

CREED – WHAT WE BELIEVE

DOMAIN 1: GOD: FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

Standard 1: To understand the human need for God based on revelation and faith

- 1.1 Explain that God created us to know him and love Him.
- 1.2 Describe how God the Father is revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Standard 2: To recognize the Trinity as the central mystery of the faith, and God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit

- 2.1 Articulate what the Church means by Trinity.
- 2.2 Distinguish between the Three Persons of the Trinity.
- 2.3 Explain the Incarnation.
- 2.4 Describe the Paschal Mystery.
- 2.5 Develop how the Blessed Trinity influences our participation in daily life, community and the Church.

DOMAIN 2: CHURCH: ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC

Standard 3: To understand the origin, mission, structure, community, and membership of the Church

- 3.1 Recognize the Church as a witness of God's presence.
- 3.2 Examine faith as a gift and its meaning in a person's life.
- 3.3 Support how Mary is a model of faith.
- 3.4 Explain who is the Magisterium and the function of the Magisterium
- 3.5 Describe the Deposit of Faith.

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DOMAIN 3: REVELATION, SCRIPTURE, AND FAITH

Standard 4: To be able to recognize Scripture as God's inspired word.

- 4.1 Recognize that the Bible as the inspired Word of God.
- 4.2 Compare the meaning of covenant in the Old Testament and the New Testament.
- 4.3 Explain Divine Revelation.
- 4.4 Recognize that the human authors of the Bible were divinely inspired. (Divine Inspiration)
- 4.5 Describe how revelation was completed with Jesus Christ. (Give examples)
- 4.6 Summarize Jesus as the center of the Gospel.
- 4.7 Describe the Paschal Mystery as Christ's suffering, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.
- 4.8 Explain how Tradition and Scripture both reveal Divine Truth.

Standard 5: To know the major divisions of the Bible, the chief persons in biblical history, and major biblical themes from the Old and New Testaments

- 5.1 Compare and connect how the Old Testament enriches our understanding of the New Testament.
- 5.2 Identify the books of the Bible and categorize them.
- 5.3 Identify the relationship of the Synoptic Gospels and John's Gospel.
- 5.4 Recall in the New Testament the following:
 - a. Infancy Narratives
 - b. Life and Teachings of Jesus
 - c. Parables
 - d. Miracles
 - e. Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension

DOMAIN 4: CHURCH HISTORY

Standard 6: To become familiar with the central stories, key events, and major figures that have shaped the history and development of the Church over time, as appropriate for the student's grade level

- 6.1 Examine the beginnings of the Church:
 - a. Pentecost
 - b. Early Church communities
 - c. The Apostles, namely Peter and Paul
- 6.2 Illustrate how the saints and holy people are models of discipleship

SACRAMENTS – HOW WE CELEBRATE

DOMAIN 5: LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Standard 7: To be knowledgeable about the Church’s liturgical life in terms of liturgical feasts, seasons, liturgical symbols, religious practices, and concepts of prayer

- 7.1 Explain the importance of worship as a Catholic community.
- 7.2 Describe the main parts of the Mass.
- 7.3 Elucidate on the Real Presence. (Transubstantiation)
- 7.4 List and describe the Liturgical Year/Celebrations: Advent Practices and Lenten practices.
- 7.5 Expand on the great liturgical feasts: Christmas and Easter and their significance in our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Standard 8: To know and understand the sacraments as signs and instruments of grace

- 8.1 Describe how one lives a sacramental Life.
- 8.2 Identify and explain the signs, symbols and rituals of the sacraments (including, minister, form and matter for each):
 - a. Sacraments of Initiation
 - b. Sacraments of Healing
 - c. Sacraments at the Service of Communion

CHRISTIAN LIVING – HOW WE LIVE

DOMAIN 6: LIFE IN CHRIST: PERSONAL MORALITY AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Standard 9: To be knowledgeable about the teaching of Jesus and the Church as the basis of Christian morality and to understand Catholic Social Teaching.

- 9.1 Defend how the life and teachings of Jesus Christ is a source for living a moral life.
- 9.2 Describe how we follow Jesus together as a community; we support one another in faith.
- 9.3 List the seven areas of Catholic Social Teaching and how we can live them.
- 9.4 Recognize that rights and responsibilities are universal and inviolable.
- 9.5 Memorize the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy and give examples of each.

Standard 10: To be aware of the importance of a well-formed conscience for decision-making.

- 10.1 Examine the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as the basis for living a moral life.
- 10.2 Name and define the Theological virtues and Cardinal virtues.
- 10.3 Discuss making moral decisions.
- 10.4 Explore contemporary idols. (cell phones/internet, movie stars, athletes)

PRAYER – HOW WE PRAY

DOMAIN 7: PRAYER/RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Standard 11: To recognize and learn how to engage in Catholic forms of personal prayer and ways of deepening one's spiritual life.

11.1 Identify sacramentals as ways to bring us to prayer: (Non-Inclusive List)

- a. Rosary
- b. Stations of the Cross
- c. Holy water
- d. Crucifix
- e. Statues

11.2 Describe different forms of prayer: traditional, meditative, scriptural spontaneous

- a. Lectio Divina, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, May Crowning,
- b. Traditional Prayers of the Church
- c. Holy Hour Devotion
- d. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- e. Chaplet; Divine Mercy
- f. Other cultural forms of prayer

11.3 Maintain tradition Prayers

- a. Our Father
- b. Hail Mary
- c. Glory Be
- d. Morning Offering
- e. Prayers before and after meals
- f. Act of Contrition
- g. Apostles Creed
- h. Nicene Creed
- i. The Rosary
- j. The Memorare
- k. Hail Holy Queen

11.4 Experience other tradition prayers

- a. Acts of Faith Hope and Love
- b. Prayer for Vocations
- c. The Magnificat
- d. Psalms 23,21,20
- e. Stations of the Cross
- f. Litanies
- g. Novenas
- h. Prayer to St. Teresa of Avila
- i. Prayer to St. Patrick

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11.5 Maintain Catholic Beliefs and Practices

- a. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- b. Catholic Social Teaching
- c. The Ten Commandments
- d. The Eight Beatitudes
- e. The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- f. The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist
- g. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- h. The Precepts of the Church