

## GRADE: Adult

### CORE CONCEPT:

#### I. THE MYSTERY OF GOD, THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

**STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of God as creator of all things.**

- Recognizes the paradox of God's immanence and transcendence.
- Critiques the causes of good and evil in the world.

**STANDARD 2: Understands the human person as imaging God.**

- Integrates the limitations and potential of being human.
- Examines the complementarity of male and female roles.

**STANDARD 3: Recognizes the inter-connectedness of humans with all creation.**

- Practices the responsibility of humans for the rest of creation.
- Constructs one's life to preserve the goodness of creation.

**STANDARD 4: Recognizes the call to continuing conversion by further developing the Kingdom of God.**

- Distinguishes between the Kingdom of God and the Church.
- Illustrates the struggle to bring the Kingdom of God into one's personal life and to bring oneself to the Kingdom of God.

#### II. THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, THE INCARNATE WORD OF GOD

**STANDARD 1: Articulates an understanding of the Incarnation: the Word of God, enfleshed in Jesus Christ.**

- Integrates Jesus as savior and friend into one's life.
- Assesses Jesus' message as transformational.
- Recognizes the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the Word, the Priest, the Assembly.

**STANDARD 2: Articulates an understanding of Christ's life, death, and resurrection as the distinctive sign of Christian faith.**

- Integrates the Paschal Mystery into one's life.

**STANDARD 3: Recognizes that through Jesus, God established a relationship of particular intimacy with us.**

- Practices an intimate relationship with Jesus through prayer and action.

#### III. THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LOVING PRESENCE OF GOD

**STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as being the Spirit of God who reveals God and makes Christ known to us.**

- Demonstrates the reality of the presence of the Spirit in the world.
- Identifies the role of the Spirit in ongoing discernment.

**STANDARD 2: Articulates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as the one who awakens us to faith.**

- Explores the role of the Holy Spirit in one's personal journey of faith.
- Integrates the celebration of Pentecost and the effects of one's personal faith journey.

**STANDARD 3: Demonstrates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as the vibrant presence of God in the Church and the World.**

- Examines the work of the Holy Spirit and the accomplishments of the Church both locally and globally.
- Realizes the Holy Spirit compels Christians towards unity.

#### **IV. THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH, THE PEOPLE OF GOD.**

**STANDARD 1: Identifies the covenants revealed in the Scriptures as extending to all creation.**

- Practices the concept of covenant in one's personal life.

**STANDARD 2: Demonstrates an understanding of and an appreciation for active participation in a community of faith.**

- Articulates the value of community for personal growth and for growth in faith.

**STANDARD 3: Identifies the context of the Scriptures and their role in the development of the Church.**

- Applies the inner meaning of the Scriptures in one's personal and communal life.
- Relates the Scriptural bases for the various models of the Church.

**STANDARD 4: Articulates the nature of Tradition and its role in the development of the Church.**

- Explores the value of Tradition in supporting and furthering one's faith.
- Demonstrates how Tradition is carried forward through the history of the Church.

**STANDARD 5: Identifies the role of Mary and the Saints in the life of the Church.**

- Supports our universal call to holiness as modeled by Mary and the Saints.
- Upholds the spiritual motherhood of Mary to all people.
- Explains Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, as the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time.
- Understands the importance of intercessory prayer to Mary and the saints in the Catholic Church.

**STANDARD 6: Identifies the call to missionary discipleship.**

- Explains the missionary mandate expressed by Jesus in the great commissioning in the gospel of Matthew (Mt 28:16-20)
- Relates the apostolic mission as an initial evangelization and establishment of the Church in non-Christian lands.

## **V. GOD TEACHES US HOW TO LIVE OUT OUR SALVATION**

**STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of the Paschal Mystery and the various ways we encounter it in daily living.**

- Integrates one's personal life around the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.
- Explains suffering, loss and new life based on the Paschal Mystery.

**STANDARD 2: Demonstrates the ability to apply the commandment of love by making life decisions within the Christian moral framework.**

- Integrates the commandment of love into making life decisions.
- Organizes a Christ-like vision of life as life-lived-for-others.
- Develops a healthy sexual life based on the enfleshment of Christ's love for others above self.

**STANDARD 3: Demonstrates the relationship between faith and culture as it is found in the arts, sciences, and technology.**

- Formulates moral values and Christian vision in the enjoyment of the arts and sciences.
- Measures the value of technology as an aid to living a Christ-centered life.
- Recognizes one's gifts as gifts from God to the community.

**STANDARD 4: Applies Catholic principles to interpersonal relationships as found in the family, the workplace, society and the Church.**

- Integrates the Christian perspective into all human relationships.
- Develops a family life based on the family as "domestic church."
- Seeks ways to instill Christian principles into the workplace.

**STANDARD 5: Exercises responsible stewardship toward all creation.**

- Designs Christian stewardship into one's personal stance towards creation.
- Uses one's resources in response to one's baptismal call.

**STANDARD 6: Examines the variety of Christian lifestyles as ways of responding to the baptismal call to a life of service.**

- Organizes a lifestyle in keeping with the Christian mission.
- Tests one's beliefs through service to all creation.

## **VI. GOD INVITES US INTO RELATIONSHIP THROUGH PERSONAL PRAYER AND THROUGH COMMUNITY WORSHIP.**

**STANDARD 1: Demonstrates an understanding of and an experience with different ways of relating to God in prayer on a personal level and in community.**

- Differentiates ways of relating to God in prayer on a personal level and in

community.

- Explores Catholic prayer practices including Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, Lectio Divina, Contemplative prayer.

**STANDARD 2: Demonstrates the importance of Sacraments, with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist, in the life of Catholics.**

- Judges the Eucharist as essential to one's growth in faith personally and communally.
- Identifies the sacraments as gifts from God for growth in faith personally and communally.
- Celebrates the Sacraments as prescribed by the Catholic Church.
- Explains sacramentality as God's presence in all creation.

**STANDARD 3: Demonstrates recognition of the sacredness of time through the celebration of the hours, the liturgical season and special feasts and days.**

- Detects God's presence in time and celebrates that presence both individually and communally.
- Understands the liturgical calendar and seeks to integrate it into one's faith.

## **VII. GOD CALLS US TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBOR.**

**STANDARD 1: Engages in activities that demonstrate an understanding of and personal witness to Christ's command to love and serve one another.**

- Integrates the message of Christ to love and serve one another.
- Demonstrates a willingness to be known and to know one another as Christ.

**STANDARD 2: Engages in service to the community in response to the Gospel call.**

- Conforms one's life to the great commandment.
- Understands the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- Recognizes the Gospel call to love and serve others in the home.
- Organizes one's life to include service to the community.

**STANDARD 3: Critiques societal structures in the light of Catholic social justice principles and applies them to social and personal situations.**

- Applies oneself to the solution of injustices wherever found in the world.
- Critiques publicly and fearlessly the injustices existing around oneself.

**STANDARD 4: Acknowledges and affirms the diverse cultural expressions of Catholicism.**

- Plans ways to grow in knowledge and experience of diverse cultural expressions as gifts from God.