

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
GRADE 1**

PROGRAM GOAL: The student will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

COURSE GOAL: The student will know the social teaching of the Catholic Church and realize that social justice is constitutive of who we are as Christians.

SACRAMENTAL BASE

- The student will realize that, for the baptized person, living the Christian life includes involvement with, and being of service to, others.

BASE IN TRADITION: “SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING”

The student will know that:

- principle four is “Option for the Poor and Vulnerable”
 - a. we take care of the poor and vulnerable.
 - b. the life and ministry of St. Vincent de Paul (September 27) exemplify this principle.
 - c. how to apply this principle in their lives.
- principle seven is “Care for God’s Creation”
 - a. we are called to protect all of creation.
 - b. the life and ministry of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4) exemplify this principle.
 - c. how to apply this principle in their lives.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

The students will:

- recognize the talents they have and how these may be shared in the service of others.
- pray that God will give them the courage to respond appropriately to the needs of others.
- know some non-violent responses to situations and be able to apply them.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CHOICES
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
GRADE 1**

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COURSE GOAL:	The students will learn how to discern their vocational call and to develop Christian lifestyles.
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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The students will know:

- that they are unique and specially created by God.
- the need for building a strong and realistic concept of self and accepting themselves as worthwhile persons.
- that they are worthy of respect and capable of giving respect.
- that they are responsible for their decisions and the consequences of these decisions.

INTERPERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The student will know:

- that each person is valuable and worthy of being treated with dignity because he/she is created by God.
- that it is very important to express feelings accurately, appropriately, and responsibly.
- that it is very important to listen to the other in conversation.
- that it is very important to be able to say “no” to another person when what is asked is not acceptable.
- that a person’s decisions and choices affect other people’s lives.
- that God has made each of us lovable and capable of love.
- that the loss of a relationship (loss of friend, divorce, death) causes grief. (Define grief and give examples of how grief is manifested.)

SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT

- The student will know that we are called to reverence the whole of the other person: body, mind, and spirit.

DISCERNMENT FOR LIFE CHOICES/VOCATIONS

GENERAL

The student will know:

- that by our Baptism we are called to holiness.
- a variety of vocations through contact with others.

**CHURCH/CHURCH HISTORY
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
GRADE 1**

PROGRAM GOAL:	The students will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.
COURSE GOAL:	The students will understand the history and structure of the Roman Catholic Church.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The student will know:

- that he/she belongs to the Catholic Church through Baptism.
- that the Church is God's family.
- that the Church is a community of the faithful.
- that a church is a place of prayer and celebration.
- the name of his/her parish church.

TWENTIETH CENTURY, THE CHURCH AS SERVANT

- that we help the people of mission countries when we pray and make sacrifices.

**DOCTRINE
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
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PROGRAM GOAL:	The students will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
COURSE GOAL:	The student will have a basic understanding of Catholic Doctrine.

GOD THE FATHER

The student will know:

- that a good God created a good universe and invites us to respect and protect it.
- that God made each of us special and loves us for who we are.

GOD THE SON

- The student will know that Jesus is our friend, our teacher, our example.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The student will know:

- that God the Father and God the Son sent the Holy Spirit as a gift to us. (Pentecost event).
- that the Holy Spirit is received by each person when he/she is baptized.

MARY AND THE SAINTS

- The student will know that Mary is the Mother of the Church and of us all.

**SACRAMENTS
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PROGRAM GOAL:	The student will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
COURSE GOAL:	The student will understand each of the sacraments and begin to live them.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST

Baptism (note: see Diocesan Policies for Sacramental Preparation “Children’s Catechumenate” for children preparing for Baptism)

The student will know:

- that through Baptism we are called to holiness.
- that through Baptism we become active members of God’s family and are called to worship with the community, the Church.
- the Baptismal symbols and their meanings: pouring of water and saying the words of Baptism, white garment, candle, Oil of Catechumens and Sacred Chrism.
- that the ordinary minister of Baptism is the priest or deacon. (In necessity anyone with the right intention may serve as an extraordinary minister of the sacrament by pouring water over the head of the person to be baptized while saying, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”).
- the names of their godparents and the role of godparents and parents.

**SCRIPTURE
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
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PROGRAM GOAL:	The students will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
COURSE GOAL:	The students will deepen their understanding of scripture and begin to use scripture as a guide in their lives.

GENERAL

Sources and Nature of Scripture

The student will:

- know the word “Bible” means “book” and that it is a holy book about God and God’s people.
- handle the Bible with reverence.
- know that God uses the stories of the Bible to teach truths.

Application of Scripture

- The student will recognize the Bible as the word of God speaking to us today.

OLD TESTAMENT (HEBREW SCRIPTURE)

Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

The student will:

- know that God created people and the earth, and that everything is good.
- know the lesson of the story of Noah and the Ark. (the Flood)

Historical Books

- The student will know the story of Samuel.

Prophetic Books (Prophets)

- The student will know meaning of the story of Jonah.

NEW TESTAMENT (CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE)

Some Events in the Life of Jesus

- The student will listen to the story of the shepherds and the wise men as related in the Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew.

Some Important New Testament People

The student will:

- identify important people from the New Testament (Jesus, Mary, Joseph).
- give examples of Joseph's qualities of loyalty and holiness.

Some Miracles

The student will know:

- these miracle passages:
 - The Calming of the Storm (Mk. 4:35-41)
 - Jesus cures many people (Mt. 15:29-31)
 - The Raising of Jairus' Daughter (Mk. 5:21-24, 35-43)

Some Parables

- The student will hear and discuss some of the parables; e.g.,
 - Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:29-37)

**WORSHIP AND PRAYER
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PROGRAM GOAL:	The students will know and understand the person, message and mission of Jesus and the history and basic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
COURSE GOAL:	The students will understand and grow to love the liturgical year and the forms of liturgical and non-liturgical prayer.

LITURGICAL PRAYER

General

The student will know:

- Advent: four weeks of preparing for Jesus' coming.
- how Santa Claus, gift giving, stars, wreaths, etc. are connected with the real meaning of Christmas.
- Lent: 40-days' time in preparation for Easter; "Lent" means spring.
- how the use of Easter eggs, chickens, and rabbits is connected with the real meaning of Easter.
- Pentecost: the birthday of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- these symbols: Advent wreath, creche.

FORMS OF LITURGY

Participation at Mass: the Role of the Assembly

The students will know:

- the following postures used at Mass: genuflecting, kneeling, standing, bowing, folding hands. (cf. Glossary "Liturgical Postures.")
- the appropriate responses at Mass.
- that participation in singing is an expression of faith.
- that moments of silence are opportunities for prayer and reflection.

NON-LITURGICAL PRAYER

General

The student will:

- identify prayer as talking and listening to God.
- that prayers can be said any time, any place.
- participate in individual and/or group prayer.
- how to demonstrate reverence while praying.

Specific Prayers

The student will know:

- how to make the Sign of the Cross.
- how to say the Hail Mary.
- how to say the “Glory Be” prayer.
- how to say a simple form of Grace before and after Meals.