

## 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE – Alive in Christ

- Begin 6<sup>th</sup> grade with the opening lesson - an ‘Introduction to the year’
- The church year feasts and seasons can be found in the beginning of the text. These can be done throughout the year when that season occurs
- The standard on saints can be covered throughout the year from saints mentioned in the text
- There are two chapters without standards: Chapters 12 & 20

### Saints

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do the lives of saints influence us?	<p><b>ML 6.5 The saints are role models for our journey to heaven</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know saints are holy, but it does not mean that their entire life was holy</li> <li>b. Understand, through God’s grace, all sinners can become saints</li> <li>c. Understand how the lives of the saints inspire us to grow and live a holy life</li> <li>d. Know the lives of saints are examples of virtue, evangelization, and holiness</li> <li>e. Recognize the Church has a process called canonization to formally declare that a person is a saint in heaven and worthy of imitation</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 957</p> <p>CCC 956-957</p> <p>CCC 2683</p>	Part of classroom prayer should be intercession for the parish and community, include the intercession of the parish saint	Have a pile of different saint cards, have students blindly pick one. That is their special saint for the year.

### A New Year Section

How is the bible organized?	<p><b>PF 6.3 The bible is a collection of sacred scriptures, those writings are inspired by God for our salvation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know the principle divisions of the Scriptures               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Old Testament (46 books): Torah/Pentateuch, Historical books, Prophets, Wisdom books</li> <li>2. New Testament (27 books): Gospels, Acts, Epistles, Revelation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>CCC 105-107</p> <p>CCC 105</p> <p>CCC 120, 138</p>		<p><b>See Resource Section:</b> Learn the books of the Bible</p>
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## Prayer throughout the text

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>How do we pray with Jesus through scripture?</p>	<p><b>P 6.1 Lectio Divina is a way to prayerfully encounter God through scripture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know that Lectio Divina means “divine/spiritual reading”</li> <li>b. Understand Lectio Divina is a particular ancient method of praying with the scriptures:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Begin with Introductory prayer recognizing the loving presence of the Trinity and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you</li> <li>2. Reading: Slowly read the passage</li> <li>3. Meditation: Use your imagination to enter into the Gospel story (meditation)</li> <li>4. Praying: What do I say to God in response to his Word?</li> <li>5. Contemplation: Rest quietly with the passage; what conversion of heart is God asking of me?</li> <li>6. Concluding prayer: Praise and thank God</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>CCC 2708</p>		

## CHAPTER 1

### Divine Revelation

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is divine revelation?	<p><b>PF 6.2 Divine Revelation are the truths about God, that God revealed to us over time</b></p> <p>a. Understand God communicates himself to us gradually</p>	CCC 50-52		
How is the bible organized?	<p><b>PF 6.3 The bible is a collection of sacred scriptures, those writings inspired by God for our salvation</b></p> <p>a. Begin to recognize the various literary forms found in the bible:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letters</li> <li>2. Short stories</li> <li>3. Apocalyptic</li> <li>4. Psalms/canticles</li> <li>5. Historical accounts</li> <li>6. Parables</li> </ol>	CCC 110		<p><b>See Resource Section:</b> Learning the literary forms activity</p> <p><b>See Resource Section:</b> video on the history of the bible</p>

**CHAPTERS 2 & 3 & 4**  
**The Creation Accounts & God’s Faithfulness & Journeys of Faith**

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>Why do we seek God?</p> <p>How do we come to know God?</p>	<p><b>PF 6.1 The desire for God is written in the human heart</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand our free-will enables us to choose God</li> <li>b. Understand that sin and its effects can get in the way of coming to know God</li> <li>c. Understand God never ceases to call us to himself</li> </ul> <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. <i>Recognize beauty, truth and goodness of the world point to God.</i></li> <li>e. <i>Understand the human person is open to and attracted by what is beautiful, true and good</i></li> </ul>	<p>CCC 27</p> <p>CCC 1849-1850</p> <p>CCC 1731</p> <p>CCC 2500-2502</p>		<p><b>See Resource Section:</b> Watch video on St. Teresa of Calcutta discuss what is good true and beautiful about her</p>
<p>What is Divine Revelation?</p>	<p><b>PF 6.2 Divine Revelation are the truths about God, that God revealed to us over time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know that Jesus as the “new Adam” makes amends for the Original Holiness that was lost due to Original Sin</li> <li>b. Understand God made a series of covenants which bind God to his people, e.g. creation, Noah, Abraham, Moses</li> <li>c. Begin to understand how God revealed himself through the Patriarchs of the Old Testament</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 50-52</p> <p>CCC 411</p>		<p><b>See Resource Section:</b> Art piece on Jesus as the New Adam, Giotto fresco 1300s</p>

## CHAPTER 5 God's Saving Action

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How does the Old Testament foreshadow the sacraments?	<p><b>S 6.2 The sacraments are evident throughout sacred scripture</b></p> <p><u>Not fully covered in text:</u></p> <p>a. <i>Begin to understand the Old Testament stories of Melchizedek; the Passover; and the manna in the desert point to the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist</i></p>	CCC 1337-1344, 1350		

## CHAPTER 6 Living the Covenant

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How can we respond to God's love in order to be with him forever?	<p><b>ML 6.1 God reveals to us how to live our lives in order to be with him in heaven</b></p> <p>a. Understand natural law is the law of God written in our hearts</p> <p>b. Understand God gave us the Ten Commandments as the foundation of the moral life</p> <p>c. Know Jesus identified the two greatest commandments: love God and love others</p>	<p>CCC 1694</p> <p>CCC 1954-1956</p> <p>CCC 1961-1962</p> <p>CCC 2055</p>		Have students write out the Ten Commandments. By now they should have them memorized

## CHAPTERS 7 & 8

### Leaders for God's People & The Wisdom of God

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>How does the Old Testament foreshadow the sacraments?</p>	<p><b>S 6.2 The sacraments are evident throughout sacred scripture</b></p> <p><u>Not directly covered in text</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Begin to understand the Old Testament stories about the anointing of prophets, priests, and kings; the special charisms given to Moses; and Isaiah's prophesy of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit point to the Sacrament of Confirmation</li> <li>b. Begin to understand in the Old Testament Psalms man cries out to God for healing and strength point to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick</li> </ul> <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. <i>Begin to understand the Old Testament Priests offered sacrifices for the atonement of sins point to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Leviticus)</i></li> <li>d. <i>Begin to understand the Old Testament stories of Melchizedek and the Levites point to the Sacrament of Holy Orders</i></li> <li>e. <i>Begin to understand the Old Testament stories of Adam and Eve and the Law of Moses (Sixth Commandment) point to the Sacrament of Marriage</i></li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1286-1289</p> <p>CCC 1502</p> <p>CCC 433</p> <p>CCC 1541, 1544</p> <p>CCC 1604-1605, 1610-1611</p>		<p><b>See Resource Section:</b> Activity</p> <p>Scripture references and the sacraments</p>

## CHAPTER 9

### Prophetic Promise

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is Divine Revelation?	<p><b>PF 6.2 Divine Revelation</b> are the truths about God, that God revealed to us over time</p> <p>a. Know how God used the prophets of the Old Testament to proclaim redemption, purification, and salvation</p>	<p>CCC 50-52 CCC 707-716</p>		

## CHAPTER 10

### The Gospel Message

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teacher Notes
What is the relationship between the Old and New Testament?	<p><b>PF 6.4 The two Testaments are united in the person of Jesus</b></p> <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <p>a. <i>Begin to understand that Christians read the Old Testament in the light of Jesus Christ</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The New Testament lies hidden in the Old Testament</i></li> <li>2. <i>The Old Testament is unveiled in the New Testament</i></li> </ol> <p>b. <i>Know that without the Old Testament we could not fully understand the mission of Jesus</i></p> <p>c. <i>Begin to understand that the New Testament completes God's revelation through Jesus Christ's word and work</i></p>	<p>CCC 128-130 CCC 125-128 YOUCAT 17-18</p>		<p><b>See Resource Section:</b> video on a review of the Old Testament</p>

## CHAPTER 11

### The Early Church

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>How are we to live out the mission of the Church?</p> <p>How can you be a good witness for Jesus?</p>	<p><b>PF 6.5 Christ gave the Church a mission and authority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know Jesus gave the Apostles authority which continues to be handed down to the bishops through apostolic succession</li> <li>b. Know that our mission as the Church, is to evangelize (announce the Gospel)</li> <li>c. Know when the Father sends his Son, he always sends his Spirit: in their mission they are distinct but inseparable</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 849-852</p> <p>CCC 857-862</p> <p>CCC 91, 785</p>		<p><b>See Resource Section:</b> Pope succession poster</p>

## CHAPTER 12

### The Body of Christ

## CHAPTER 13

### The Great Commandment

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Why do we seek God?	<p><b>PF 6.1 The desire for God is written in the human heart</b></p> <p>a. Know we are made for happiness and only in God will we find the happiness that truly satisfies</p>	CCC 27		
How can we respond to God's love in order to be with him forever?	<p><b>ML 6.1 God reveals to us how to live our lives in order to be with him in heaven</b></p> <p>a. Know Jesus gave us the beatitudes to help us follow his example</p>	<p>CCC 1694</p> <p>CCC 1716-1782</p>		

## CHAPTER 14

### Justice and Peace

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Why do we serve others in words and actions?	<p><b>ML 6.3 We are made for communion with God and others</b></p> <p>a. Understand the need for peace and justice in our families, communities, and the world</p> <p>b. Understand injustices and the importance of defending the dignity of the human person</p> <p>c. Know service is a way to love and know God by loving our neighbor who he created</p> <p>d. Understand the importance of asking for forgiveness and forgiving others in daily life</p>	<p>CCC 1878</p> <p>CCC 1878-1880, 1882</p> <p>CCC 1928-1933</p> <p>CCC 1657</p>	Discuss what is going on in community do students see any injustices?	

## CHAPTER 15

### Sin and Forgiveness

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do we make moral decisions?	<p><b>ML 6.2 Our actions can be evaluated as good or evil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know the difference between mortal sin and venial sin               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mortal sin: breaks our relationship with God</li> <li>2. Venial sin: weakens our relationship with God</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. The Church is there to guide us in evaluating whether an action is good or evil</li> <li>c. Understand regular reading of the scriptures helps us to know the good and God's desire for us to be holy</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1749</p> <p>CCC 1855-1863</p> <p>CCC 1785</p>		

## CHAPTER 16

### Baptized for Mission

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Why are the sacraments an essential part of my life?	<p><b>S 6.1 We receive sanctifying grace, a share in God’s divine life, through the sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand that the sacraments give the graces needed to grow in holiness throughout our lives</li> <li>b. Know that the seven sacraments are ways of expressing and experiencing our faith through all of our senses</li> <li>c. The sacraments are entrusted to the Church to administer</li> </ul> <p><u>Not covered in text:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. <i>Understand the sacraments as efficacious signs (efficacious is something that causes the desired effect; sacraments do what they say; they do because of God’s power even though we don’t see the effect)</i></li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1999-2000</p> <p>CCC 1116, 1123</p> <p>CCC 1146</p> <p>CCC 1117</p> <p>CCC 1127</p>		
How does the Old Testament foreshadow the sacraments?	<p><b>S 6.2 The sacraments are evident throughout sacred scripture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Begin to understand the Old Testament stories of Noah’s Ark, Israelites crossing of the Red Sea, and crossing of the Jordan into the Promised Land point to the Sacrament of Baptism (foreshadows)</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1217-1222</p>		
Why do we serve others in words and actions?	<p><b>ML 6.3 We are made for communion with God and others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know through our baptism we have a responsibility to tell others about Jesus</li> <li>b. Understand how to tell others about Jesus and his family, the Church, by sharing the Gospel (evangelization)</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1122</p>	<p>Invite someone who has done mission work to speak, could be NET, FOCUS, Young Disciples or outreach/foreign missions</p>	

## CHAPTER 17 Lives of Service

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What is a vocation?	<p><b>S 6.3 God has a plan for our lives and calls us to live out a particular vocation in his service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand some men are called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders</li> <li>b. Understand some men and women are called to Religious consecrated life</li> <li>c. Understand a man and a woman may be called to the Sacrament of Matrimony</li> <li>d. Understand some people are called to live out their life in the single state</li> </ul>	CCC 358, 873, 931	Invite people to give witness talks on different vocations, also witness to your own vocation	

## CHAPTER 18 Sharing God's Love

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
How do we show respect for our bodies?	<p><u>Not directly covered in text:</u></p> <p><b>ML 6.4 Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand that we communicate through our bodies (body language)</li> <li>b. Know purity means being without sin in our mind, heart, and body</li> <li>c. Know chastity lets us love with an upright and undivided heart</li> <li>d. Know modesty protects the intimate center of the person</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 364, 2519</p> <p>CCC 2337-2345</p> <p>YOUCAT 404-405</p> <p>CCC 2520-2521</p> <p>CCC 2522-2527</p>		See Resource Section: See video "Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit"

## CHAPTER 19

### The Communion of Saints

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What happens to us when we die?	<p><b>PF 6.6 God desires eternal life in heaven for each of us</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know those who die in God’s friendship, but not yet completely sinless are purified in purgatory before entering heaven</li> <li>b. Understand we have a relationship with the souls in purgatory and saints in heaven</li> </ul> <p><u>Not covered in text but was covered in 5<sup>th</sup> grade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. <i>Know that each of us will be judged on how we loved God, neighbor, and self</i></li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1023-1025</p> <p>CCC 1030, 1032</p> <p>CCC 1032, 1029</p> <p>CCC 1021-1022</p>	During the month of November it is tradition to pray for the souls in purgatory.	Take a trip to the local cemetery to pray for souls. Also keep a list in the sacred space of those who have died the past year

## CHAPTER 20

### Christian Unity

## CHAPTER 21

### A New Creation

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
What happens to us when we die?	<p><b>PF 6.6 God desires eternal life in heaven for each of us</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Recognize that Christ conquered death and opened the gates of heaven</li> <li>b. Know that our body and soul are created to be one and will be reunited on the last day</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1023</p> <p>CCC 1009-1012</p> <p>CCC 1038, 1045</p>		

**Live Your Faith Section**  
**Life and Dignity of the Human Person (back section)**

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
Why do I help poor and vulnerable people?	<p><b>ML 6.6 Social teaching of the Church: we are called to respect and assist the poor and vulnerable of society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand we give of ourselves to those in need because it is Jesus we serve and Jesus who calls us to serve</li> <li>b. Understand serving the poor and vulnerable is not an option but a responsibility of Christians</li> <li>c. Understand this begins in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and communities</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 2443-2447</p> <p>CCC 2448-2449</p> <p>CCC 2462</p>	Come up with a class project to serve those who need help.	