

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

<b>I. Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of the Faith</b> <i>(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 26-1065; General Directory for Catechesis, 84-85, 87)</i>		
<b>A. The Person of Jesus Christ</b> Jesus loves and invites every person to be in relationship with him		<b>Christ Our Life</b>
<b>I. A. 1.</b> Explain that Jesus Christ is the fullness of God’s self-revelation and the fulfillment of his promise (CCC 51-53, 65; Heb 1:1-4)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 1 The Impact of Jesus p. 5.
<b>I. A. 2.</b> Describe what it means to say that Jesus Christ is fully human and fully divine		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 1 The impact of Jesus p. 2. Also, Ch. 2 Friendship with Jesus p. 11.
<b>B. Understand Scripture</b> Sacred Scripture is the living Word of God, a history of the covenant, and a guide for life today		
<b>I. B. 1.</b> Explain the meaning of inspiration in Sacred Scripture (CCC 105-108)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 3 Scripture: A Portrait of Jesus p. 22-23.
<b>I. B. 2.</b> Know how the Canon of Scripture was determined (CCC 80-83)		
<b>I. B. 3.</b> Understand that the Magisterium has the authority to interpret Sacred Scripture authentically (CCC 84-87)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 10 Parables Stories Jesus Told. Also Glossary, Magisterium p. 260.
<b>I. B. 4.</b> Understand that the Epistles were written to address questions and concerns in the early Church		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 3 Scripture: A Portrait of Jesus p. 22.
<b>I. B. 5.</b> Identify some tools used in biblical study e.g., bible dictionary, bible commentary, bible atlas		
<b>C. Creeds and Doctrines of the Church</b> The Creed expresses the faith of our Church and professes it to the world		
<b>I. C. 1.</b> Recognize that there is “an order or ‘hierarchy’ of truths within the Church’s teaching.” (CCC 90)		
<b>I. C. 2.</b> Define dogma, doctrine, and discipline		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 10 Parables: Stories Jesus Told p. 79 (dogma and doctrine).
<b>I. C. 3.</b> Describe the “Last Things” (CCC 954)		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know, The Four Last Things p. 242.

<b>D. Discover the Church's Tradition and Relevance of Church History</b> Our Church has a rich heritage which still serves as a guide for us today		
<b>I. D. 1.</b> Name some of the Early Ecumenical Councils of the Church (CCC 464-468)		Gr. 7 SE: Glossary, Council of Jerusalem p. 255.
<b>I. D. 2.</b> Identify the Reformation and the Counter Reformation		
<b>I. D. 3.</b> Define heresy (CCC 2089)		Gr. 7 SE: Glossary, Heresy p. 258.
<b>E. Christian Thought and Culture</b> 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		
<b>I. E. 1.</b> Describe the relationship of science to faith in the Catholic tradition (CCC 159)		Web: Catholic Basics, Faith and Science.

<b>II. Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of the Meaning of the Liturgy and Sacraments</b> (CCC, 1066-1690; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
<b>A. Paschal Mystery Forms and Transforms</b> The liturgical and sacramental life of the Church informs, forms, and transforms us as disciples of Jesus in the world.		<b>Christ Our Life</b>
<b>II. A. 1.</b> Describe how the Liturgy and the sacraments strengthen one to live as disciples of Jesus Christ (CCC 1108)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 8 Baptism and Confirmation p. 64 (Eucharist: Made One in the Spirit).
<b>II. A. 2.</b> Know that participation in the Eucharist is an actual participation in the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ (CCC 1068, 1088, 1090, 1104)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 8 Baptism and Confirmation p. 64 (Eucharist: Made One in the Spirit).
<b>B. Sacraments</b> Sacraments are special celebrations of God’s love for us		
<b>II. B. 1.</b> Cite sources in the New Testament that show the sacraments are derived from Jesus’ life and mission (CCC 1114-1116)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 6 The Mission of Jesus p.44-45.
<b>II. B. 2.</b> Recall that Confirmation is the sacrament which completes Christian Initiation (CCC 1285)		Gr. 7 SE: Glossary, Confirmation p. 255.
<b>II. B. 3.</b> Know that the sacraments are the action of the Church and an integral part of her public prayer (CCC1071, 1140)		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know, The Mystery of Faith Made Present p. 244.
<b>C. Liturgical Catechesis</b> We are invited into full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church		
<b>II. C. 1.</b> Describe the cycle of the liturgical year and how the celebrations relate to everyday life (CCC 1171)		Gr. 7 SE: Special Seasons and Lessons p. 214, The Year in Our Church. Also glossary, liturgical year p. 260.
<b>II. C. 2.</b> Explain the reason for the “Sunday Obligation” (CCC 2180-2183)		Gr. 7 SE What Catholics Should Know, Precepts of the Church p. 242 and The Order of the Mass p. 245.
<b>D. Dimensions of Priesthood: Baptismal and Ordained</b> Like Jesus, we are called to be priest, prophet, and king (CCC 783-786, 871, 1 Pet 2:9)		
<b>II. D. 1.</b> Identify examples of the roles of priest, prophet, and king in the lives of the baptized and ordained priesthood. (CCC 783-786, 871; 1Pt2:9)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 8 Baptism and Confirmation p. 64.

<b>III. Catechesis Promotes Moral Formation in Jesus Christ</b> (CCC, 1691-2557; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
<b>A. Commandment to Love</b> 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.		<b>Christ Our Life</b>
<b>III. A. 1.</b> Know that one is able to live the “new commandment” through the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC #1966)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 8 Baptism and Confirmation p. 64.
<b>B. Ten Commandments and Beatitudes</b> The Scriptures, especially in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, give us moral guidance		
<b>III. B. 1.</b> Compare and contrast the beatitudes as expressed in the “Sermon on the Mount” and the “Sermon on the Plain” (Mt 5:1-11, Lk 6:2-26)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 14 The Challenge of the Beatitudes p.113-118 and the Bible.
<b>III. B. 2.</b> Describe how living the Beatitudes expresses the Christian life of discipleship (CCC # 1716-1717)		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know, The Beatitudes p. 241. Also glossary, Confirmation p. 255.
<b>C. Sin and Grace</b> God’s love can overcome the evil of sin in our world		
<b>III. C. 1.</b> Explain how one’s choices have both personal and social consequences (CCC 1730- 1738, 1740)		
<b>III. C. 2.</b> Know that social sin can exist at the local, national, and global levels		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 15 Jesus’ Kingdom of Justice and Truth p. 122-123. Glossary, social sin p. 265
<b>III. C. 3.</b> Know that grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit that justifies and sanctifies (CCC 2003)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 18 Living Faith in Jesus p. p. 149. Glossary, grace p. 258.
<b>D. Conscience Formation</b> The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living		
<b>III. D. 1.</b> Explain the process of developing a well formed conscience and how it affects one’s decisions (CCC 1783-1785)		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Making Good Choices p. 247.
<b>III. D. 2</b> Describe the role of virtue in forming one’s conscience (CCC 1834; Phil 4:8)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 18 p. 150. Also Glossary, virtue p. 267.

<b>E. Objective Moral Norms</b> The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong		
<b>III. E. 1.</b> Describe how natural law is foundational to all moral law (CCC1959)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 11 Miracles: Signs Jesus Worked p. 87. Also glossary, natural law p. 261 and glossary, moral law p. 261.
<b>III. E. 2.</b> Know that a life conformed to Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church lead to beatitude (CCC1724)		
<b>F. Gospel of Life</b> All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred		
<b>III. F. 1.</b> Know that the mystery of the Incarnation affirms the goodness of creation and the dignity of humanity (CCC 461-463)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 1 The Impact of Jesus p. 5 and 7.
<b>III. F. 2.</b> Know that human work, of every kind, is a participation in God's creative work and therefore integral to human dignity (CCC 2427-2428)		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know, The Dignity and Work and the Rights of Workers p. 252. Also glossary, dignity of work p. 256.
<b>III. F. 3.</b> Understand that human dignity is expressed fully when all aspects of one's life work together (physical, social, emotional, intellectual) (CCC 901, 2461)		Gr. 7 SE: Glossary, dignity of human person p. 256.
<b>G. Living a Moral Life</b> As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions		
<b>III. G. 1.</b> Identify the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they help one live a moral life (CCC 1830- 1832; Is 11:1-2)		Gr. 7: Special Season Pentecost p228. Also, What Catholics Should Know, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit p. 243.
<b>III. G. 2.</b> Identify the Fruits of the Holy Spirit as signs of the Spirit at work in the life of a disciple (CCC 1832; Gal 5: 22-23)		Gr. 7: Ch. 23 Alive with the Holy Spirit p.190. Also, What Catholics Should Know, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit p. 243.
<b>III. G. 3.</b> Know that Christians are called to make virtuous choices in everyday life		Gr. 7: Ch. 18 Living Faith in Jesus p. 149. Also, What Catholics Should know, Virtues p. 243. Also, Glossary, Virtue p. 267.

<b>IV. Catechesis Teaches the Christian How to Pray</b> (CCC, 2558-2865; GDC, 84-85, 87)		
<b>A. Christian Prayer Tradition</b> Prayer in all its many forms is a language of love, faith, and hope		<b>Christ Our Life</b>
<b>IV. A. 1.</b> Identify the steps in <i>Lectio Divina</i> (CCC 1177, 2708)		Gr. 7 SE: Gather and Go Forth mentions it on p. 75. The steps can be found in <i>Awake My Soul</i> , editor James Martin.
<b>B. Personal Prayer</b> The mystery of God’s action in our lives draws us into a deeper relationship and a deeper desire to respond in prayer		
<b>IV. B. 1.</b> Understand that personal prayer is unique to one’s relationship with God		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Prayer and How We Pray p. 231.
<b>IV. B. 2.</b> Understand that perseverance in prayer is important (CCC 2730)		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know p. 231-232.
<b>C. Communal Prayer</b> We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God		
<b>IV. C. 1.</b> Describe why the “Liturgy of the Hours” is the “prayer of the whole People of God” (CCC 1175)		Gr. 7 SE: Gather and Go Forth p. 75. Also glossary, Liturgy of the Hours p. 260.
<b>IV. C. 2.</b> Understand the role of art and music in communal prayer (CCC 1156-1162)		Web: Catholic Basics, Communal Prayer.
<b>D. Popular Piety and Devotions</b> Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God		
<b>IV. D. 1.</b> Explain how popular piety and devotions support personal and communal prayer (CCC 1675, 1679)		Gr. 7 SE: Gather and Go Forth p. 193.
<b>IV. D. 2.</b> Distinguish between sacraments and sacramentals (CCC 1131, 1677-1678)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 22 The Victory of Jesus p. 181. Also, Gather and Go Forth p. 185. Also, glossary, sacrament p. 264 and sacramental p. 264

<b>V. Catechesis prepares the Christian to live in Community and to participate in the life and mission of the Church</b> (GDC, 84, 86-87)		
<b>A. Spiritual Growth</b> Our community life is built on the understanding that humans grow and develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially as well as spiritually		<b>Christ Our Life</b>
<b>V. A. 1.</b> Describe how the gifts of the Spirit, given in the Sacrament of Confirmation foster spiritual growth (CCC 736, 1303, 1316)		Gr. 7 SE: Special Season Pentecost p. 227-228. Also, glossary, Gifts of the Holy Spirit p. 257.
<b>V. A. 2.</b> Explain how participation in community supports and sustains spiritual growth (CCC 2182)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 8 Baptism and Confirmation p. 61.
<b>B. Relationships and Responsibilities</b> 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		
<b>V. B. 1.</b> Know that a disciple has a responsibility to participate in “social interchange” that promotes the common good (CCC 1913-1917)		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Showing Our Love for the World p. 251-252.
<b>V. B. 2.</b> Explain why the Eucharist commits us to service of the poor (CCC 1397-98)		Gr. 7SE” Ch. 20 The Eucharist p. 166.
<b>C. Marriage and Family Life—Domestic Church</b> Our family life is the church of the home, where we learn to love God and care for each other		
<b>V. C. 1.</b> Identify some responsibilities that parents have towards their children and children have toward their parents (CCC 2214-2231)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 24 Matrimony and Holy Orders p. 195-196.
<b>V. C. 2.</b> Understand why the Church teaches that sexual activity is reserved for marriage (CCC 2350, 2360-2363, 2390-2391)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 24 Matrimony and Holy Orders p. 196.
<b>V. C. 3.</b> Explain what is meant by the indissolubility of marriage (CCC 1614-1617)		Gr. 7 SE: Sacrament Chart Matrimony p. 212.
<b>D. Faith Communities</b> Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal		
<b>V. D. 1.</b> Describe some of the unique characteristics of the Early Church communities (CCC 949- 953; Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35; 2Thes 3:6-16)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 23 Alive With the Spirit p. 188-189.

<b>V. D. 2.</b> Examine ways in which adolescents can share in the work of the parish (CCC)		
<b>V. D. 3.</b> Define the term <i>sensus fidei</i> or the sense of faith (CCC 92; Jn 16:13; 1 Jn 2:20)		Gr. 7 SE: Showing Our Love for the World p. 251-252.
<b>E. Nature and Mission of the Church</b> The Church is the family of God, sent to bring the Good News of Jesus to all people		
<b>V. E. 1.</b> Identify some of the New Testament courses of Church's mission to share the Good News		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 23 Alive with the Spirit p. 189-190.
<b>V. E. 2.</b> Know that the role of the Magisterium is to foster unity by expressing the authentic teaching of the Catholic Church (CCC 890)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 10 Parables: Stories Jesus Told p. 79. Also glossary, Magisterium p. 260.
<b>V. E. 3.</b> Know that the life and mission of the Catholic Church is expressed in different Rites (CCC 814)		Gr. 7 SE: Sacrament Chart p. 211-212. Also, glossary, rite p. 264
<b>F. Ecumenism</b> We share in promoting the unity of all God's people as part of our fidelity to the Gospel		
<b>V. F. 1.</b> Know that Christ desires unity for his Church and calls the faithful to work towards it (CCC 820-822; Jn 17:20-21)		Gr. 7 SE: Ch. 23 Alive with the Spirit p. 189-190.



<b>VI. Catechesis Promotes a Missionary Spirit that Prepares the Faithful to Transform the World</b> (GDC, #84, 86-87)		
<b>A. Evangelization</b> The Sacraments of Initiation both invite and empower us to live as disciples in the larger society and in the world		<b>Christ Our Life</b>
<b>VI. A. 1.</b> Identify what is meant by the <i>New Evangelization</i>		Gr. 7 SE: The New Evangelization TET233-235.
<b>B. Vocation/Apostolate</b> 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		
<b>VI. B. 1.</b> Know that a personal apostolate is a means of living out the missionary spirit of the Church		Gr. 7 SE: Special Seasons and Lessons #7 Pentecost p. 227-228.
<b>C. Social Action and Transformation</b> The Social Teachings of our tradition inspire us to concern and to action aimed at the well-being of all humankind		
<b>VI. C. 1.</b> Understand that Catholic Social Teaching provides principles for reflection, criteria for judgments, and guidelines for action when building the Kingdom of God (CCC 2423)		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know Showing Our Love for the World p. 251-252.
<b>VI. C. 2.</b> Know that common good and human dignity are foundational principles for building a better world (CCC 1807, 1928-1933)		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know Showing Our Love for the World p. 251-252.
<b>VI. C. 3.</b> Identify the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching (CCC 1943-1948, 2419-2425)		Gr. 7 SE: What Catholics Should Know Showing Our Love for the World p. 251-252.
<b>D. Interreligious Dialogue</b> We dialogue and work with people of other faiths, to build understanding and to find our common hopes and values for a better world		
<b>VI. D. 1.</b> Define the term “monotheism”		The Essential Guide to Catholic Terms by Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND p. 99.
<b>VI. D. 2.</b> Identify the three world religions rooted in this belief: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (CCC 839-841)		Gr. 7 SE: Judaism, Gather and Go Fort p. 33

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