

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	Finding God	
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: The Year in Our Church, Holy Week and Easter p. 165-172.	
I. A. 2. Identify that Jesus returns to his father in heaven at the Ascension (CCC 659; Lk 24:50-51)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 25 Celebrating Easter p. 147 and 149. Glossary, Ascension p. 254.	
I. A. 3. Know that Jesus promised to be with his disciples forever (CCC 729-730; Mt 28:20)	Gr. 3 SE: The Year In Our Church, Pentecost p. 176.	
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: Glossary, Covenant p. 256.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, The Bible and You p 184. Glossary, Old Testament p. 262.	
I. B. 3. Identify the New Testament as stories of Jesus and the early Church (CCC 124)	Gr. 3 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, The Bible and You p 184. Glossary, New Testament p. 262.	
I. B. 4. Identify the four gospels	Gr. 3 SE: Glossary, Evangelists p. 257 and Gospel p. 258.	
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: Session 2 Created to Be Together p. 10-14.	
I. C. 2. Identify the Apostles’ Creed as a profession of faith (CCC 186-187, 194)	Gr. 3 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, Apostles Creed p. 191.	

I. C. 3. Identify heaven as being with God in full glory, forever (CCC 1821)	Gr. 3 SE: The Year in Our Church: Easter p. 70, All Saints p. 179. Glossary, heaven p. 258.	
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: The Year in Our Church, All Saints Day and All Souls Day p. 178-179.	
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: Session 4 Jesus is with Us p. 22. Also TE 22.	
I. D. 2. Understand that the early Church began from the Jewish Tradition	Gr. 3 SE: Session 4 Jesus is with Us p. 22. Also TE 22.	
I. D. 3. Define a martyr as someone who dies for the faith (CCC 2474)	Web Catholic Basics, martyr.	
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: Session 14 Mary is Holy p. 82. Art Print 14, Mary Full of Grace p. 240.	

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. Recognize the term Paschal Mystery as the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus (CCC 571)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 9 Jesus Die and Rises p. 52-56. Glossary, Paschal Mystery p. 263.	
II. A. 2. Understand that by participating in the sacraments one is better able to know and serve God (CCC 1123)	Gr. 3 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Seven Sacraments p. 200. Glossary, sacrament p. 265.	
B. Sacraments Sacraments are special celebrations of God’s love for us		
II. B. 1. Name the seven sacraments	Gr. 3 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating Our Faith, The Seven Sacraments p. 200-203.	
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: Session 16 Sacraments of Initiation p. 94.	
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: Session 18 p. 105-110.	
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: Session 18 p. 106.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith Liturgy of the Eucharist p. 206. Liturgy of the Word p. 205. Glossary, Liturgy of the Eucharist p. 260 and Liturgy of the Word p. 260.	
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: Session 18 Celebrating the Eucharist p. 109.	
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)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 16 Sacraments of Initiation p. 94.	
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: Glossary, priest p. 264.	

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. 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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Great Commandment and the New Commandment p. 213.	
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: Session 22, Making Good Choices p. 131. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Ten Commandments. 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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, The Beatitudes p. 214 (adapted). Glossary, Beatitudes p. 254.	
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: Glossary, sin p. 266.	
III. C. 2. Understand the difference between mortal and venial sin (CCC 1854-1864)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 17 Celebrating Reconciliation p. 101. Also Glossary, mortal sin p. 261 and venial sin p. 267.	
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: Session 8 Jesus Gathers Disciples p. 46, Jesus Calls Peter. Art Print 13 (Luke 7:1-10) and BLM 13 p. 239.	
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: Session 16 Sacraments of Initiation p. 94. Glossary, grace p. 258.	
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: Glossary, Conscience p. 256.	
III. D. 2. Understand an Examination of Conscience helps one to grow in holiness (CCC 1781, 1785)	Gr. 3 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating Our Faith, An Examination of Conscience p. 210.	

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: Session 22 Making Good Choices p. 131. Also Glossary, moral law p. 261.	
III. E. 2. Know that the Ten Commandments are laws that guide one's actions towards God and others (CCC 2067)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 22 Making Good Choices p. 130-131.	
III. E. 3. Identify a virtue as a good habit (CCC 1803)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 21 Faith, Hope and Charity p. 125-128. Glossary, virtue p. 268	
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: Session 24 p. 141-143.	
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: Session 24 p. 141-143.	
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: Session 22 Making Good Choices p. 129-132.	
III. G. 2. Define "habit"	Web: Catholic Basics, habit.	

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 prayer is listening to and talking with God, as one does with a friend (CCC 2565)	Gr. 3 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith Prayer and How We Pray p. 185. Also glossary, prayer p. 264.	
IV. A. 2. Know some traditional prayers for different times of the day, <i>e.g., morning offering, Angelus, praying before meals, nightly examination of conscience</i> (CCC 2660, 1 Th 5:16-18)	Gr. 3 SE: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, Prayers to Take to Heart p. 186-193.	
IV. A. 3. Identify the types of prayer: prayer of petition, adoration or praise, contrition, and thanksgiving (CCC 2626-2643)	Gr. 3 SE: Glossary, petition p. 264, praise p. 264, contrition p. 265.	
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: Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, Prayer and How We Pray p. 185.	
IV. B. 2. Recognize that the Holy Spirit helps one to pray (CCC 2650, 2652)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 11 Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit p. 63-68.	
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 Sunday Connection: 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A: Making the Connection (Gr. 1-3)	
IV. C. 2. Understand that shared words and actions (rituals) are an important part of community prayer (CCC 2655)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 5 Celebrating Ordinary Time p. 28-30. Also, Art Print 5, Rejoice and Be Glad p. 231.	
IV. C. 3. Know that the Church prays as a community because she is the People of God (CCC 2565)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 16 Sacraments of Initiation p. 94.	
IV. C. 4. Know that Mass is the highest form of communal prayer (CCC 1324-1327)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 18 Celebrating the Eucharist p.107 and 110.	

<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: Session 13 The Church Prays p. 77 and 79-80.</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; Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith p. 194-197.</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: Session 14 Mary Is Holy p. 83-84 and 86. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Knowing and Praying Our Faith, Stations of the Cross p. 198-199.</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	Finding God	
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: Art Print #12 St. Peter p. 238 #14 Annunciation p. 240.	
V. A. 2. Know that participation in the sacraments helps the Christian community grow in holiness	Gr. 3 SE: God Is Our Father p. 15-20.	
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: Session 19 Christian Living p. 111-112, 115-116.	
V. B. 2. Know that Jesus calls all Christians to be responsible for one another (Mt 25)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 19 Christian Living p. 111-112, 115-116.	
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)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 23 Living As God’s Children p. 136-137. Teacher to use term “DomesticChurch”.	
V. C. 2. Recognize Jesus’ obedience to his parents as an example for all (CCC 531-533)	Gr. 3 SE: Glossary, obedience p. 262. 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. 267. 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: Session 16 Sacraments of Initiation p. 94	
V. D. 2. Know that one lives the Christian faith most fully within a community (CCC 1102, 1166, Acts 2:42)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 5 Celebrating Ordinary Time p. 28-30.	
V. D. 3. Understand that liturgy builds community (CCC 1140)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 5 Celebrating Ordinary Time p. 28-30.	

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)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 23 Living As God’s Children p. 135-136.	
V. E. 2. Identify the responsibility of the Church to share the “Good News” through evangelization (CCC 1122; Mt 28:19)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 19 Christian Living p. 111-112 and 116.	
V. E. 3. Know that the Apostles were the first bishops of the Catholic Church (CCC 880)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 12 The Catholic Church p. 70-71.	
V. E. 4. Know that a group of parishes, called a diocese, is headed by a bishop	Gr. 3 SE: Session 12 The Catholic Church p. 70-74.	
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: Session 12 The Catholic Church p. 70-74.	
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. 255.	

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. 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: Session 19 Christian Living p. 111-112, 114-116. Session 23 Living As God’s Children p. 135-136 and 140.	
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. 257.	
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: Session 19 Christian living p. 111-116.	
VI. B. 2. Know that apostolate is a special work done in service to God and his people (CCC 900)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 8 Jesus Gathers Disciples p. 49. Catechist will need to make connection between apostle and apostolate.	
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: Session 19 Christian living p. 111-116. Prayers and Practices of Our Faith, Celebrating our Faith, Sacraments the Service of Communion p. 203.	
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: Session 6 Jesus’ Good News p. 34-38. Glossary, Kingdom of God p. 260.	
VI. C. 2. Understand that building the Kingdom of God means following Jesus’ example (CCC 1816)	Gr. 3 SE: Session 6 Jesus’ Good News p. 34-38. Glossary, Kingdom of God p. 260.	
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: Glossary, Corporal Works of Mercy p. 256. Web Activity: Works of Mercy and Works of Mercy Tableau.	

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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