

How to read this curriculum

- **Standards** in a curriculum reflect the “heart” of what is to be taught and what the student should grasp. Much of our endeavor to teach is driven by our ability to perceive whether or not students demonstrate mastery of the material.
- **Examples** are provided to offer ideas for avenues of introducing content or supporting resources. Each standard is supported by
- **Indicators**, bulleted items below the examples, support the standards by presenting learning outcomes or suggestions for informal assessment to evaluate student learning.

GRADE 8

I. Knowledge of the Faith

God the Son: Jesus Christ Particular Judgment The Church Heaven
 The 10 Commandments The Last Judgment Universal Call to Holiness

(8.1.1 S, M, T)...recognizes and explains how the Incarnation is the Father's action of salvation for the world through Jesus Christ.
 Examples: Infancy Narratives, Mary, Joseph, Fiat of Mary, New Eve, CCC 50, 65-67, 456,-460, 464, 470, 461-463, 479, 483, 2824

Identifies Jesus Christ as the fullest revelation of God the Father.
 Provides scriptural references that identify Jesus as the chief mediator between God and man

(8.1.2 S, M, T)...explains the doctrines and dogmas articulated in the Nicene Creed.
 Examples: Nicene Creed, Apostles' Creed, Holy Trinity, Incarnation, Mary, Pontius Pilate, The Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus, Communion of Saints, CCC 187, 195, 198-continuing to CCC 865

Recognizes and explains the Paschal Mystery
 Connects the Particular Judgment of each person to the end of their life on Earth
 Summarizes The Last Judgment as the judgment of all history described in the gospels and creed to occur at the second coming of Christ

(8.1.3 S, M, T)...defines Heaven as the fulfillment of the deepest human longings and the state of eternal happiness
 Examples: Eternal life, Paradise, Our Father, Nicene Creed, CCC 325-326, 1023-1032
 Links the Mass to a participation in the reality of Heaven here on Earth

First number indicates grade level

Second number indicates the respective pillar

Indicators

Third number indicates the specific standard

The letters beside the standard indicate the source of this teaching from the Church

S - Scripture
 M - Magisterium
 T - Tradition

Each standard is color coded by its respective content

To reflect the rich and diverse sources from which the teachings of the Church come forth, standards are marked with Scripture (S), Magisterium (M), and/or Tradition (T) at the beginning, indicating the places where the Church has developed and maintained these teachings. Sacred Scripture, the Magisterium, and Sacred Tradition are so connected and associated that one of them cannot stand without the others. Together, they all contribute effectively to the salvation of souls. (Cf. CCC 95, *Dei Verbum* 10)

- **Anchor Standards**, which indicate the teachings of the highest priority at each grade level, are indicated by an **ESSENTIAL** label; for example

(8.1.6 S, M, T)**ESSENTIAL**...classifies holiness as a quality unique to God that he invites us to share in so that we might have eternal life with him.