

GRADE 5

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 God as faithful, merciful and forgiving.
- Recognizes God as always present in creation.
- Identifies how God teaches and heals us through Jesus.

STANDARD 2: Understands the human person as imaging God.

- Recalls that we are images of God's love, called to live in community.
- Explains our call from God to live and respect ourselves and others.
- Recognizes the sexual dimension of being fully human.

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

- Recognizes that all creation is mutually dependent for survival.
- Identifies the giftedness of created things.

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

- Demonstrates an understanding of 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.

- Identifies that Christ is fully human and fully divine.
- Understands that Christ is the greatest sign of God's love.

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

- Identifies Jesus as the example of Christian life and love.
- Discusses how Jesus was tempted and overcame temptation through God's grace.
- Recognizes Jesus as teacher, storyteller and prophet.

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

- Recognizes that God's forgiveness is offered to everyone through Jesus.
- Illustrates how Jesus teaches us to love according to the Great Commandment, the Beatitudes, and the Ten Commandments.

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.

- Describes the Trinity of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Explains that Jesus sent the Spirit to be present and active in our lives.

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

- Recognizes the Holy Spirit as helper, guide and inspiration to pray.
- Explains faith as personal acceptance of God's words and actions.
- Recalls that the Holy Spirit helps us to live by Jesus' example.
- Explores the gifts of the Spirit in relation to one's own life.

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

- Recognizes the role of the Spirit giving life to the Church.
- Identifies the Spirit as the force that draws Jesus' followers into one Christian family.

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

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

- Recalls the covenants as God's desire of a relationship with humanity.
- Defines the conditions for a covenant.
- Relates faithfulness to promise and covenant.

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

- Recalls the Catholic Church as the community of God's people.
- Recognizes the presence of the risen Christ in the Church as the body of Christ.
- Describes the Church's method of welcoming new members as a process of initiation.

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

- Recalls the purpose of the Bible as telling God's story and the story of God's people.
- Recalls the human authorship of the Bible with the influence of the Holy Spirit.
- Understands Scripture as a guide to our moral attitude.

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

- Describes Tradition as referring to the living transmission of all that the Church is and believes.
- Describes the sources of Church teaching as Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition through the Magisterium.
- Defines statements of belief in the Nicene and Apostles Creeds.

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

- Identifies Mary as the Immaculate Conception, Mother of God, Mother of the Church, Mother of us all.
- Identifies Marian feasts.
- Explains Mary as the Patron Saint of the United States and the Diocese of Evansville.
- Explains the process of beatification and canonization.
- Explains patron saint and martyr.

STANDARD 6: Identifies the call to missionary discipleship.

- Identifies the characteristics of a disciple.
- Recalls the missionary nature of the early Church.
- Names ways to live this call in daily life.

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.

- Identifies the Paschal Mystery as God's saving action accomplished once and for all.
- Demonstrates how Jesus' death and resurrection are the atonement for evil in the world.

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

- Explains virtue and the types of virtue.
- Identifies sin as unloving choices which weakens the relationship of God and creation.
- Recalls the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes as guides for loving God and others.
- Identifies conscience as judgment of right and wrong.

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

- Relates aspects of cultures to Gospel values.
- Produces examples of cultural faith expressions through drama, art, song and gesture.
- Applies knowledge of faith to the arts, sciences, and use of technology.

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

- Associates one's relationship to others with one's relationship to Jesus.
- Identifies the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

STANDARD 5: Exercises responsible stewardship toward all creation.

- Identifies the need to care for and respect all creation from our biblical roots.
- Recalls the role of steward.

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

- Explains the different vocations.
- Names individuals living the different vocations.

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.

- Recites the prayers in our Tradition and selected Psalms.
- Identifies the various prayer forms.

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

- Identifies the parts of the Mass.
- Relates Baptism to the covenant.
- Identifies the Eucharist as the source and summit of unity in the Church
- Explains the sacraments of initiation, healing and service.
- Understands the graces that come from the sacraments.

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

- Label the cycle of the liturgical calendar.

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.

- Recognizes holiness as caring about others as Jesus cared about us.
- Identifies the Works of Mercy as ways to live out concern for others.

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

- Names ways to love neighbor as self.
- Names acts of service.

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

- Recognizes the work of the Church as love, peace, justice.

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

- Understands Catholicism as expressed in different cultures.
- Names various rites in the Church.