

**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.

Correlation of the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Faith Formation Program – GOOD NEWS

**Diocese of Columbus
Grade Two 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. Know that Jesus came to establish God's kingdom on earth (CCC 544) **p11**

I. A. 2. Know that Jesus loved each person so much he died on the cross for each one (CCC 606-607; Jn 15:12-13) **p10**

I. A. 3. Understand that Jesus' resurrection is at the center of the Christian faith (CCC 638, 1 Cor 15:12-19) **p11,18-19**

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 the two main parts of the Bible: the Old Testament and the New Testament (CCC 120) **ABC, p53**

I. B. 2. Explain that God speaks to the Church through the people and the stories of the Bible (CCC 104) **ABC, p55**

I. B. 3. Identify the four Gospels as accounts of Jesus' life and teachings (CCC 125) **ABC, p52**

I. B. 4. Explain that learning about people in the Scriptures helps one to understand how God loves and cares for them e.g., the infant Moses, the hungry Israelites in the desert of Sinai, Mary and Joseph's care for the infant/child Jesus, Jesus feeding the crowd, etc. **ABC**

I. B. 5. Identify stories that show God's readiness to forgive us, e.g. Zacchaeus, the Prodigal Son, the Good Shepherd, the Pharisee and the Publican **ABC**

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. Recognize that the *Sign of the Cross* and the *Glory Be* proclaim the Christian belief in the Triune God (CCC 2157) **p46-47**

I. C. 2. Know that creation is an expression of God's love and goodness (CCC 299, Gn 1:1ff) **p8**

I. C. 3. Know that the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples after his resurrection and ascension (CCC 728; Acts 2:1-4) **p19**

I. C. 4. Know that life with God continues after death (CCC 1038-1041, Jn 14:2-3) **p14**

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 on Pentecost God sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles to establish the Church (CCC 2623, Acts 2:1-4) **p19**

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 the Church as the "People of God" both in heaven and on earth (CCC 781-782) **p12-13**

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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. Know the liturgy is a participation in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus (CCC 571, 1068) **p18-20**

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

II. B. 1. Know that a sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace (CCC 1131) **p21**

II. B. 2. Identify Penance and Reconciliation as the sacrament in which Jesus forgives sins (CCC 1421, 1441) **p23**

II. B. 3. Demonstrate the steps in individual confession to the priest (CCC 1480) **p23**

II. B. 4. Learn an Act of Contrition **p46**

II. B. 5. Identify the bread and wine as distinct from the Body and Blood of Christ (CCC 1333, Mt 26:26-28) **p22**

II. B. 6. Know that the Real Presence of Christ exists in the consecrated host (CCC 1377) **p22**

II. B. 7. Identify some of the items used in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, e.g., altar, chalice, paten, corporal, etc. **p22**

II. B. 8. Demonstrate how to receive the Eucharist **p22**

II. B. 9. Know that the Eucharist strengthens one to live as a disciple (CCC 1391-1401) **p22**

II. B. 10. List the symbols used in Baptism, Penance and Reconciliation, and Eucharist **p21-23**

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

II. C. 1. Understand that the liturgical seasons are the way the Church follows the life of Jesus throughout the year (CCC 1171) **ABC, p18-19**

II. C. 2. Identify the two main parts of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (CCC 1346) **p22**

II. C. 3. Learn the responses at Mass, e.g., "And with your spirit," "Thanks be to God," and "Amen" **ABC**

II. C. 4. Understand that receiving Holy Communion is a very special way of sharing in Jesus' life (CCC 1391) **p22**

II. C. 5. Know that after receiving Holy Communion, one should express thanks to God (CCC 1378) **p22**

II. C. 6. Recognize that Jesus is uniquely present in the Eucharistic species but also present in the word proclaimed, the priest, and the community (CCC 1373-1374) **ABC, p22**

II. C. 7. Recall sacred furnishings used in Church, e.g., altar, ambo, baptismal font, tabernacle (CCC 1182-1186) **p22**

II. C. 8. Identify some of the gestures and postures used at Mass, and know when to do them (CCC 1153, 1155) **ABC, p22**

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

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II. D. 1. Recall that because of their baptism all people have a special call to serve God (CCC 871)
ABC, p21

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. Know that Jesus calls his disciples to love and serve God and to love and serve each other (Mt 22:34-40) **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. Identify the Ten Commandments as God’s guide for how to be his people (CCC 2060, 2062; Ex 20:1-17) **p31**

C. Sin and Grace God’s love can overcome the evil of sin in our world **p21,30**

III. C. 1. Describe the differences between an accident, a mistake, and a sin **p29-30**

III. C. 2. Know that a sin is when one freely chooses to disobey God’s law (CCC 1849) **p30**

III. C. 3. Identify mortal sin as a serious offense against God’s law that breaks friendship with God and others (CCC 1854-1864) **p30**

III. C. 4. Identify venial sin as a less serious offense against God’s law that weakens friendship with God and others (CCC 1854-1864) **p30**

III. C. 5. Realize that when one does something sinful, one needs to ask for forgiveness from God and from those who have been hurt (CCC 2839, 2840) **p30**

III. C. 6. Remember that one should forgive those who hurt him/her (CCC 2262, Mt 5: 22-39)
A, p32

III. C. 7. Identify grace as a sharing in the life of God (CCC 1997) **p32**

III. C. 8. Define “sacramental grace” (CCC 2003) **p21**

D. Conscience Formation The Gospel calls us to ongoing conversion, transforming our ways of thinking and living **ABC, p29**

III. D. 1. Identify “conscience” as God’s gift to help one know right and wrong (CCC 1776) **p29,51**

III. D. 2. Realize that listening to one’s conscience helps one to grow in love and understanding (CCC 1781) **p29**

III. D. 3. Know that an Examination of Conscience is used to prepare for the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (CCC 1454) **p23**

E. Objective Moral Norms The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong **p29,55**

III. E. 1. Know that the Bible and the teachings of the Church guide people in knowing right and wrong (CCC 1785) **p29,55**

F. Gospel of Life All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred **p31**

III. F. 1. Know all people are made in God’s image (CCC 225, Gn 1:26-27) **p8**

III. F. 2. Recognize that God gives human beings the special work of caring for all of creation (CCC 339, Gn 1:28-30) **p8,31**

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- 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 the Holy Spirit gives what is needed to live as a disciple of Jesus (CCC 2003, Jn 14:26) **p12**
 - III. G. 2.** Know that all people are called to use God’s gifts to make good choices **p29**

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.** Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition **p46-47**
 - IV. A. 2.** Know that prayer can be talking with God through words, gestures and movement, music and song (CCC 2663) **p36-37**
 - IV. A. 3.** Identify the Book of Psalms as a book of prayer (CCC 2585-2589) **p35**
- 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.** Identify places and times to pray alone (CCC 2602) **p37**
 - IV. B. 2.** Realize that silence is necessary to hear God in one’s heart **p36-37**
 - IV. B. 3.** Know that one prays to become better friends with God (CCC 2565) **p36**
- 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 present when people pray and celebrate together (Mt 18:20) **p20**
 - IV. C. 2.** Recognize that Jesus is present in the community in a special way at the Eucharistic Liturgy (CCC 1088) **p20**
 - IV. C. 3.** Recognize different times of silence in the Mass that enable one to pray, e.g., after each reading, after the homily, after Communion **ABC**
 - IV. C. 4.** Recall some of the gestures and movements used during the Mass (CCC 1153-1155) **ABC, p22**
- D. Popular Piety and Devotions** Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God **p36-37**
 - IV. D. 1.** Identify a sacramental as a holy object that represents God’s love, presence, or protection, e.g., cross, crucifix, candle, holy water, holy picture, etc. (CCC 1667-1674) **A,B**
 - IV. D. 2.** Identify the rosary as a special prayer with Mary to help us know Jesus (CCC 971, 2678) **p47-48**
 - IV. D. 3.** Recognize the saints as friends who help one know Jesus better (CCC 2683) **p20**

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.** Understand that people grow in holiness, just as they grow in other ways (CCC 2813, 1 Cor 13:11-12)b **p21**

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- V. A. 2.** Know that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist are necessary for one to grow in holiness (CCC 1325-1327, 1468; Mt 5:23-26) **p13,22-23**
- 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.** Understand that we show love for God by the way we treat others (Mt 25:31-46) **p32**
- V. B. 2.** Know that feelings are natural and necessary but one must make good choices about how to use them **p28-29**
- V. B. 3.** Explore some stories in which Jesus expressed his feelings in his relationships, e.g., Mk 10:14; Mk 14:32-42; Mt 9:36; Mt 15:32-39; Jn 11:33-36 **A,B**
- 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.** Know that the Holy Family is a model for all families (CCC 532) **p10**
- V. C. 2.** Understand that marriage is a sacrament (CCC 1601) **p21,54**
- V. C. 3.** Know that children are a gift from God (Ps 127:3) **p31**
- V. C. 4.** Know that children must obey their parents (CCC 2214-2217; Ep 6:1) **p31**
- V. C. 5.** Know that daily prayer helps the family grow in holiness (CCC 2205) **p36-37**
- D. Faith Communities** Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal **p12**
- V. D. 1.** Recall that baptism makes Christians children of God, brothers and sisters to each other with God as our Father (CCC 804, Mt 12:50) **p21**
- V. D. 2.** Know that when one receives the sacraments one participates more fully in the life of the Church (CCC 815) **p21**
- 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.** Recall that Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God (CCC 541-542; Mk 1:14-15) **B, p40,53**
- V. E. 2.** Know that Jesus wants each person to help build the Kingdom (CCC 863, Mt 28:19-20) **p40,53**
- V. E. 3.** Know that the word “church” refers to both the People of God and a place of worship (CCC 1199) **p12,20**
- V. E. 4.** Know that the place where we celebrate our life in the Church is called a parish (CCC 2179) **p53**
- V. E. 5.** Know the names of the local pastor, the local bishop, and the current pope
- 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.** Nothing at this age
- VI. Catechesis promotes a Missionary Spirit that prepares the faithful to transform the world** (GDC, 84, 86-87) **p21**

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- 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.** Understand that disciples of Jesus are called to share his love with others (CCC 1823, Jn 13:34) **p32**
- VI. A. 2.** Identify the Holy Spirit as a guide and helper in living out the Christian calling (CCC 852, Jn 14:26) **p12**
- B. Vocation/Apostolate** Each of us is called to a particular task in helping to reveal the Kingdom of God in the service of God's plan for the world **p12**
- VI. B. 1.** Know that God loves and calls each person to follow Him (CCC 2093, Jn 1:39) **p12**
- VI. B. 2.** Identify some of the ways God calls people to serve him: priest or deacon, consecrated religious, single, married (CCC 934-945)b **p12**
- 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.** Recall that God asks us to take care of each other and all creation (CCC 307) **p8,31**
- 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.** Nothing at this age

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