

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

I. Catechesis Promotes Knowledge of the Faith <i>(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 26-1065; General Directory for Catechesis, 84-85, 87)</i>		
A. The Person of Jesus Christ Jesus loves and invites every person to be in relationship with him		Christ Our Life
I. A. 1. Know that Jesus is a Divine person with both a divine and a human nature (CCC 479-483)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, Jesus p. 284.
I. A. 2. Describe Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God’s promises in the Old Testament (CCC 2763)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 1 The Bible Reveals God’s Saving Love p. 3 & 6.
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 the major divisions of the Old Testament: Pentateuch, Historical books, Wisdom literature, and Prophets (CCC 702)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 2 Scripture is God’s Saving Word p. 14.
I. B. 2. Recognize that there are different translations of the Bible		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 2 Scripture Is God’s Saving Word p. 17.
I. B. 3. Know that Catholic bibles contain 46 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament (CCC 120)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 2 Scripture is God’s Saving Word p. 15.
I. B. 4. Know that the Catholic Church has the authority to interpret Scripture (CCC 85)		Gr. 6 SE: Unit 1 God Reveals a Plan of Love p. 2.
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 while God wills all people to be happy with him in heaven, some people choose to separate themselves from God and sentence themselves to Hell (CCC 1037)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 4 God Offers Love and Mercy p. 29-36.
I. C. 2. Understand that Hell is an eternal existence without the presence of God who is Love, Goodness, Truth, and Beauty (CCC 1035)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, hell p. 283.
I. C. 3. Understand that Purgatory is the time of purification for those people who are destined for Heaven (CCC 1030-1032)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, purgatory p. 287.

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 Church Councils as meeting of bishops regarding issues of the faith		Cf. Gr. 8 SE: Session 6 We Believe p. 47-54.
I. D. 2. Define Ecumenical Council (CCC 884)		Cf. Gr. 8 SE: Session 6 We Believe p. 47-54.
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. Explain why Mary is the primary model of faith (CCC 487, 972)		Gr. 6 SE: Special Lesson 10 p. 244. Also See TE T372, Before you begin 1.
I. E. 2. Explain the difference between the worship/adoration given to God alone and the veneration/honor given to Mary and the Saints (CCC 971, 1674)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, worship p. 290. Glossary, adore p. 279. Teacher/Catechist to explain the difference.
I. E. 3. Recognize that monastic life preserved and promoted Christian beliefs and culture in the Middle Ages		Web: Catholic Basics, "Work and Prayer in the Style of St. Benedict.

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		Christ Our Life
II. A. 1. Know that Christ’s redemptive suffering gives meaning to all human suffering (CCC 1521; Is 53)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, Paschal Mystery p. 286.
B. Sacraments Sacraments are special celebrations of God’s love for us		
II. B. 1. Define “indelible mark” and identify the three sacraments in which it is received (CCC 1121)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 17 God Leads the Chosen People p. 160. Glossary, Holy Orders p. 283. Teacher/Catechist needs to fill in the other two.
C. Liturgical Catechesis We are invited into full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church		
II. C. 1. Know the different parts of the Mass (CCC 1348-1355)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know p. 272.
II. C. 2. Name the three celebrations of the Easter Triduum (CCC 1168-1169)		Gr. 6 SE: Special Season 5 Holy Week p. 235-236.
D. Dimensions of Priesthood: Baptismal and Ordained Like Jesus, we are called to be priest, prophet, and king		
II. D. 1. Understand the roles of “priest, prophet, and king” in the life of the Baptized (CCC 783- 786)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Baptism p. 270.

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		Christ Our Life
III. A .1. Know that Jesus’ New Commandment “refines, surpasses, and leads the Old Law to its perfection” (CCC 1967; Mt 5:17-19)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 12 We Live the Commandments Today p. 111.
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. Know the Old Law (Ten Commandments) is the first stage of revealed law and a preparation for Christian discipleship (CCC 1962-1964)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 12 We Live the Commandments Today p. 105-111.
III. B. 2. Know that the Ten Commandments are meant to free God’s people from a life of sin (CCC 2057, 2062, 2077)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 12 We Live the Commandments Today p. 105-111.
C. Sin and Grace God’s love can overcome the evil of sin in our world		
III. C. 1. Define “sin of omission” (CCC 1853)		Web: Catholic Basics Sin of Omission.
III. C. 2. Identify the elements used to determine the morality of an action (CCC 1750)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 13 Learning God’s Way p. 117-118. What Catholics Should Know, Making Good Choices, The Morality of Human Acts p. 273. Also, Glossary, moral law p. 285.
III. C. 3. Know that grace, is the free gift of God, which introduces one into the life of the Trinity (CCC 2021)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 14 God Forgives Us p. 125-127. Also Glossary, grace p. 283.
D. Conscience Formation The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living		
III. D. 1. Review the process of examining one’s conscience (CCC 1785)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 14 TE T p. 151. Also Reconciliation Booklet in back of SE p. 4-6. Also What Catholics Should Know, An Examination of Conscience p. 274.
III. D. 2. Describe the role of free will in the decision making process (CCC 1731-1738)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 13 Learning God’s Way p. 117-118.

E. Objective Moral Norms The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong		
III. E. 1. Define natural law and revealed law (CCC 1952)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, natural law p. 286. Also, natural law TE T 291. Revealed TE T 269.
III. E. 2. Describe why the Precepts of the Church are important for discipleship (CCC 2041-2043)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Precepts of the Church p. 268.
III. E. 3. Explain the role of the Magisterium in establishing moral norms (CCC 85-87)		Web: Catholic Basics, The Magisterium.
F. Gospel of Life All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred		
III. F. 1. Know that human life is to be respected at all times and in all situations in both personal and public life (CCC 2304)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 3 Everything God Created is Good p. 23. Also TE T 29.
III. F. 2. Understand that the love one shows for oneself is an important aspect of respecting life (CCC 2288-2291)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 3 Everything God Created is Good p. 23. Also TE T 29.
G. Living a Moral Life As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions		
III. G. 1. Know that the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are expressions of the covenant relationship with God (CCC 2447, 2449)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Works of Mercy p. 269.
III. G. 2. Identify a vice as the opposite of a virtue (CCC 1865-1866)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 14 God Forgives Us p. 126 explains virtue. Catechist will need to explain vice.
III. G. 3. Describe how one's behavior bears witness to one's faith		Gr. 6 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 269.

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		Christ Our Life
IV. A. 1. Know that Jesus provides the model for a life of prayer (CCC 2599-2606; Mt 6:5-8; Mk 1:35-39; Lk 6:12)		Gr. 6 What Catholics Should Know p. 257.
IV. A. 2. Know that the Books of the Psalms is the prayer book of the Jewish people (CCC 2586)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 19 David and Solomon p. 167.
IV. A. 3. Identify the different types of prayer in the Psalms (CCC 2588)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 19 David and Solomon p. 167.
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 God initiates prayer and invites one to respond (CCC 2567)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know, What Is Prayer p. 257.
IV. B. 2. Understand that distractions happen in prayer and should not lead one to stop praying (CCC 2729-2733)		
IV. B. 3. Know that the Holy Spirit guides and supports one’s prayer (CCC 2670, Rm 8:26)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Many Forms of Christian Prayer p. 257.
C. Communal Prayer We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God		
IV. C. 1. Recognize that communal prayer is an essential part of God’s covenant with his people in the Old Testament (CCC 2568-2597)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 19 David and Solomon p. 167.
IV. C. 2. Know that the Church regularly prays the Psalms through the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church (CCC 1174-1178)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 24 The Savior is Jesus, the Son of God p. 210. Also Glossary, Liturgy of the Hours p. 285
D. Popular Piety and Devotions Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God		
IV. D. 1. Know that devotional prayer “extends the liturgical life of the Church but [does] not replace it” (CCC 1675)		Gr. 6 SE What Catholics Should Know, The Rosary p. 262-264 and Stations of the Cross p. 265-266.

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		Christ Our Life
V. A. 1. Know that prayer and study are essential for growth in discipleship (CCC 2744)		Gr. 6 SE: Gather and Go Forth p. 9. Also TE T268
V. A. 2. Know that a disciple is one who lives a life of virtue and service		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, Disciple p. 282.
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 the Christian responsibility to promote the common good (CCC 1905-1912)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Showing Our Love for the World p. 277-278.
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 the two purposes for marriage: mutual benefit of the spouses and procreation and education of children (CCC 2201)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, Matrimony p. 285.
V. C. 2. Describe how the mutual love of the Trinity is the model in family life (CCC 2205)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know p. 271.
V. C. 3. Know that each family member has a special vocation from God (CCC 2232)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know p. 271.
V. C. 4. Understand that human sexuality is a gift from God (CCC 2361-2362, 2337)		Published by Loyola Press: For Better, for Worse, for God: Exploring the Holy Mystery of Marriage.
D. Faith Communities Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal		
		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 6 Abraham is our Father in Faith p. 49-56. Ch. 10 God Rescues the Chosen People from Slavery p. 87-94. Ch. 19 David and Solomon p. 165-170.

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. Know that the Church continues Christ’s mission of salvation for all through her ministries of teaching, healing, and service to others (CCC 763)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, mission p. 285.
V. E. 2. The Church is the Bride of Christ and the mother of all God’s children (CCC 796-808)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, Church p. 281.
V. E. 3. Understand that the mission of the Catholic Church is to unify all people in Christ (CCC 810, 813-822)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, Church p. 281.
V. E. 4. Define infallibility (CCC 890-892)		Web: Catholic Basics, infallibility.
F. Ecumenism We share in promoting the unity of all God’s people as a basic part of our fidelity to the Gospel		
V. F. 1. Know that all Christians are united in their belief in the Trinity; and in Jesus as the Son of God who came to save humanity from sin		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary ecumenism p. 282.

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 challenge us to live as disciples in the larger society and in the world		Christ Our Life
VI. A. 1. Know that evangelization is sharing in the mission of Jesus (CCC 905)		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, evangelization p. 282.
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 the difference between a career and a vocation		Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, vocation p. 290.
VI. B. 2. Describe the role of prayerful discernment in the life of the disciple		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know Sacraments of Service p. 271.
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 Catholic Social Teaching is the way one applies the virtues of charity and justice in the world (CCC 2446)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know Showing Our Love for the World p. 277-278.
VI. C. 2. Know that the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy are an expression of Catholic Social Teaching (CCC 2447)		Gr. 6 SE: What Catholics Should Know Works of Mercy p. 269. Showing Our Love for the World p. 277-278.
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 Jewish people were the first to respond to God’s covenant; because of God’s faithfulness this covenant remains operative (CCC 839; Rm 11:29)		Gr. 6 SE: Ch. 23 Prophets Proclaim God’s Everlasting Love p. 202. Also Glossary, Jews p. 284

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