

**The Correlation between the Elementary Religion Curriculum  
Diocese of Columbus  
and  
The Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches  
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The Pflaum Faith Formation program integrates a complete doctrinal catechesis with the liturgical life of the Church. Overall, there is a very high percentage of correlation between the Curriculum of Columbus and the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches Faith Formation program, pre-school through grade eight. The strength of the correlation is especially in the area of truths referred to by the bishops as the hierarchy of truths, the central truths of the Catholic faith.

Each Student Objective of the curriculum was aligned either with the doctrine from the lectionary readings from cycle A, B, and C or with Pflaum's *What the Church Believes and Teaches*. The page numbers with each outcome refers to the pages in *What the Church Believes and Teaches* for the appropriate age level.

The development of the doctrine of the Sunday readings leaves open the possibility of even further correlation between the Curriculum of the Diocese of Columbus and The Pflaum Faith Formation program.

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

**I. Catechesis promotes Knowledge of the Faith**

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 26-1065; General Directory for Catechesis, 84-85, 87)*

**A. The Person of Jesus Christ** Jesus loves and invites every person to be in relationship with him **p9**

**I. A. 1.** Describe Jesus Christ as the Savior who redeemed all people by his life, death, and resurrection (CCC 605,629; Mt 20:28)*b* **p10-11**

**I. A. 2.** Know that at his ascension Jesus returned to his father in Heaven (CCC 659; Lk 24:50-51) **p11,19-20**

**I. A. 3.** Know that Jesus promised to be with his disciples forever (CCC 729-730; Mt 28:20) **p11-12**

**B. Understand Scripture** Sacred Scripture is the living Word of God, a history of the covenant, and a guide for life today **p29,52-53**

**I. B. 1.** Identify “testament” or “covenant” as a special promise made by God to his people (CCC 781)

**I. B. 2.** Identify the Old Testament as the story of God’s love-relationship with the Hebrew people (CCC 121-123) **p53**

**I. B. 3.** Identify the New Testament as stories of Jesus and the early Church (CCC 124) **ABC, p53**

**I. B. 4.** Identify the four gospels **ABC, p52-53**

**C. Creeds and Doctrines of the Church** The Creed expresses the faith of our Church and professes it to the world **ABC, p6-14**

**I. C. 1.** Understand that Catholics believe in one God who exists in three persons (CCC 253-256) **p7**

**I. C. 2.** Identify the Apostles’ Creed as a profession of faith (CCC 186-187, 194) **p6**

**I. C. 3.** Identify Heaven as being with God in full glory, forever (CCC 1821) **p7**

**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) **p13**

**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 **p6**

**I. D. 1.** Know that Jesus was Jewish and followed the Jewish religious traditions **ABC**

**I. D. 2.** Understand that the early Church began from the Jewish tradition **ABC**

**I. D. 3.** Recognize a martyr as someone who dies for the faith (CCC 2474) **p20**

**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 **p20**

**I. E. 1.** Identify Mary as the mother of God and the mother of all (CCC 493, 968-969) **p9**

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### **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 **p17-24**

**II. A. 1.** Recognize the term “Paschal Mystery” as referring to the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus (CCC 571) **p18**

**II. A. 2.** Understand that by participating in the sacraments one is better able to know and serve God (CCC 1123) **p21-24**

**B. Sacraments** Sacraments are special celebrations of God’s love for us **p21-23**

**II. B. 1.** Name the seven sacraments **p54**

**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) **p21**

**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) **ABC, p22**

**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) **ABC, p22**

**C. Liturgical Catechesis** We are invited into full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgical life of the Church **p20,24**

**II. C. 1.** Recognize some of the parts of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (CCC 1346) **p22**

**II. C. 2.** Know that as a member of the Church, one is expected to participate in Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation (CCC 2180-2181) **p20**

**D. Dimensions of Priesthood: Baptismal and Ordained** Like Jesus, we are called to be priest, prophet, and king **p54**

**II. D. 1.** Know that all baptized Christians are members of the baptismal priesthood (CCC 1546-1547)

**II. D. 2.** Know that members of the ordained priesthood make a special promise to serve God and his people (CCC 1536) **p54**

### **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 **p32**

**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) **p32**

**B. Ten Commandments and Beatitudes** The Scriptures, especially in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, give us moral guidance **ABC, p30-31,44**

**III. B. 1.** Recognize the “Decalogue” as another name for the Ten Commandments (CCC 2056)

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- 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) **A,C, p4**
- C. **Sin and Grace** God’s love can overcome the evil of sin in our world **p21,30**
- III. C. 1. Know that sin is choosing to do what is wrong or failing to do what is right (CCC 1849, 1852-1853) **p30**
- III. C. 2. Understand the difference between mortal and venial sin (CCC 1854-1864) **p30**
- III. C. 3. Identify some Gospel stories that show the power of God’s love and forgiveness, e.g., The Prodigal Son (Lk 15:11-32), Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1-10) **ABC**
- III. C. 4. Know that grace is a participation in the life of the Trinity (CCC 1997, 1999, Jn 17: 20-26) **p21,52**
- D. **Conscience Formation** The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living **ABC, p29**
- III. D. 1. Understand that grace and the Holy Spirit are God’s gifts to help in the formation of conscience (CCC 1776, 2008) **p21,29**
- III. D. 2. Understand that an Examination of Conscience helps one to grow in holiness (CCC 1781, 1785) **p29**
- E. **Objective Moral Norms** The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong **p29,55**
- III. E. 1. Identify the moral law as those rules that teach one how to treat God, self, and others (CCC 1950) **p29**
- III. E. 2. Know that the Ten Commandments are laws that guide one’s actions towards God and others (CCC 2067) **p31**
- III. E. 3. Identify “virtue” as a good habit (CCC 1803) **p30,56**
- F. **Gospel of Life** All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred **p31**
- III. F. 1. Know that all life is a gift from God (CCC 303) **p31**
- III. F. 2. Know that every person deserves respect because of one’s inherent dignity as a child of God (CCC 364, 1700) **p31**
- G. **Living a Moral Life** As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions **p32**
- III. G. 1. Know that God calls all believers to make good choices every day **p28-29**
- III. G. 2. Define “habit” **p30**
- 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 **p35-36**
- IV. A. 1. Know that prayer is listening to and talking with God, as one does with a friend (CCC 2565) **p35-36**
- IV. A. 2. Know some traditional prayers for different times of the day, e.g., morning offering, Angelus, praying before meals, nightly examination of conscience (CCC 2660, 1 Th 5:16-18) **p46-49**
- IV. A. 3. Identify the types of prayer: prayer of petition, adoration or praise, contrition, and thanksgiving (CCC 2626-2643) **p38**

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- 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 **p36-39**  
**IV. B. 1.** Know that prayer is God’s gift to all (CCC 2559-2561) **p36-39**  
**IV. B. 2.** Recognize that the Holy Spirit helps one to pray (CCC 2650, 2652) **p37**
- C. Communal Prayer** We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God **p20,37-38**  
**IV. C. 1.** Know that Jesus is always present when people gather to pray (Mt 18:20) **p20**  
**IV. C. 2.** Understand that the repetition of shared words and actions (rituals) are an important part of community prayer (CCC 2655) **p20-24**  
**IV. C. 3.** Know that the Church prays as a community because she is the People of God (CCC 2565) **p12**  
**IV. C. 4.** Know that Mass is the highest form of communal prayer (CCC 1324-1327) **p20**
- D. Popular Piety and Devotions** Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God **p36-37**  
**IV. D. 1.** Identify sacramentals and how they are used (CCC 1667-1673) **A,B**  
**IV. D. 2.** Know that the rosary is a devotional prayer that is made up of reflections on the life of Jesus (CCC 2675) **p47-48**  
**IV. D. 3.** Identify some devotional prayers, e.g., litanies, novenas, processions, May crownings, Eucharistic Adoration, the Stations of the Cross (CCC 1674, 2669) **ABC, p37**
- 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 **p12-13**  
**V. A. 1.** Identify some examples of God’s invitation to change and grow in Scripture, e.g., 1 Sam 2:26; Lk 2:39-40 **C**  
**V. A. 2.** Know that participation in the sacraments helps the Christian community grow in holiness **p21-23**
- 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 **p12**  
**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) **p12**  
**V. B. 2.** Know that Jesus calls all Christians to be responsible for one another (Mt 25) **ABC, p32**
- 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 **ABC**  
**V. C. 1.** Identify the family as the “domestic church” (CCC 2685) **ABC**  
**V. C. 2.** Recognize Jesus’ obedience to his parents as an example for all (CCC 531-533) **p10**  
**V. C. 3.** Know that the family is a reflection of the communal love of the Trinity (CCC 2205) **p10**

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- D. Faith Communities** Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal **p12**
- V. D. 1.** Understand that all baptized Christians are members of the Church (CCC 836) **p21**
  - V. D. 2.** Know that one lives the Christian faith most fully within a community (CCC 1102, 1166, Acts 2:42) **p12**
  - V. D. 3.** Understand that liturgy builds community (CCC 1140) **p24**
- 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 **p12**
- 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) **p32**
  - V. E. 2.** Identify the responsibility of the Church to share the Good News through evangelization (CCC 1122; Mt 28:19) **p32**
  - V. E. 3.** Know that the apostles were the first bishops of the Catholic Church (CCC 880) **p6**
  - V. E. 4.** Know that a group of parishes, called a diocese, is headed by a bishop **p50**
  - 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) **p54**
- F. Ecumenism** We share in promoting the unity of all God’s people as part of our fidelity to the Gospel **ABC**
- V.F.1.** Know that Christianity includes many faith-traditions including Catholicism (CCC 838)
- 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 **p21**
    - 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) **ABC, p21**
    - VI. A. 2.** Understand that a disciple can share the faith by being a good example to others (CCC 1816) **p20**
  - 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) **p12**
    - VI. B. 2.** Know that “apostolate” is a special work done in service to God and his people (CCC 900)
    - VI. B. 3.** Identify the different vocations within the Church, e.g. clergy, consecrated religious life, married and single lives (CCC 934-945)
  - 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 **ABC**
    - VI. C. 1.** Know that Jesus asks all Christians to help build the Kingdom of God on earth **ABC, p53,40**
    - VI. C. 2.** Understand that building the Kingdom of God means following Jesus’ example (CCC 1816) **p11**

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**VI. C. 3.** Introduce the Works of Mercy as one way a Christian can help build the Kingdom of God (Mt 25) **p56**

**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

**IV. D. 1.** Know that there are other religions in addition to Christianity

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