

Diocese of Columbus
Grade Four 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. Identify some different names for Jesus, <i>e.g., Savior, Christ, Emmanuel, Lamb of God etc.</i> (CCC 430-451)	Gr. 4 SE: The Year in Our Church, Advent Session 10 Celebrating Advent p. 58	
I. A. 2. Know that Jesus has a fully human nature which includes human emotions (CCC 470- 478, Jn 11:33-38, Lk 4:2, Mt 21:12)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 8 Jesus Our Redeemer p. 46.	
I. A. 3. Know that Jesus has a fully divine nature. He was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary through the power of the Holy Spirit (CCC 464-469)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 8 Jesus Our Redeemer p. 48.	
I. A. 4. Understand that because he is free from sin Jesus' body did not decay after his death (CCC 627, 630)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 8 Jesus Our Redeemer p. 50. Session 8 Art Print 8, Jesus Ascension, BLM 236.	
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. Identify Divine Revelation as God's self-communication about his plan of creation and salvation (CCC 51-53)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, The Bible and You p. 184.	
I. B. 2. Know that "testament" or "covenant" is a special promise initiated by God who invites his people to respond (CCC 56-64)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, The Bible and You p. 184.	
I. B. 3. Understand that the Bible is the written story of the covenant relationship between God and the Israelites and God and the Christian community (CCC 128-130)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, The Bible and You p. 184.	
I. B. 4. Identify some books in Sacred Scripture, <i>e.g., Genesis, Exodus, Psalms, the Gospels, etc.</i> (CCC 120)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 6 Jesus Law of Love p. 34. The Year in Our Church, Advent Session 10 Celebrating Advent p. 154. Art Print 1, God the Creator, BLM p. 229.	
I. B. 5. Locate books, chapters, and verses in Sacred Scripture	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, The Bible and You p. 184-185.	

I. B. 6. Understand that Jesus studied and taught the Old Testament (CCC 121-123, Lk 2:41- 52; 4:14-22)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 22 Loving God Above All p.p. 130.	
I. B. 7. Know that the New Testament is the story and teachings of Jesus and the early Christian community (CCC 124)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, The Bible and You p. 184.	
C. Creeds and Doctrines of the Church The Creed expresses the faith of our Church and professes it to the world		
I. C. 1. Understand that God is all-knowing (CCC 268)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 2 Our Father in Heaven. p. 9-14.	
I. C. 2. Know the three main parts of the Apostles' Creed (CCC 190-191)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 8 Jesus Our Redeemer p. 48.	
I. C. 3. Define a <i>Precept of the Church</i> (CCC 2041-2043)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 12 The Church Teaches Us p. 73.	
I. C. 4. Know that Satan was an angel who disobeyed God and separated himself from God forever (CCC 391-392, Lk 10:18)		
I. C. 5. Know that Hell is eternal separation from God (CCC 1033)		
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		
I. D. 1. Identify some martyrs and saints who by their witness fostered the growth of the Church (CCC 2473; Acts 7:54-60, 16:11-15)	Gr. 4 SE: Unit 2, St John Vianney p. 32. Unit 3 St. Louis IX p. 62. Unit 4, St. Ignatius of Loyola p. 92. Unit 5, St. Francis Xavier p. 122.	
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		
I. E. 1. Know that Mary's relationship with Jesus gives her a unique role in the life of the Church (CCC 964-975)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 8 Jesus Our Redeemer p. 46.	
I. E. 2. Know that missionaries spread the Gospel message and strengthen the Church (CCC 849-856, Acts 8:26-40)	Gr. 4 SE: Unit 2 Art Print Blessed Teresa of Calcutta p. 237.	

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. Know that God shows his love by sending Jesus to save us from sin and death through the Paschal Mystery (CCC 601, 654; 1Cor 15:14)	Gr. 4 SE The Year in Our Faith Holy Week p. 165-168.	
B. Sacraments Sacraments are special celebrations of God’s love for his people		
II. B. 1. Review the meaning of a sacrament (CCC 1131)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating Our Faith p. 204-205.	
II. B. 2. Identify the Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and Service (CCC 1212, 1421, 1534)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating Our Faith p. 204-205.	
II. B. 3. Know that the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation includes both “God’s forgiveness and reconciliation with the church” (CCC 1440, 1468-1469)	Gr. 4 SE: Unit 16 Celebrating Reconciliation p. 93-98.	
II. B. 4. Know that the penance given by the priest gives healing to the sinner and helps one to repair relationships with God and neighbor (CCC 1459)	Gr. 4 SE: Unit 16 SE Celebrating Reconciliation p. 95.	
C. Liturgical Catechesis We are invited into full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church		
II. C. 1. Identify the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (CCC 1438)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 20 Celebrating Lent and Holy Week p. 117-120. The Year in Our Church Lent p. 162-168.	
II. C. 2. Identify Easter as the most important feast day of the year (CCC 1169)	Gr. 40 SE: Session 25 Celebrating Easter p. 147-150. The Year in Our Church Easter p. 169-172.	
II. C. 3. Identify the Holy Days of Obligation (CCC 2177)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 17 The Sacrament of the Eucharist p. 103. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 209.	
II. C. 4. Identify major feasts of Mary in her role as Mother of God, <i>e.g., Annunciation, Visitation, Assumption, Christmas</i> (CCC 1172)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 14 Serving God and Others p. 82. Session 17 The Sacrament of Eucharist p. 103.	
D. Dimensions of Priesthood: Baptismal and Ordained Like Jesus, we are called to be priest, prophet, and king		
II. D. 1. Identify the three degrees of holy orders: diaconate, presbyterate, and episcopacy (CCC 1536)	Gr. 4 Session 19 Sacraments of Service p. 113.	

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.	Finding God	
III. A. 1. Locate the Two Great Commandments in Scripture (CCC 2055; Dt 6:5; Lv 19:18; Lk 10: 25-28)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 22 Loving God Above All p. 130. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith p. 213.	
III. A. 2. Know that Jesus' life shows how to love God and others (CCC 520-521; Jn 14:6)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 22 Loving God Above All p. 129-134.	
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. Memorize the Ten Commandments (CCC 2051ff; Ex 20:2-17)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith the Ten Commandments. P. 212.	
III. B. 2. Retell the story of the Exodus and the Ten Commandments (Ex 7-20)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 21 The Ten Commandments p. 123-128.	
III. B. 3. Identify the Beatitudes as the heart of Jesus' teaching (CCC 1716; Mt 5:1-12; Lk 6:20- 26)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 7 The Beatitudes p. 39-44.	
C. Sin and Grace God's love can overcome the evil of sin in our world		
III. C. 1. Know that sin is freely choosing what is wrong and failing to do what is right (CCC 1849-1850)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 16 Celebrating Reconciliation p. 93-94. Glossary, sin p. 267.	
III. C. 2. Identify the different types of sin: personal sin (mortal and venial) and social sin (CCC 1852-1869, 1886-1888; Rom 1:28-32; Gal 5:19-21)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 13 God is Our Friend p. 76-77	
III. C. 3. Define original sin (CCC 396-401, Gn 3)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 3 God's Plan for Salvation p. 17. Glossary, Original Sin p. 264 and personal sin p. 264.	
III. C. 4. Describe grace as a sharing in God's life (CCC 1997)	Gr. 4 SE: Glossary, grace p. 260.	
III. C. 5. Know that the Holy Spirit gives one the power and strength to live the Christian life (CCC 1704, 1813, 1830; Jn 14:16-18)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 6 Jesus' Law of Love p. 35. The Year in Our Church, Pentecost p. 174.	
D. Conscience Formation The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living		
III. D. 1. Know that conscience is God speaking in the heart of each person (CCC 1776; Hos 2:16)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith Making Good Choices p. 214, Glossary, conscience p. 257.	

III. D. 2. Identify that grace helps one to follow their conscience (CCC 1776, 1785)	Gr. 4 SE: Glossary, grace p. 260.	
III. D. 3. Identify resources for developing a well formed conscience, e.g., <i>Sacred Scripture, prayer, and the teachings of the Magisterium</i> (CCC 1783-1785)	Gr. 4: Session 4 God Calls Us to Obey p. 23.	
III. D. 4. Know that a well formed conscience calls one to conversion (CCC 1797)	Gr. 4: Session 4 God Calls Us to Obey p. 21-26.	
III. D. 5. Know that feelings and emotions are not the primary indicator of right and wrong (CCC 1773)	Gr. 4: Session 4 God Calls Us to Obey p. 21-26.	
E. Objective Moral Norms The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong		
III. E. 1. Identify the Holy Spirit as the Church’s guide in knowing what is right and wrong (CCC 749, 768, 857; Jn 16:13)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith Making Good Choice s p. 215-215. Glossary, moral law p. 263.	
III. E. 2. Know that the Pope in union with the Bishops have the responsibility to establish moral laws that “teach the faithful the way of life and truth” (CCC 2034, 2037)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 12 The Church Teaches Us p. 69-71 and 74.	
III. E. 3. Understand that the moral law exists to help one grow in holiness (CCC 1950)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 10 Celebrating Advent p. 58.	
F. Gospel of Life All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred		
III. F. 1. Understand why we respect our bodies and those of others (CCC 364-365, 1Cor 6:19- 20)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 1 God Creates the World p. 4 and p. 8.	
III. F. 2. Know that each person has a body and a soul (CCC 362-365)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 1 God Creates the World p. 4 and p. 8.	
G. Living a Moral Life As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions		
III. G. 1. Define virtue as a good habit (CCC 1803)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 5 Celebrating Ordinary Time p. 28. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 216. Glossary, Virtue p. 268.	
III. G. 2. Identify the theological virtues (CCC 1812-1918)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 2 Our Father in Heaven p. 13. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 216.	
III. G. 3. Know that the theological virtues come from God (CCC 1813)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 2 Our Father in Heaven p. 13. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 216.	

III. G. 4. Identify the cardinal virtues (CCC 1805-1809)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 216.	
III. G. 5. Know how the cardinal virtues help one live a moral life and “become like God” (CCC 1805)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 216.	

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 the traditional prayers of the Church: <i>e.g., Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, Creed, etc.</i>	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 188-197.	
IV. A. 2. Identify some prayers in Scripture, <i>e.g., the Psalms, the Magnificat, and the prayers of Simeon and Zachariah</i> (CCC 2653-2654)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 2 Our Father in Heaven p. 9. Art Print 1 (psalms) p. 229.	
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 all people have a desire for God in their hearts (CCC 2566)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 14 Serving God and Others p. 85.	
IV. B. 2. Know that prayer is the foundation of one’s relationship with God (CCC 2565)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 1 God Creates the World p. 6. Art Print 5 Called By God. BLM p. 233. Glossary, prayer p. 265.	
C. Communal Prayer We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God		
IV. C. 1. Understand the importance of Sunday Mass as a celebration of the parish community (CCC 2655; Acts 20:7)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 17 The Sacrament of the Eucharist p. 101.	
D. Popular Piety and Devotions Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God		
IV. D. 1. Describe the purpose of a sacramental (CCC 1167-1670)	Gr. 4 SE: Glossary, sacramental p. 266.	
IV. D. 2. Identify the 20 mysteries of the Rosary (CCC 1675)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Mysteries of the Rosary p. 200-201.	

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. Recognize that knowledge, study, and practice of one’s faith are integral to growth in holiness	Gr. 4 SE: Glossary, holy p. 260.	
V. A. 2. Recognize that one responds to the love of God by growing in relationship to God, others, self, and all creation	Gr. 4 SE: Session 23 Loving Our Family p. 137-140. Session 22 Jesus Calls Us to Love Others p. 146.	
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. Explain how the Ten Commandments are guidelines for relationships with God and other people (CCC 1955, 2061-2062)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 21 The Ten Commandments p. 127-128. Session 22 Loving God Above All p. 131-134. Session 23 Loving Our Family p. 137—140.	
V. B. 2. Explain how the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation restores a healthy relationship with God and others (CCC 1469)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 16 Celebrating Reconciliation p. 93-98. Glossary, reconciliation p. 265.	
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 concept of the family as the domestic church: a place of faith, hope, and charity (CCC 2204)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 23 Loving Our Family p. 137-140.	
V. C. 2. Recognize that God made men and women equal in dignity (CCC 2203)	Web; Catholic Basics, Made in the Image and Likeness of God.	
V. C. 3. Know that families cooperate with God’s work of creation in raising and educating children (CCC 2205)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 23 Loving Our Family p. 137-140.	
V. C. 4. Know that families are called to witness to the Gospel to each other and to the larger community (CCC 2207-2210)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 23 Loving Our Family p. 137-140.	
D. Faith Communities Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal		
V. D. 1. Identify the Church as including all those living on earth, those in Heaven, and those in Purgatory (CCC 954)	Gr. Session 11 The People of God p. 64.	
V. D. 2. Define the term “People of God” (CCC 781-782)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 11 The People Of God p. p. 63-68. Glossary, People of God p. 264.	

<p>V. D. 3. Know that the Apostle’s Creed is an expression of the Church’s faith (CCC 194)</p>	<p>Gr. 4 SE: Session 8 Jesus Our Redeemer p. 48-49. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith p. 193. Glossary, Apostles Creed p. 255.</p>	
<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. Know Jesus used parables to teach about the kingdom of God, <i>e.g., the Good Samaritan, the Sower and the Seed, the Unforgiving Servant</i> (CCC 546)</p>	<p>Gr. 4 SE: Art Print 13, The Forgiving Father p. 241. Art Print 16, The Lost Sheep p. 244. Glossary, parable p. 264.</p>	
<p>V. E. 2. Identify the Four Marks of the Church (CCC 813-865)</p>	<p>Gr. 4 SE: Glossary, Marks of the Church p. 262. Glossary, one p. 263. Glossary, holy p. 260. Glossary, catholic p. 256.</p>	
<p>V. E. 3. Identify the priest as the leader of a parish and the bishop as a leader of a diocese (CCC 2179)</p>	<p>Gr. 4 SE: Session 12 The Church Teaches Us p. 71.</p>	
<p>F. Ecumenism We share in promoting the unity of all God’s people as a basic part of our fidelity to the Gospel</p>		
<p>V. F. 1. Know that all baptized Christians are brothers and sisters in Christ (CCC 838)</p>	<p>Web, Catholic Basics, Ecumenism.</p>	
<p>V. F. 2. Know that the <i>Our Father/Lord’s Prayer</i> is the common prayer of Christians (CCC 2771; Mt 6:9-14)</p>	<p>Web, Catholic Basics, Ecumenism.</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. Identify evangelization as sharing one's faith in Jesus with others (CCC 905)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 9 Jesus Sends the Spirit p. 51-56.	
VI. A. 2. Recall the term disciple as one who accepts Jesus' call to follow him and to bring others into relationship with him (CCC 618, 767, Acts 11:26)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 11 The People of God p. 64. Session 14 Serving God and Others p. 83. The Year in Our Church Pentecost p. 174. Glossary, disciple p. 258.	
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 every baptized person is called to love and serve God at every stage of life (Jas 2:14-17)	Gr. 4 SE: Session 9 Jesus Sends the Spirit p. 51-56.	
VI. B. 2. Name some of the particular vocations within the Church	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith p. 197. Glossary, vocation p. 268.	
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. Define the virtue of justice as giving God and others what is due to them (CCC 1807)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith Glossary, justice p. 261.	
VI. C. 2. Understand why the poor and marginalized have a special place in the teachings of Jesus	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith p. 218-219	
VI. C. 3. Define the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (CCC 2447; Mt 25)	Gr. 4 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith Works of Mercy p. 217 p. 217.	
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 only Christians believe that Jesus Christ is God		

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