

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM CONCEPTS

Grade 1

By the end of Grade 1, students will have an age-appropriate understanding of the concepts in each of the following areas:

Area #1: ***The Profession of Faith*** (CCC #26-1065)

1. God is our loving Father and is the creator of all things (CCC# 32, 54, 279-314)
2. We can meet God through our five senses (CCC# 32-33)
3. God knows each of us and shows His love for us in many ways (CCC# 50-53)
4. Jesus is the Son of God (CCC# 65)
5. Because Mary is the mother of Jesus, she is the Mother of God; she is our mother, too (CCC# 963)
6. Jesus saves us from sin by his birth, life, death and resurrection (CCC# 595-679)
7. Jesus is human like us; he is our friend and brother (CCC# 456-487)
8. Jesus wants us to be with Him forever, on earth and in Heaven (CCC# 659-679)
9. Catholics are Christians (CCC# 787-795)
10. The Holy Spirit helped Jesus' Apostles to begin the Catholic Church (CCC# 767-768)
11. The Bible is the Word of God, it teaches us about God and how to live as Christians (CCC# 101- 104)

Area #2: ***The Celebration of the Christian Mystery*** (CCC 1066-1690)

1. The sacraments are signs of God's love for us (CCC# 1114-1130)
2. The sacraments are how Catholics worship God and celebrate their faith in Jesus (CCC# 1084-1085)
3. Baptism welcomes us into God's family, the Church (CCC# 1229-1233)
4. Signs, symbols, words and actions of the Baptismal rite (CCC# 1234-1243)
5. At the Mass we listen to God's Word and celebrate Jesus' presence in the Eucharist (CCC# 1345-1390)
6. When a Catholic goes to Confession, his/her sins are forgiven (CCC# 1446-1449)

Area #3: ***Life in Christ*** (CCC #1691-2550)

1. Jesus was kind and fair to others, he want us to be the same way (CCC# 1716-1717)
2. Jesus wants us to take care of the creation that God gave us (CCC# 2415-2418)
3. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments to teach us what is right (CCC# 1961-1964)
4. We are free to choose to do good or to do harm (CCC# 1730-1742)
5. Sometimes we sin (CCC# 409, 396-401, 405, 407, 1739, 1849)
6. Sometimes we need to feel sorry for the bad choices we make (CCC# 1776-1782)
7. God forgives us and shows us mercy (CCC# 1440-1442)
8. The Holy Spirit helps us to live good lives and to be followers of Jesus (CCC# 1987-2005)

Area #4: ***Christian Prayer*** (CCC #2558-2856)

1. Jesus taught us how to talk with God (CCC# 2599-2615)
2. Catholics like to pray to God in many ways (CCC# 2625-2643)
3. Mary prays for us (CCC# 494, 2673-2679))
4. The parish is where Catholics meet to pray together (CCC# 2179)
5. Prayer helps us to be holy (CCC# 2014, 2807-2815)
6. Jesus taught us a special prayer: The Our Father (2759-2856)
7. Grade 1 students will begin learning and frequently pray the following:
 - a. The Sign of the Cross
 - b. The Our Father
 - c. The Hail Mary
 - d. Prayer to the Guardian Angel
 - e. Blessing with Holy Water
 - f. Grace before and after meals
 - g. Mass responses
8. Grade 1 students will celebrate each season of the Liturgical Year, in class and with the parish community (CCC# 1168-1173)