

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.

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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.

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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.