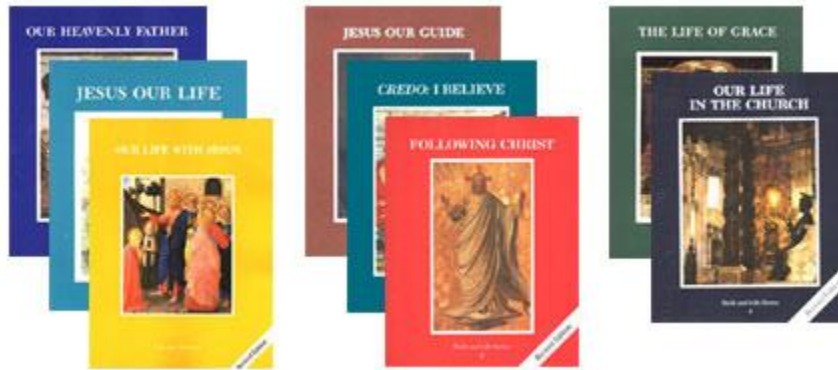


## Textbooks and Curriculum

The main **textbooks** presently used in our program are the Ignatius Press Faith and Life Series. **Each child is given a Student-Parent folder in which can be found a calendar and curriculum guide** in case the child misses class. Please refer to this calendar throughout the year.



**Kindergarten** attendance is not mandatory. Students must be five years of age. Parents have the option to have them attend classes regularly or home study their kindergarten child. Either way the child should be registered so that books and folders may be obtained with a calendar and curriculum guide.

**Home study** is an option for other students for serious reasons such as **health needs**. If you believe your child has such needs please present them to the DRE and everything possible will be done to assist in each situation. All unit tests and other program exams (midterm, final, Basic Faith Test (if applicable)) must be taken on schedule with class level. There will be check-ins with you to make sure you are on track or need any additional materials from us.

Major themes discussed at each grade level are as follows:

Kindergarten	Introduction to God, Jesus, Creation, and common Bible stories
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Introduction to basic Catholic beliefs (i.e. Mary, Jesus, Blessed Trinity, church leaders, sacraments, Original Sin, holy days of obligation, etc)
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	Focus on the sacraments on Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	More detailed look at the celebration of the Mass and its' importance in our lives, prophets, and the Ten Commandments
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	Old Testament people and its' foundation for our beliefs
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	More in-depth look at the beliefs of our faith from Adam and Eve's choice to sin to prophets to the hope that life in Heaven provides
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Focus on the 10 Commandments influence on our lives and a detailed look at the celebration of the Mass
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	More in-depth analysis of the 10 Commandments and the 7 Sacraments, especially Confirmation
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Focus on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation & how to live our faith in today's society

**Students in grades 6 and 7** will be required to take a *Basic Faith test* toward the end of the year, which will help determine their readiness for Confirmation Preparation. The test consists of: the Apostles Creed, the seven sacraments, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, the theological and moral virtues, the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Ten Commandments, the Two Great Commandments, and the 7 Deadly Sins.

For a list of prayers the students are expected to know by grade level, please refer to the yellow *Student Handbook of Basic Prayers and Basic Catholic Beliefs* that is issued to each student at their entrance into the

program. If your child has lost theirs or you would like another copy, click the italicized link under “Textbooks and Curriculum” on the RE homepage to print off another one.

Please obtain the following **supplies** for each of your children in the Religious Education program:

- ☺ A book bag in which R.E. books and supplies are regularly kept
- ☺ Grades K-4: several sharpened pencils, crayons and a glue stick
- ☺ Grades 5-6: several pens, colored pencils, crayons or markers
- ☺ Grades 7-8: notebook and several pens