

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	Finding God	
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, Incarnation p. 264.	
I. A. 2. Describe Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God’s promises in the Old Testament (CCC 2763)	Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, Incarnation p. 264.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Bible and You p. 184-185.	
I. B. 2. Recognize that there are different translations of the Bible	Gr. 6 SE: Unit 1 God Our Creator and Father p.1-2. Art Print: Session 1 p. 229.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Bible and You p. 184-185. Glossary, Bible p. 257.	
I. B. 4. Know that the Catholic Church has the authority to interpret Scripture (CCC 85)	Gr. 6 SE: Session 1 The Bible, God’s Story p. 5.	
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: Session 19 Sacraments of Healing p. 113. Glossary, Hell p. 263.	
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: Session 19 Sacraments of Healing p. 113. Glossary, Hell p. 263.	
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: Session 19 Sacraments of Healing p. 113. Glossary, Purgatory p. 272.	

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: Session 3 Sin and Salvation p. 18.	
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)		
I. E. 3. Recognize that monastic life preserved and promoted Christian beliefs and culture in the Middle Ages	Gr. 6 SE: Unit 5 Morality, Our Lived Faith p. 122. Glossary, monastery p. 267.	

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 Christ’s redemptive suffering gives meaning to all human suffering (CCC 1521; Is 53)	Gr. 6 SE: The Year in Our Church Holy Week p. 165-168.	
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: Session 18 p. 109. Glossary, Holy Orders p. 264.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating the Lord’s Day p. 202-205.	
II. C. 2. Name the three celebrations of the Easter Triduum (CCC 1168-1169)	Gr. 6 SE: Session 20 Celebrating Lent and Holy Week p. 117-120.	
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: Session 11 God’s Presence in the Temple p. 67.	

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 Jesus’ New Commandment “refines, surpasses, and leads the Old Law to its perfection” (CCC 1967; Mt 5:17-19)	Gr. 6 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith p. 210-211.	
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: Session 7 Passover and the Eucharist p. 39-44. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith p. 210.	
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: Session 8 God Leads His People p. 45-50. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Living Our Faith p. 210.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Making Good Choices p. 212-213.	
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: Session 3 Sin and Salvation p. 18. Glossary, grace p. 263.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 208.	
III. D. 2. Describe the role of free will in the decision making process (CCC 1731-1738)	Gr. 6 SE: Session 9 Being Faithful to God p. 55. Glossary, free will p. 262.	

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: Session 24 Jesus' Call for Justice p. 143. Glossary, natural law p. 268 and revelation p. 272.	
III. E. 2. Describe why the Precepts of the Church are important for discipleship (CCC 2041-2043)	Gr. 6 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Precepts of the Church p. 207. Glossary, Precepts of the Church p. 271.	
III. E. 3. Explain the role of the Magisterium in establishing moral norms (CCC 85-87)	Gr. 6 SE: Session 1 The Bible, God's Story. Glossary, magisterium p. 266.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 216.	
III. F. 2. Understand that the love one shows for oneself is an important aspect of respecting life (CCC 2288-2291)	Gr. 6 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 210.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy p. 215.	
III. G. 2. Identify a vice as the opposite of a virtue (CCC 1865-1866)	Gr. 6 SE: Session 14 Marks of the Church p. 85. Glossary, virtue p. 276.	
III. G. 3. Describe how one's behavior bears witness to one's faith	Gr. 6 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy p. 215.	

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 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 SE: Session 13 The Mission of the Church p. 78. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Lord’s Prayer p. 188.	
IV. A. 2. Know that the Books of the Psalms is the prayer book of the Jewish people (CCC 2586)	Gr. 6 SE: Session 12 Psalms, the Prayers of Jesus p. 69-74.	
IV. A. 3. Identify the different types of prayer in the Psalms (CCC 2588)	Gr. 6 SE: Session 12 Psalms, the Prayers of Jesus p. 69-74.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 186-187.	
IV. B. 2. Understand that distractions happen in prayer and should not lead one to stop praying (CCC 2729-2733)	Gr. 6 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, We Avoid Distractions p. 187.	
IV. B. 3. Know that the Holy Spirit guides and supports one’s prayer (CCC 2670, Rm 8:26)	Gr. 6 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith p. 186-187.	
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: Session 12 Psalms, the Prayers of Jesus p. 70.	
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: Session 12 Psalms, the Prayers of Jesus p. 70.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Rosary p. 194-197 and Stations of the Cross p. 198-199.	

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. Know that prayer and study are essential for growth in discipleship (CCC 2744)	Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, discipleship p. 260.	
V. A. 2. Know that a disciple is one who lives a life of virtue and service	Gr. 6 SE: The Year in Our Church, Easter and Ascension p. 170. Glossary, disciple p. 260.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Showing Our Love for the World p. 216-217.	
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: Session 22 Sacraments of Service p. 130.	
V. C. 2. Describe how the mutual love of the Trinity is the model in family life (CCC 2205)	Gr. 6 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating Our Faith, Matrimony p. 201.	
V. C. 3. Know that each family member has a special vocation from God (CCC 2232)	Gr. 6 SE: Session 21 Jesus' Way of Love p. 123-128.	
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: Session 7 Passover and Eucharist p.40-44. Session 8 God Leads His People p. 45-50. Session 11 God's Presence in the Temple p. 63-66.	

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: Session 13 The Mission of the Church p. 75-80.	
V. E. 2. The Church is the Bride of Christ and the mother of all God’s children (CCC 796-808)	Gr. 6 SE: Session 13 The Mission of the Church p. 79.	
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: Session 13 The Mission of the Church p. 75-80.	
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, Christian p. 258.	

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	Finding God	
VI. A. 1. Know that evangelization is sharing in the mission of Jesus (CCC 905)	Gr. 6 SE: Glossary, evangelization p. 261.	
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: Session 22 Sacraments of Service p. 130. Glossary, vocation p. 276	
VI. B. 2. Describe the role of prayerful discernment in the life of the disciple	Gr. 6 SE: Session 22 Sacraments of Service p. 132	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Showing Our Love for eh World. p. 216-217.	
VI. C. 2. Know that the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy are an expression of Catholic Social Teaching (CCC 2447)	Gr. 6 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Works of Mercy p. 215.	
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: Session 1 The Bible God’s Story p. 4. Session 2 God Creates the World p. 11. Glossary, covenant p. 259 and Jews p. 265.	

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