

Diocese of Columbus
Grade Three 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. Describe Jesus Christ as Savior who redeemed all people by his life, death, and resurrection (CCC 605,629; Mt 20:28)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 17 Jesus Christ is Lord and King p. 150.
I. A. 2. Identify that Jesus returns to his father in heaven at the Ascension (CCC 659; Lk 24:50-51)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 17 Jesus Christ is Lord and King p. 149.
I. A. 3. Know that Jesus promised to be with his disciples forever (CCC 729-730; Mt 28:20)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 16 Jesus Is Risen p. 139-146.
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 “testament” or “covenant” as a special promise made by God to his people (CCC 781)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 15 Jesus Suffered and Died for Us. p. 131-136.
I. B. 2. Identify the Old Testament as the story of God’s love relationship with the Hebrew people (CCC 121-123)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 7 God is Powerful and Loving p. 57-62.
I. B. 3. Identify the New Testament as stories of Jesus and the early Church (CCC 124)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 14 God’s Kingdom is a Kingdom of Love p. 119-122.
I. B. 4. Identify the four gospels		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, The Bible and You p 268.
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 Catholics believe in one God who exists in three persons (CCC 253- 256)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 6 We Believe in God p. 47-54.
I. C. 2. Identify the Apostles’ Creed as a profession of faith (CCC 186-187, 194)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 6 We Believe in God p. 47-54

I. C. 3. Identify heaven as being with God in full glory, forever (CCC 1821)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 6 We Believe in God p. 47-54
I. C. 4. Understand that the communion of saints is the Church made up of the saints in heaven and the baptized on earth (CCC 962)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 19 We Belong to the Kingdom p. 165-169.
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. Know that Jesus was Jewish		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 4 God Called Mary p. 27.
I. D. 2. Understand that the early Church began from the Jewish Tradition		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 4 God Called Mary p. 27.
I. D. 3. Define a martyr as someone who dies for the faith (CCC 2474)		Gr. 3 SE: Glossary p. 273.
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. Identify Mary as the mother of God and the Mother of all (CCC 493, 968-969)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 4 P. 27-32.

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. Recognize the term Paschal Mystery as the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus (CCC 571)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 17 Jesus Christ is King and Lord p. 150.
II. A. 2. Understand that by participating in the sacraments one is better able to know and serve God (CCC 1123)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 3 We Are God's Holy People p. 19-20. Also TE T26.
B. Sacraments Sacraments are special celebrations of God's love for us		
II. B. 1. Name the seven sacraments		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Celebrating and Living Our Catholic Faith, The Seven Sacraments p. 259-260.
II. B. 2. Name the effects of the sacrament of Baptism: new life as a child of God, membership in the Church, forgiveness of all sin, the presence of the Holy Spirit (CCC 1262-1263)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 20 God Shares the Wondrous Life of Grace p. 179-184.
II. B. 3. Know the Eucharist is a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to the Father, a sacrificial memorial of Christ and his Body, and the presence of Christ in word and Spirit (CCC 1358)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 25 The Eucharist is a Gift p. 219-223.
II. B. 4. Know that the bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass (CCC 1333)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 25 The Eucharist is a Gift p. 219-223.
C. Liturgical Catechesis We are invited into full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church		
II. C. 1. Recognize some of the parts of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (CCC 1346)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 25 The Eucharist is a Gift p. 219-223.
II. C. 2. Know that as a member of the Church, one is expected to participate in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (CCC 2180-2181)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 25 The Eucharist is a Gift.
D. Dimensions of Priesthood: Baptismal and Ordained Like Jesus, we are called to be priest, prophet, and king		
II. D. 1. Know that all baptized Christians are members of the baptismal priesthood (CCC 1546- 1547)		Web: Catholic Basics, The Priesthood of Believers.
II. D. 2. Know that members of the ordained priesthood make a special promise to serve God and his people (CCC 1536)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Holy Orders p. 260.

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. Identify the two great commandments of God in the Old and New Testament (Deut 6:4,5; Lev 19:18; Mt 22: 37-40; Lk 10:25-28)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Living Our Faith p. 263.
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. Identify the Decalogue as another name for the 10 Commandments (CCC 2056)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 7 God is Powerful and Loving p. 60-61. What Catholics Should Know, Living Our Faith p. 263. Glossary, Ten Commandments p. 275. Teacher/ Catechist will have to supply word Decalogue.
III. B. 2. Understand that the Beatitudes are an example of how a Christian should live (CCC 1965; Mt 5:1-12, Lk 6:20-26)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, The Beatitudes p. 264.
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 to do what is wrong or failing to do what is right (CCC 1849, 1852-1853)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 23 God Forgives Us p. 203-208.
III. C. 2. Understand the difference between mortal and venial sin (CCC 1854-1864)		Gr. 3 SE: Glossary “sin” p. 275.
III. C. 3. Identify some Gospel stories that show the power of God’s love and forgiveness, e.g., <i>The Prodigal Son</i> (Lk 15:11-32), <i>Zacchaeus</i> (Lk 19:1-10)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 22 God Blesses Contrite Hearts p. 195-200.
III. C. 4. Know that grace is a participation in the life of the Trinity (CCC 1997, 1999, Jn 17: 20- 26)		Gr. 3 SE: Glossary “grace” p. 272.
D. Conscience Formation The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living		
III. D. 1. Understand that grace and the Holy Spirit are God’s gift to help in the formation of conscience (CCC 1776, 2008)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 22 God Blesses Contrite Hearts p. 195-200.
III. D. 2. Understand an Examination of Conscience helps one to grow in holiness (CCC 1781, 1785)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 22 God Blesses Contrite Hearts p. 198.

E. Objective Moral Norms The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong		
III. E. 1. Identify moral law as those rules that teach one how to treat God, self, and others (CCC 1950)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Moral Law p. 273.
III. E. 2. Know that the Ten Commandments are laws that guide one’s actions towards God and others (CCC 2067)		Gr. # SE: Ch. 7 God is Powerful and Loving p. 57-62.
III. E. 3. Identify a virtue as a good habit (CCC 1803)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Virtues p. 266
F. Gospel of Life All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred		
III. F. 1. Know that all life is a gift from God (CCC 303)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 2 God Gives Us Gifts p. 11-16.
III. F. 2. Know that every person deserves respect because of their inherent dignity as a child of God (CCC 364, 1700)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 3 We Are God’s Holy People p. 19-24.
G. Living a Moral Life As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions		
III. G. 1. Know that God calls all believers to make good choices every day		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 21 The Holy Spirit Lives Within Us p187-192.
III. G. 2. Define “habit”		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 22 God Blesses Contrite Hearts p.198-200.

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 prayer is listening to and talking with God, as one does with a friend (CCC 2565)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Prayer and How We Pray p. 249.
IV. A. 2. Know some traditional prayers for different times of the day, <i>e.g.</i> , <i>morning offering, Angelus, praying before meals, nightly examination of conscience</i> (CCC 2660, 1 Th 5:16-18)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Prayers We Pray As Catholics p. 251-253.
IV. A. 3. Identify the types of prayer: prayer of petition, adoration or praise, contrition, and thanksgiving (CCC 2626-2643)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, We Pray in Many Ways p. 249.
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 that prayer is God’s gift to all (CCC 2559-2561)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Prayer and How WE Pray p. 249.
IV. B. 2. Recognize that the Holy Spirit helps one to pray (CCC 2650, 2652)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 22 God Blesses Contrite Hearts p. 198-200.
C. Communal Prayer We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God		
IV. C. 1. Know that Jesus is always present when people gather to pray (Mt 18:20)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 24 God’s Family Celebrates the Eucharist p. 211.
IV. C. 2. Understand that shared words and actions (rituals) are an important part of community prayer (CCC 2655)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 25 The Eucharist Is a Gift p. 220.
IV. C. 3. Know that the Church prays as a community because she is the People of God (CCC 2565)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 24 God’s Family Celebrates the Eucharist p. 212.
IV. C. 4. Know that Mass is the highest form of communal prayer (CCC 1324-1327)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 24 God’s Family Celebrates the Eucharist p. 211-216.

<p>D. Popular Piety and Devotions Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God</p>		
<p>IV. D. 1. Identify sacramentals and how they are used (CCC 1667-1673)</p>		<p>Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 15 p. 131. Also TE T158</p>
<p>IV. D. 2. Know that the Rosary is a devotional prayer that is made up of reflections on the life of Jesus (CCC 2675)</p>		<p>Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 4 God Called Mary p. 29-32. Also What Catholics Should Know p. 255-256.</p>
<p>IV. D. 3. Identify some devotional prayers, <i>e.g., litanies, novenas, processions, May crownings, Eucharistic Adoration, the Stations of the Cross</i> (CCC 1674, 2669)</p>		<p>Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 19 We Belong to the Kingdom p. 168. Also TE T202. Gr. 3 SE: Gather and Go Forth p. 193. Also TE T 316. Gr. 3 SE: Special Seasons and Lessons, Holy Week p 241-242. Also What Catholics Should Know, Stations of the Cross p. 258.</p>

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. Identify some examples of God’s invitation to change and grow in Scripture, <i>e.g.</i> , 1 Sam 2:26; Lk 2:39-40		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 5 Jesus Calls Us to Follow p. 35-37.
V. A. 2. Know that participation in the sacraments helps the Christian community grow in holiness		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 20 God Shares the Wondrous Life of Grace p. 180-184.
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 God gives special gifts to every person for the good of the community (CCC 2003, 1 Cor 12:4-26)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 2 God Gives Us Gifts p. 11-16.
V. B. 2. Know that Jesus calls all Christians to be responsible for one another (Mt 25)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 3 We Are God’s Holy People p. 19-24.
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 family as the “Domestic Church” (CCC 2685)		Web: Catholic Basics, Building the Domestic Church.
V. C. 2. Recognize Jesus’ obedience to his parents as an example for all (CCC 531-533)		Gr. 3 SE: Glossary, obedience p. 274. Teacher/Catechist will need to supply information on Jesus.
V. C. 3. Know that the family is a reflection of the communal love of the Trinity (CCC 2205)		Gr. 3 SE: Glossary, Trinity p. 275. Teacher/Catechist will need to explain this.
D. Faith Communities Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal		
V. D. 1. Understand that all baptized Christians are members of the Church (CCC 836)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 20 God Shares the Wondrous Life of Grace p. 181.
V. D. 2. Know that one lives the Christian faith most fully within a community (CCC 1102, 1166, Acts 2:42)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 3 We Are God’s Holy People p 19-24.
V. D. 3. Understand that liturgy builds community (CCC 1140)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 24 God’s Family Celebrates the Eucharist p. 211-216.

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 the term “Good News”—God’s mercy and love revealed in the life death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (CCC 571, 2 Tm 2:8)		Web: Catholic Basics, Activity Messengers of Good News! Easter Activity.
V. E. 2. Identify the responsibility of the Church to share the “Good News” through evangelization (CCC 1122; Mt 28:19)		Gr. 3 SE: Gather and Go Forth p. 308 and 325.
V. E. 3. Know that the Apostles were the first bishops of the Catholic Church (CCC 880)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 5 Jesus Calls Us to Follow p. 35. Also TE T 45.
V. E. 4. Know that a group of parishes, called a diocese, is headed by a bishop		Gr. 3 SE: Glossary, bishop p. 271.
V. E. 5. Know that the pope, the Bishop of Rome, is the head of the Catholic Church and a symbol of unity to the world (CCC 882)		Gr. 3 SE: Glossary, Pope p. 274. Web: Catholic Basics, Diocesan History.
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 Christianity includes many faith traditions including Catholicism (CCC 838)		Gr. 3 SE: Glossary, Christian p. 271.

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		Christ Our Life
VI. A. 1. Know that all Christians by virtue of their baptism are called to share the “Good News” with the world (CCC 425, 900, Acts 13:32-33)		Gr. 3 SE: Gather and Go Forth p. 9-10. Also TE T276-277.
VI. A. 2. Understand that a disciple can share the faith by being a good example to others (CCC 1816)		Gr. 3 SE: Glossary “Disciple” p 272.
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 vocation is a call to love and serve God and others in a special way (CCC 825)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Sacraments at the Service of Communion p. 260.
VI. B. 2. Know that apostolate is a special work done in service to God and his people (CCC 900)		Web: Catholic Basics, The Priesthood of Believers.
VI. B. 3. Identify the different vocations within the Church, e.g. bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated religious life, married and single (CCC 934-945)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know, Sacraments at the Service of Communion p. 260.
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 Jesus asks all Christians to help build the Kingdom of God on earth		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 12 Jesus Revealed the Kingdom of God p. 107-108. Also TE 129-130.
VI. C. 2. Understand that building the Kingdom of God means following Jesus’ example (CCC 1816)		Gr. 3 SE: Ch. 12 Jesus Revealed the Kingdom of God p. 107-108. Also TE 129-130.
VI. C. 3. Introduce the Works of Mercy as one way a Christian can help build the Kingdom of God (Mt 25)		Gr. 3 SE: What Catholics Should Know p. 267.

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 there are other religions in addition to Christianity		

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