

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING
PARISH COURSE OF STUDY
KINDERGARTEN**

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 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 daily 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.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CHOICES
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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.
- it is very important to express feelings accurately, appropriately, and responsibly.
- it is very important to listen to the other in conversation.
- that is very important to be able to say “no” to another person when what is asked is not acceptable.
- that 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.

**CHURCH/CHURCH HISTORY
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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 the Church is God's family.

CHURCH HISTORY: TWENTIETH CENTURY, THE CHURCH AS SERVANT

- The student will know that we help the people of mission countries when we pray and sacrifice.

**DOCTRINE
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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.

**SCRIPTURE
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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 that the word “Bible” means “book” and that it is a holy book about God and God’s people.
- handle the Bible with reverence.

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 earth and people, and that everything is good, as described in Genesis 1-2:1-4.
- know the lesson of the story of Noah and the Ark. (the Flood)

Prophetic Books (prophets)

- The student will know the story of Jonah.

NEW TESTAMENT (CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE)

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.

**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' in preparation for Easter; "Lent" means spring.
- how the use of Easter eggs, chickens, and rabbits is connected with the real meaning of Easter.

NON-LITURGICAL PRAYER

General

The student will:

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

Specific Prayers

The student will know:

- how to make the Sign of the Cross.
- how to say a simple form of Grace before and after Meals.

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