

**SACRAMENTS
ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY
GRADE 3**

GENERAL

The students will:

- be able to identify the categories of sacraments: Sacraments of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing, and Sacraments of Vocation.
- know that adults ordinarily receive the Sacraments of Initiation in the RCIA process.
- know that through the sacraments we experience grace and deepen our relationship with God.
- know the Scripture stories which relate to the sacraments; e.g., James 5: 14-15 (Healing the sick), Jn. 2: 1-12 (The Wedding at Cana).

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION:
BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST**

Baptism

The students will:

- know that Baptism calls us to holiness.
- know that through Baptism we become active members of God's family and are called to worship with the community, the Church.
- know that the call to holiness is named our "vocation."
- know that our vocation (call to holiness) can be answered in three ways: marriage, single life, ordained, or vowed religious life. (cf. "Vocation Chart" handout #1)
- know the baptismal symbols and their meanings: water, white garment, candle, oils.
- know that Baptism removes Original Sin and all personal sins committed since birth; Baptism gives us new life in Christ.
- understand the meaning of Baptismal Promises.
- know 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."

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- know the role of the parents and godparents.
- know that Baptism calls us to worship with the community, to share our faith, and to be of service.

Confirmation

The students will:

- know that through Confirmation the baptized person is strengthened by the Holy Spirit.
- know that the bishop is the ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Eucharist

The students will:

- know Scripture stories that relate to the Eucharist; e.g., Mk 14:22-26.
- know that, through the words of consecration said by the priest at Mass, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ whom we receive.
- know that, in the distribution of Holy Communion, the ordinary ministers of the Eucharist are the priest and the deacon. Some members of the church community may serve as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.
- know that when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we nourish the life of grace in us which strengthens us to love and serve others.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING, RECONCILIATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Reconciliation

The students will:

- know that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we are reconciled with God and others.
- know Scripture stories that relate to Reconciliation; e.g., Lk 15:11-32.
- know that the symbols of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are the words of absolution, the prayer given by the priest to announce God's forgiveness or pardon of sin.

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- know how to examine their conscience in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- know the three forms of the rite of Reconciliation: private; communal; and, in the case of necessity, general absolution.

The Anointing of the Sick

The students will:

- know The Anointing of the Sick as the sacrament through which Jesus gives comfort, strength, forgiveness and healing.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION (SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION): HOLY ORDERS AND MATRIMONY

Holy Orders

The students will:

- define Holy Orders as the sacrament in which Jesus gives the church bishops, priests and deacons.
- know some Scripture stories that relate to the Sacrament of Holy Orders; e.g., Lk. 22: 14-20.

Matrimony

The students will:

- know that the Sacrament of Matrimony symbolizes Christ's love for the couple and strengthens their love.
- know some Scripture stories that relate to the Sacrament of Matrimony; e.g., Jn 2:1-12.
- know that the exchange of vows means that the couple will remain faithful to each other for life.
- know that some aspects of Matrimony are love, companionship and support.