

GRADE 1

CORE CONCEPT:

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

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

- Identifies how God's love is like the unconditional love of a caring parent.
- Names that God is the creator of all things.
- Identifies that there is only one God.

STANDARD 2: Understands the human person as imaging God.

- Indicates that God created the human person to share in God's love and truth.
- Recognizes moments of shared love as a reflection of God's love.

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

- Identifies all of creation as gift.
- Recognizes that the innate value of things and persons come from being created by God.

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

- Recognizes that good choices create the world God wants.

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.

- Names Jesus as a person like us who grew up in a holy family with Mary and Joseph.
- Understands that Jesus came to bring us the Good News of God's love.

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

- Describes stories of Jesus' life and ministry.
- Explains that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to forgive our sins and give us new life.

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

- Identifies Jesus as the Son of God, savior, friend and brother.
- Recognizes that Jesus lived a life of prayer.
- Recognizes that Jesus reveals God's love for everyone.

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.

- Recognizes that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

- Identifies the Holy Spirit as a helper.
- Explains that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples on Pentecost.
- Recognizes that the Holy Spirit helps us to pray.

STANDARD 3: Demonstrates an understanding of the Holy Spirit as a vibrant presence in the Church and the world.

- Describes the Holy Spirit as the one who helps us to live a good life.
- Identifies the Holy Spirit as a helper.

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

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

- Explains that God promised to send Jesus to help us.
- Relates the stories of God's promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham and Moses.

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

- Recognizes that the People of God are the Church, the Church is family.
- Illustrates the work of the Church as continuing the work of Jesus.
- Identifies God's presence everywhere, especially in and through other people.

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

- Illustrates that the Bible was written by different people under the guidance of the Spirit.
- Recognizes the Bible as the story of God's love for all of us.

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

- Relates family traditions to church traditions and practices.
- Recognizes that the first Christians were followers of Jesus.

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

- Names Mary as the Mother of God.
- Identifies the Holy Family as Mary, Joseph and Jesus.
- Names Saints as those we honor who followed Jesus.
- Identifies feast days as celebrations of saints.

STANDARD 6: Identifies the call to missionary discipleship.

- Recognizes a disciple as a one who follows Jesus.

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.

- Compares the new life that is ours after death to the many things in nature that grow and change into new life.
- Explains that we each have a special part in God's plan.
- States that dying is not the end of life, heaven is forever/eternal.

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

- Illustrates how God gives us freedom to make choices.
- Recognizes the need to express sorrow for choices made or missed and not in accord with the Christian moral framework.
- Illustrates the Ten Commandments as guides for loving God and neighbor.

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

- Demonstrates faith expressions through drama, art, song, and gesture.

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

- Associates our beliefs with shaping the way we relate to family and friends.
- Describes that Christ's love and teachings are for all people, inclusive of all races, nationalities, etc.

STANDARD 5: Exercises responsible stewardship toward all creation.

- Demonstrates the responsibility to respect all of God's creation.
- Defines the word "steward".
- Recognizes the value of time as a gift.
- Identifies the value of one's talents as given by God and shared through service.

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

- Identifies themselves as Catholic Christians.
- Recognizes that Baptism calls us to the service of others.
- Recognizes saints as people who lived the call of the gospel.

VI. GOD INVITES US INTO RELATIONS 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.

- Recognizes the Sign of the Cross as our prayer for naming God.
- Indicates prayer as talking to God in praise, thanksgiving, sorrow and needs.
- Practices praying in song, gesture, movement, art and dance.

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

- Practices simple rituals.
- Identifies sacraments as celebrations of Jesus' love.

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

- Identifies Advent as a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Christ.
- Names Lent as the period from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday and Good Friday when we pray, sacrifice and reach out to others in preparation for Easter.
- Identifies Easter as the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus.

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.

- Demonstrates an awareness of loving compassion, loving actions and sharing with others.
- Recognizes that Jesus sums up the commandments for us in his commandment to love.

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

- Explains that Christians are called to lead just and peaceful lives in the service of God and others.
- Practices acts of service.

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

- States how the Church works for love, justice, and peace.

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

- Recognizes that Catholicism extends to people of all races and nationalities.