

**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 - PROMISE***

## **Diocese of Columbus Kindergarten 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 **p21**

**I. A. 1.** Understand that Jesus came to show God's love (CCC 458) **p12,21**

**I. A. 2.** Know that Jesus' love is unending and complete (CCC 220-221, 1337; Mt 28:20b; Jn 13:1b) **p18**

#### **B. Understand Scripture** Sacred Scripture is the living Word of God, a history of the covenant and a guide for life today **ABC, p6**

**I. B. 1.** Recognize the Bible as a holy and special book that tells us about God (CCC 103-104)

**I. B. 2.** Demonstrate respect and reverence while listening to and handling the Bible

**I. B. 3.** Discover that the creation story teaches that God is good and created all things good (CCC 299, 339; Gen 1:12, 18, 21, 25, 31)

#### **C. Creeds and Doctrines of the Church** The Creed expresses the faith of our Church and professes it to the world **ABC, p16**

**I. C. 1.** Know that God, the Creator, made the world and all living creatures (CCC 290-291, 295; Gen 1:1-31)

**I. C. 2.** Understand that God loves and takes care of all people (CCC 54-55, 303-305; Mt 6:25-34, Rom 8:28, 1 Pet 5:7)

**I. C. 3.** Identify the Holy Spirit as the gift of God (CCC 243-244; Jn 14:25-26)

**I. C. 4.** Define "Heaven" (CCC 1024-1025; Jn 14:2-3)

**I. C. 5.** Know that God gives each person a guardian angel (CCC 336)

#### **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.** Nothing at this age

#### **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 **p8-12**

**I. E. 1.** Know that God's family includes the saints in heaven (CCC 954) **p19**

### **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 (CCC 654, 1066-1067, 1085) **p18-19**

**II. A. 1.** Recognize that by baptism we become members of Jesus family (CCC 1213) **p13**



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- E. Objective Moral Norms** The Scriptures and Tradition of the Church teach us about right and wrong **ABC, p6**
- III. E. 1.** Know that God's rules help one to make good choices and perform loving actions (CCC 1962, 1965) **p22-23**
- F. Gospel of Life** All life is a gift from God and is to be held sacred **p7,11**
- III. F. 1.** Recognize that all life is a gift from God the creator (CCC 290-292; Gen 1:20-27) **p7,11**
- III. F. 2.** Know that God wants all people to care for his creation (CCC 299, 339) **p7**
- III. F. 3.** Understand that God makes people in his image (CCC 355) **p7**
- G. Living a Moral Life** As disciples of Jesus, we desire to follow him in his attitudes and actions **p21**
- III. G. 1.** Understand that Jesus shows people how to love, e.g., Good Shepherd, Good Samaritan, etc. **C, p21**
- 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 **p27**
- IV. A. 1.** Know that Jesus prayed and taught his disciples to pray (CCC 2599-2602; Mt 6:5-14; Mk 11:24) **A,B**
- IV. A. 2.** Know/Pray the Sign of the Cross (CCC 2157) **p29**
- IV. A. 3.** Identify the "Our Father," "Hail Mary," and "Glory Be" as basic prayers of the Catholic tradition **p29**
- 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 (CCC 2591) **p26-27**
- IV.B.1.** Know that prayer is both listening to and talking with God (CCC 2590) **p26**
- IV.B.2.** Understand that one must be quiet to hear God speak **p27**
- C. Communal Prayer** We share prayer with others, and worship together as the People of God **ABC, p17**
- IV. C. 1.** Know that the church building is a special place to pray together (CCC 2691, 2696) **p17**
- D. Popular Piety and Devotions** Our families and friends share with us ways to grow closer to God **p27**
- VI. D. 1.** Identify ways to pray with family (CCC 2685) **p27**
- 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 **p12,17**
- V. A. 1.** Know that God calls all people to be holy (CCC 2013; Mt 5:48) **p17**
- B. Relationships and Responsibilities** In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that living together in the Kingdom of God, we must grow in understanding, compassion, and care for the least and in mutual charity **p21**

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- V. B. 1.** Know that Jesus wants us to show love and kindness to all (Col 3:12-17) **p21**
- 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 **p18**
- V. C. 1.** Identify the Holy Family : Jesus; Mary, his mother; and Joseph, her spouse (CCC 532, 1655; Lk 2:39-52) **C, p20**
- V. C. 2.** Know that each family is a gift from God (CCC 2206) **p20**
- V. C. 3.** Understand that in a family the members are called to love and care for each other **p21**
- D. Faith Communities** Participation in the life and mission of the Church is both personal and communal (CCC 1134) **p17**
- V. D. 1.** Know that at baptism one becomes a member of God’s family, the Church (CCC 1213) **p13**
- V. D. 2.** Know that praying together at Mass is an important way that God’s family comes together (CCC 1140-1141) **p16**
- 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 **B, p12**
- V. E. 1.** Understand that God wants all to live in peace and love (CCC 543, Col 3:12-17) **p21**
- V. E. 2.** Know that the Church is God’s family on earth (CCC 959) **p13**
- F. Ecumenism** We share in promoting the unity of all God’s people as part of our fidelity to the Gospel
- 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)
- A. Evangelization** The Sacraments of Initiation both invite and challenge us to live as disciples in the larger society and in the world **p13**
- VI. A. 1.** Identify a disciple as someone who follows Jesus Christ (CCC 1694, 1816, 1 Jn 1:1-4) **p13**
- 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 **p15**
- VI. B. 1.** Know that God loves us and calls each of us to follow Him (CCC 52; Mt 4:18-22; Mt 9:9) **A, p15**
- 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 **p11**
- VI. C. 1.** Know that God calls the members of the Church to help each other (Mt 25) **p21**
- VI. C. 2.** Identify ways to show care for God’s creation **p11**
- 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.** Nothing at this age

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