

Diocese of Columbus
Grade Seven 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. 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: Session 3 Jesus Reveals God to Us. p.22-23.	
I. A. 2. Describe what it means to say that Jesus Christ is fully human and fully divine	Gr. 7 SE: Session 3 Jesus Reveals God to Us. p. 20-23. Session 6 Jesus Became One of Us p. 49.	
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. Explain the meaning of inspiration in Sacred Scripture (CCC 105-108)	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 254. Glossary, inspiration p. 312.	
I. B. 2. Know how the Canon of Scripture was determined (CCC 80-83)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 2 Jesus is the Answer to a Promise p. 14. Glossary, Canon p. 304.	
I. B. 3. Understand that the Magisterium has the authority to interpret Sacred Scripture authentically (CCC 84-87)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 24 Jesus Calls Us to Eternal Life p. 205. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 255.	
I. B. 4. Understand that the Epistles were written to address questions and concerns in the early Church	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 262-263.	
I. B. 5. Identify some tools used in biblical study e.g., bible dictionary, bible commentary, bible atlas	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers ad Practices of Our Faith p. 264-265.	
C. Creeds and Doctrines of the Church The Creed expresses the faith of our Church and professes it to the world		
I. C. 1. Recognize that there is “an order or ‘hierarchy’ of truths within the Church’s teaching.” (CCC 90)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 24 Jesus Calls Us to Eternal Life p. 205.	
I. C. 2. Define dogma, doctrine, and discipline	Gr. 7 SE: Glossary, doctrine p. 307 and dogma p. 307.	
I. C. 3. Describe the “Last Things” (CCC 954)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 20 Celebrating Holy Week and Easter p. 170-171.	

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. Name some of the Early Ecumenical Councils of the Church (CCC 464-468)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 6 Jesus Became one of Us p. 48. Glossary, Council of Jerusalem p. 306 and ecumenical council p. 307.	
I. D. 2. Identify the Reformation and the Counter Reformation	FG Gr. 8 SE covers this in detail in Session 16 p. 135-141 and Session 17 p. 144-145.	
I. D. 3. Define heresy (CCC 2089)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 6 Jesus Became One of Us p. 49. Glossary, heresy p. 310.	
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. Describe the relationship of science to faith in the Catholic tradition (CCC 159)	Web: Catholic Basics, Faith and Science.	

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. Describe how the Liturgy and the sacraments strengthen one to live as disciples of Jesus Christ (CCC 1108)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 16 Jesus Gives Us Himself p. 135-140.	
II. A. 2. 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: Session 16 Jesus Gives Us Himself p. 138.	
B. Sacraments Sacraments are special celebrations of God’s love for us		
II. B. 1. Cite sources in the New Testament that show the sacraments are derived from Jesus’ life and mission (CCC 1114-1116)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 14 SE: Jesus Heals and Forgives p. 118—120. Session 16 Jesus Gives Us Himself p. 136-139. Session 22 Jesus Sends Us Forth with His Spirit p. 188-192.	
II. B. 2. Recall that Confirmation is the sacrament which completes Christian Initiation (CCC 1285)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 22 Jesus Sends Us Forth with His Spirit p. 188-194.	
II. B. 3. Know that the sacraments are the action of the Church and an integral part of her public prayer (CCC1071, 1140)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 12 Jesus Performs Signs p. 100-104. Glossary, sacrament p. 320.	
C. Liturgical Catechesis We are invited into full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church		
II. C. 1. Describe the cycle of the liturgical year and how the celebrations relate to everyday life (CCC 1171)	Gr. 7 SE: The Year in Our Church p. 221-250.	
II. C. 2. Explain the reason for the “Sunday Obligation” (CCC 2180-2183)	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating the Lord’s Day p. 289.	
D. Dimensions of Priesthood: Baptismal and Ordained Like Jesus, we are called to be priest, prophet, and king (CCC 783-786, 871, 1 Pet 2:9)		
II. D. 1. 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: Glossary, priesthood p. 319.	

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. Know that one is able to live the “new commandment” through the grace of the Holy Spirit (CCC #1966)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 6 Jesus Became One of Us p. 50.	
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. 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: Session 13 Jesus Our Teacher p. 108-109 and 112-114.	
III. B. 2. Describe how living the Beatitudes expresses the Christian life of discipleship (CCC # 1716-1717)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 13 Jesus Our Teacher p. 108-109 and 112-114.	
C. Sin and Grace God’s love can overcome the evil of sin in our world		
III. C. 1. Explain how one’s choices have both personal and social consequences (CCC 1730- 1738, 1740)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 17 Jesus Makes a Choice p. 144. Glossary, sin p. 321 and social sin p. 322.	
III. C. 2. Know that social sin can exist at the local, national, and global levels	Gr. 7 SE: Session 17 Jesus Makes a Choice p. 144. Glossary, social sin p. 322.	
III. C. 3. Know that grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit that justifies and sanctifies (CCC 2003)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 4 Jesus Calls Us to Say Yes p. 30-31.	
D. Conscience Formation The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living		
III. D. 1. Explain the process of developing a well formed conscience and how it affects one’s decisions (CCC 1783-1785)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 17 Jesus Makes a Choice p.146-150.	
III. D. 2 Describe the role of virtue in forming one’s conscience (CCC 1834; Phil 4:8)	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Making Good Choices p. 292. Glossary, virtue p. 324 and conscience p. 305.	

E. Objective Moral Norms The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong		
III. E. 1. Describe how natural law is foundational to all moral law (CCC1959)	Gr. 7 SE: Web: Catholic Basics, The Natural Moral Law. Glossary, natural law p. 315.	
III. E. 2. Know that a life conformed to Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church lead to beatitude (CCC1724)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 7 Jesus is God with Us p. 59.	
F. Gospel of Life All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred		
III. F. 1. Know that the mystery of the Incarnation affirms the goodness of creation and the dignity of humanity (CCC 461-463)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 6 Jesus Becomes One of Us. p. 50-51.	
III. F. 2. 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: Session 19 Jesus Brings Us New Life p. 160	
III. F. 3. 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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Catholic Social Teaching 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. 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 SE: Session 22 Jesus Sends Us Forth with His Spirit p. 189. Session 25 Celebrating Pentecost p. 214-216. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Gifts of the Holy Spirit p. 269. Glossary, Gifts of the Holy Spirit p. 309.	
III. G. 2. 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 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Fruits of the Holy Spirit p. 269. Glossary, Fruits of the Holy Spirit p. 309.	
III. G. 3. Know that Christians are called to make virtuous choices in everyday life	Gr. 7 SE: Session 24 Jesus Calls Us to Eternal Life p. 208.	

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. Identify the steps in <i>Lectio Divina</i> (CCC 1177, 2708)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 6 Jesus Became One of Us p. 52. Session 12 Jesus Performs Signs p. 104. Session 14 Jesus Heals and Forgives p. 120. Glossary, lectio divina p. 313.	
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. Understand that personal prayer is unique to one’s relationship with God	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Praying Our Faith p. 272-273. Glossary, personal prayer p. 318.	
IV. B. 2. Understand that perseverance in prayer is important (CCC 2730)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 17 Jesus Makes Choices p. 144-145.	
C. Communal Prayer We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God		
IV. C. 1. Describe why the “Liturgy of the Hours” is the “prayer of the whole People of God” (CCC 1175)	Gr. 7 SE: Glossary, Liturgy of the Hours p. 313 and communal prayer p. 305.	
IV. C. 2. Understand the role of art and music in communal prayer (CCC 1156-1162)	Gr. 7 SE: Glossary, communal prayer p. 305. Teacher/Catechist to add understanding of role of art and music.	
D. Popular Piety and Devotions Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God		
IV. D. 1. Explain how popular piety and devotions support personal and communal prayer (CCC 1675, 1679)	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 282-285.	
IV. D. 2. Distinguish between sacraments and sacramentals (CCC 1131, 1677-1678)	Gr. 7 SE: Unit 1 One True Faith p. 2. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 287-288. Glossary, sacrament p. 320 and sacramental p. 320.	

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 gifts of the Spirit, given in the Sacrament of Confirmation foster spiritual growth (CCC 736, 1303, 1316)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 22 Jesus Sends Us Forth with His Spirit p. 189. Session 25 Celebrating Pentecost p. 214-216. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Glossary, Gifts of the Holy Spirit p. 309.	
V. A. 2. Explain how participation in community supports and sustains spiritual growth (CCC 2182)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 5 Celebrating Ordinary Time p. 36.	
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. Know that a disciple has a responsibility to participate in “social interchange” that promotes the common good (CCC 1913-1917)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 1 Three Persons in One God p. 6-7. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 298.	
V. B. 2. Explain why the Eucharist commits us to service of the poor (CCC 1397-98)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 12 Jesus Performs Signs p. 102. Session 15 Celebrating Lent p. 124-125.	
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. Identify some responsibilities that parents have towards their children and children have toward their parents (CCC 2214-2231)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 9 Jesus Grew in Wisdom, age and grace. P. 72-75.	
V. C. 2. Understand why the Church teaches that sexual activity is reserved for marriage (CCC 2350, 2360-2363, 2390-2391)	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 288.	
V. C. 3. Explain what is meant by the indissolubility of marriage (CCC 1614-1617)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 23 We Are Called and Sent p. 199.	
D. Faith Communities Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal		
V. D. 1. 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: The Year in Our Church, Pentecost p. 244—245.	

V. D. 2. Examine ways in which adolescents can share in the work of the parish (CCC)	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Catholic Social Teaching p. 298-300	
V. D. 3. Define the term <i>sensus fidei</i> or the sense of faith (CCC 92; Jn 16:13; 1 Jn 2:20)	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Catholic Social Teaching p. 298-300	
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 some of the New Testament courses of Church's mission to share the Good News	Gr. 7 SE: Session 25 Celebrating Pentecost p. 211-218.	
V. E. 2. 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: Session 13 Jesus is our Teacher p. 111. Session 24 Jesus Calls Us to Eternal Life p. 205. Glossary, Magisterium p. 314.	
V. E. 3. Know that the life and mission of the Catholic Church is expressed in different Rites (CCC 814)	Gr. 7 SE: Session 12 Jesus Performs Signs p. 102. Glossary, rite p. 320.	
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 Christ desires unity for his Church and calls the faithful to work towards it (CCC 820-822; Jn 17:20-21)	Gr. 7 SE: Glossary, ecumenism p. 308. Web: Catholic Basics Ecumenism.	

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 what is meant by the <i>New Evangelization</i>	Gr. 7 SE: Glossary, New Evangelization p. 315.	
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. Know that a personal apostolate is a means of living out the missionary spirit of the Church	Gr. 7 SE: Session 23 We Are Called and Sent p. 195-202.	
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. 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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Catholic Social Teaching p. 298-300.	
VI. C. 2. Know that common good and human dignity are foundational principles for building a better world (CCC 1807, 1928-1933)	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Catholic Social Teaching p. 298-299.	
VI. C. 3. Identify the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching (CCC 1943-1948, 2419-2425)	Gr. 7 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Catholic Social Teaching p. 298-300.	
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. Define the term “monotheism”	The Essential Guide to Catholic Terms by Mary Kathleen Glavich, SND p. 99.	
VI. D. 2. Identify the three world religions rooted in this belief: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (CCC 839-841)	Gr. 7 SE: Glossary, Judaism p. 312 and Islam p. 312.	

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