creed (CCC 187)</p> <p><b>I. C. 3.</b> Identify the Nicene and Apostles’ Creeds (CCC 194-195)</p> <p><b>I. C. 4.</b> Define “Purgatory” (CCC 1030-1032)</p> <p><b>I. C. 5.</b> Define particular and final judgment (CCC 1021, 1051, 1060; CFCL I.A.17)</p> | <p>Ch. 3; KT: The Holy Trinity</p><br><p>CPP</p><br><p>CPP</p><br><p>Ch. 8</p><br><p>Ch. 8; KT: Life Everlasting</p> |
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**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***

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| <p><b>I. D. 1.</b> Describe how the Church grew through Paul’s missionary journeys (Acts 13-14, 16-28)</p> | <p>Ch. 2, 19</p> |
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**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***

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| <p><b>I. E. 1.</b> Identify the process of canonization of saints (CCC 828)</p> <p><b>I. E. 2.</b> Explain why we pray to saints for their intercession and look to them as examples of holiness. (CCC 956-957, 2030, 2683; CFCL I.A.31)</p> | <p>Ch. 17</p><br><p>Ch. 17</p> |
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**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*

- II. A. 1. Identify the Easter Triduum as the central celebration of the Paschal Mystery (CCC 1168-1169)
- II. A. 2. Understand that through the Paschal Mystery we are redeemed from sin and death (CCC 601-603; Jn 3:16; CFCL I.A.8)
- II. A. 3. Recognize that by participation in the Paschal Mystery suffering becomes redemptive (CCC 618; 1Pt 2:21)

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**B. Sacraments**

*Sacraments are special celebrations of God’s love for us*

- II. B. 1. Understand that sacraments are celebrated by and for the community, not just the individual (CCC 1140)
- II. B. 2. Define “transubstantiation” (CCC 1376)
- II. B. 3. Identify the signs, symbols, rites, and ordinary ministers for each of the seven sacraments

Ch. 9-16; KT: The Sacraments

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**C. Liturgical Catechesis**

*We are invited into full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church*

- II. C. 1. Identify the liturgical books used at Mass

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- II. C. 2. Know that the scriptural readings in the Lectionary follow a three-year cycle for Sunday Masses and a two-year-cycle for daily Masses
- II. C. 3. Identify the differences among a solemnity, a feast, and a memorial (CCC 1194-1195)

## D. Dimensions of Priesthood: Baptismal and Ordained

***Like Jesus, we are called to be priest, prophet, and king***

- II. D. 1. Know that like Christ, all the baptized are anointed as priest, prophet, and king (CCC 783-786, 1241, 1268)

## 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. Know the virtue of charity is Christ's New Commandment (CCC 1823)
- III. A. 2. Know that to love is to will the good of another (CCC 1766; CFCL I.A.1)
- III. A. 3. Know that authentic love requires that we treat ourselves and each other with respect and justice (CCC 1825; CFCL I.A.23)

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## 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.** Identify the Beatitudes (CCC 1716; Mt 5: 1-11; Lk 6:20-26; CFCL I.A.19)

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**III. B. 2.** Know that the Beatitudes help one live a moral life (CCC 1717; CFCL I.A.19)

Ch. 20 KT: The Moral Life

**III. B. 3.** Know that the first three commandments refer to our relationship with God and the last seven refer to our relationship with others (CCC 2067)

Ch. 19, 21, 22, 23;  
 KT: The Moral Life

## C. Sin and Grace

***God's love can overcome the evil of sin in our world***

**III. C. 1.** Know that original sin is passed on to all generations of human beings (CCC 404; CFCL I.A.4)

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**III. C. 2.** Know that original sin weakens one's ability to do good, and results in human suffering and ultimately in physical death (CCC 400)

Ch. 17; KT: Moral Evil and Sin

**III. C. 3.** Know that the sanctifying grace given at baptism frees one from original sin and gifts one with the possibility of living with God forever in heaven (CCC 1263, 1999)

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**III. C. 4.** Know that actual grace refers to God's intervention at various times in one's life (CCC 2000)

Ch. 10, 13; KT: Holiness of Life and Grace

**III. C. 5.** Identify "sacramental grace" (CCC 2003)

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**III. C. 6.** Identify some specific graces given at each sacrament (CCC 1131,1279,1316-1317, 1416, 1496, 1532, 1581, 1661)

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## D. Conscience Formation

***The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living***

- III. D. 1. Define “free will” (CCC 1730; CFCL I.A.2) Ch. 18
- III. D. 2. Know that the conscience is our ability to use our reason/intellect to make good choices (CFCL I.A.2) Ch. 18
- III. D. 3. Understand that temptation is an attraction toward sin that we must choose to reject. Ch. 17
- III. D. 4. Know that a “well-formed conscience” is based on reason (man’s ability to know) and is informed by faith (CCC 1783-1785; CFCL I.A.2) Ch. 18

## E. Objective Moral Norms

***The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong***

- III. E. 1. Know that the teachings of the Catholic Church are transmitted through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition (CCC 80) Ch. 1, 2, 4, 7; KT: Divine Revelation
- III. E. 2. Identify the elements of Sacred Tradition (CCC 80-83) Ch. 7
- III. E. 3. Know that the teachings of the Church explain objective truths about God, the individual’s relationship with God, and with one other Ch. 7

## F. Gospel of Life

***All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred***

- III. F. 1. Know that through the Incarnation all humanity shares in the life and dignity of God (CCC 521) Ch. 17; CST: Unit 3 Closer
- III. F. 2. Know that God made man and woman equal, but different and complimentary (CCC 2333-2335) Ch. 17

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**III. F. 3.** Know that we relate to the world through our human sexuality (maleness/femaleness) because we are both body and soul (CCC 364-365, 2332; CFCL I.A.2)

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**III. F. 4.** Know that the dignity of the person can be destroyed through prejudice, gossip, lying, slander, stealing, cheating, bullying, etc.

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## G. Living a Moral Life

***As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions***

**III. G. 1.** Recall that the Theological virtues aid each person to grow in generous self-giving love (CCC 1812-1844; CFCL I.A.15)

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**III. G. 2.** Recall that the Cardinal virtues guide our reason and order our passions/emotions (CCC 1805-1809; CFCL I.A.14)

Ch. 18; KT: The Virtues

**III. G. 3.** Understand chastity as a virtue related to temperance that allows us to do what is right, good, and loving with our bodies and our sexuality (maleness/femaleness) (CCC 2337-235; CFCL I.A.20 & 23)

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**III. G. 4.** Name the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (CCC 2447)

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**III. G. 5.** Recall that we need God’s help to live the virtues (CFCL I.A.28)

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**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*

**IV. A. 1.** Name the five forms of prayer (CCC 2626-2649)

Ch. 2, 4, 5, 9, 14, 20, 23, 24

**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.** Know that prayer and the Christian life are inseparable (CCC 2744-2745)

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**IV. B. 2.** Explain how personal prayer and virtuous actions help us grow in our ability to love and serve others (CCC 2744-45; CFCL I.A.24, 28)

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**IV. B. 3.** Know that one will have personal preferences in prayer forms

Ch. 2, 4, 5, 9, 14, 20, 23, 24

**C. Communal Prayer**

*We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God*

**IV. C. 1.** Know that liturgical prayer is the public prayer of the Church (CCC 1066-1073)

Ch. 9, 12

**IV. C. 2.** Name the three forms of liturgical prayer: the Eucharistic Liturgy, the celebration of the seven sacraments, and the Liturgy of Hours (CCC 1070, 1076, 1175)

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**D. Popular Piety and Devotions**

***Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God***

- IV. D. 1.** Identify some types of devotional prayer, e.g., litany, novena, rosary, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic adoration, etc. (CCC 1674)

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**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***

- V. A. 1.** Know that the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love are God’s gifts that enable one to grow in holiness (CCC 1812ff; CFCL I.A.15)
- V. A. 2.** Know that we grow in holiness as we develop good habits
- V. A. 3.** Understand the term “self-mastery/self-control” as they relate to a life of virtue and spiritual growth (CFCL I.A.22 & 24)
- V. A. 4.** Understand that a life of prayer is essential to spiritual growth (CCC 2744-2745)

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Ch. 24; KT: Christian Prayer

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**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 the nature and responsibilities of Christian friendship (CCC 1829, 1939, 2347)
- V. B. 2.** Define the “common good” as understood by the Catholic Church (CCC 1905-1909)
- V. B. 3.** Recall that because our bodies are “temples of the Holy Spirit” and they must be treated with respect. (i.e. physical, emotional and sexual health; and personal identity) (CCC 364, 2519; CFCL I.A.24)

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**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.** Understand the importance of family life for the individual and for society as a whole (CCC 2207-2213; CFCL I.A.29)
- V. C. 2.** Know that the mutual self-gift and love of husband and wife is an image of the unconditional love between Christ and his Church (CCC 1612-1617; Eph 5:25-26; 31-33; CFCL I.A.29)
- V. C. 3.** Know that marriage is a sacrament between one man and one woman (CCC 1601)
- V. C. 4.** Know that married couples are called to live chastity as an example to the world of authentic love (CFCL I.A.30)

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## D. Faith Communities

***Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal***

**V. D. 1.** Know that married couples are called to live chastity as an example to the world of authentic love (CFCL I.A.30)

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## 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.** Name the Four Marks of the Church (CCC 811ff)

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**V. E. 2.** Identify the Church as the Body of Christ continuing Christ's salvific action in the world (CCC 1213; Col 2:24-29)

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**V. E. 3.** Understand that the Church's participation in the Paschal Mystery is expressed through her liturgical life and her service in the world (CCC 1134)

Ch. 6, 8; KT: The Mystery of the Church, Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God

## F. Ecumenism

***We share in promoting the unity of all God's people as part of our fidelity to the Gospel***

**V. F. 1.** Know that Jesus calls all Christians to work together to build the Kingdom (CCC 820)

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**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*

**VI. A. 1.** Define “evangelization” (CCC 905)

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**VI. A. 2.** Know that the sacramental life of the Church empowers the faithful to evangelize the world (CCC 1116, 1122, 2044)

Ch. 9-16; KT: The Sacraments

**B. Vocation/Apostolate**

*Each 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.** Know that each person shares responsibility for the mission of the Church (CCC 849; Mt 28:18-20)

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**VI. B. 2.** Explain how the various vocations function to build God’s kingdom and further the mission of the church

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**VI. B. 3.** Know that all people are called to live the virtue of chastity (CFCL I.A.20)

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**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.** Know that through the virtues of charity and justice Christians are called to oppose social sin and to transform the world (CCC 1928-1933, 2446; Mi 6:8)

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**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 we are bound to all peoples by our belief that God is the source and end of all human life (CCC 842)

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**VI. D. 2.** Know that the Church acknowledges the spiritual and moral truths of other religions as a preparation for hearing the Gospel (CCC 842; Nostra Aetate 1-2)

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