

Grade 6: Creed

Parish Catechetical Programs

Creed: What we believe...

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

Students will...

(6.1.1 OT, NT, CH) ... identify the Old Testament stories in which God's goodness prevails over sin and evil.

Examples: Genesis 1&2, Noah, Call of Abraham, Saving Issac, Moses and the covenant, 10 Commandments, the Prophets, CCC 702, 703-716

(6.1.2 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize the structure of the Bible.

Examples: OT and NT, Number of books in each testament – 46 OT, 27 NT, the Pentateuch (Torah), 4 parts of OT – Pentateuch, Historical, Wisdom, and Prophetic, 4 Gospels, Epistles, St. Paul, CCC 120-133

(6.1.3 OT, NT, CH) ... describe the events of the Fall and the effects of Original Sin.

Examples: Genesis 1-3, Original Sin, Prologue of John, Free Will, Moral conscience, venial and mortal sin, loss of original created holiness, sin damages relationship with God, Church, others, self; suffering and death entered the world, CCC 385-390

(6.1.4 OT, NT, CH) ... explain how Jesus is the fulfillment of the OT covenants.

Examples: Gen. 3:15, Prophet Isaiah, CCC 65-67, 522, 763-766

(6.1.5 OT, NT, CH) ... explain the role of priest, prophet, and king in salvation history.

Examples: Jesus as Priest, Prophet, and King, CCC 783-786, "The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God (kerygma-martyria), celebrating the sacraments (leitourgia), and exercising the ministry of charity (diakonia). These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable. For the Church, charity is not a kind of welfare activity which could equally well be left to others, but is a part of her nature, an indispensable expression of her very being. - Deus Caritas Est (God is Love) no. 25.

(6.1.6 NT, CH) ... recognize the Apostle's Creed and Nicene Creed are summary of the beliefs of the Catholic Church.

Examples: Apostle's Creed, Nicene Creed, Holy Trinity, Incarnation, Passion, death, resurrection, Communion of Saints, One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, CCC 187, 194-197

(6.1.7 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize the Holy Spirit is always present and active in the lives of people.

Examples: Holy Trinity, Mt. 18:20, Pentecost, Mt. 28:16-20, Acts, 2, CCC 685, 689, 702-703, 707, 731

(6.1.8 NT, CH) ... recognize that the Church is the Body of Christ, Jesus is the Head, we are members.

Examples: Vine and branches, Communion of Saints, CCC 779, 789, 805

(6.1.9 NT, CH) ... exhibit wonder and awe at the generosity of God in the gifts of his abundant and beautiful creation.

Examples: Stewardship, CCC 293-295, 341, TOB 2-3, 13:2

Grade 6: Sacraments

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Sacraments: How we celebrate and worship...

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

Students will...

(6.2.1 NT, CH) ... define sacraments as outward signs of inward grace instituted by Jesus that makes God's grace present to us.

Examples: Signs and symbols of each sacrament, Effects, formula, God's grace is a free gift we choose to cooperate, Sin impedes grace, CCC 1076, 1111, 1113, 1131

(6.2.2 NT, CH) ... recognize and celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Examples: Body, Blood, Soul, Divinity, Bread, Wine, Words of Consecration, Transubstantiation, Source and Summit of Christian life, CCC 1374-1375, 1376-1381

(6.2.3 NT, CH) ... experience the sacred in the liturgical year, sacramentals, symbols, and rituals.

Examples: Liturgical year, colors, vestments, Crucifix, Holy Water, Holy Oils, Candles, Sacred Art and Music, CCC 1667-1670, 1671-1673, 1674-1676

(6.2.4 NT, CH) ... explain by virtue of our Baptism, we are called to know, love, and serve God, and one another.

Examples: Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders, Non-ordained Consecrated Life, Sacred Single Life, CCC 1212, 1213-1216

(6.2.5 NT, CH) ... describe the order of the holy Mass and explain the liturgical responses of the assembly.

Examples: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Proclaiming God's Word in Liturgies, Offertory, Stewardship, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Concluding Rites, Mass responses, CCC 1113, 1136-1162

(6.2.6 NT, CH) ... explain that the Church reveals the presence of the risen Christ through the Eucharist and the Sacraments.

Examples: Eucharist as source and summit of Christian life, the other sacraments, Grace, forgiveness, healing, vocation, CCC 1322-1327

(6.2.7 NT, CH) ... identify ways to act in virtue and charity within marriage and family.

Examples: CCC 2201, 1655-1657

(6.2.8 NT, CH) ... identify good characteristics needed for the priesthood. Examples: CCC 1548-1551, 1562-1568

(6.2.9 NT, CH) ... trust in God's plan if he calls you to religious life.

Examples: CCC 914-919

Grade 6: Morality

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Morality: How we are to live as disciples of Jesus...

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

Students will...

(6.3.1 OT, NT) ... give examples of how the saints lived holy and virtuous lives yet struggled with sin.

Examples: Particular Saints – Francis Xavier, Theodora Guerin Co-patrons of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Elizabeth Ann Seton – first American born saint, many others, CCC 2013-2014, 2030, 2683-2684, 2156

(6.3.2 OT, NT, CH) ... identify and recite the 10 Commandments.

Examples: Decalogue, 10 Commandments, CCC 2056-2063, 2066

(6.3.3 OT, NT, CH) ... explain that God created persons of different races and cultures, but we all are one in God.

Examples: Genesis 1 & 2, CCC 1934-1938

(6.3.4 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize that the Church teaches we must work for a more just and fairer world.

Examples: Catholic social teaching, <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching> abortion, immigration, CSD – 160: The permanent principles of the Church's social doctrine [341] constitute the very heart of Catholic Social Teaching. These are the principles of: the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity and solidarity. These principles, the expression of the whole truth about man known by reason and faith, are born of "the encounter of the Gospel message and of its demands summarized in the supreme commandment of love of God and neighbour in justice with the problems emanating from the life of society".[343], CCC 1928-1942

(6.3.5 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize we should work to protect life from conception to natural death.

Examples: 10 Commandments, abortion, medical assisted suicide, death penalty, CCC 2258, 2268, 2270-2283

(6.3.6 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize the Holy Spirit enables us to grow and act in a Christian manner.

Examples: The gifts of the Holy Spirit, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, 10 Commandments, The Great Commandment, CCC 686, 689, 1717, 2013-2014

(6.3.7 OT, NT, CH) ... recognize that we are responsible for our own actions and that our actions have consequences.

Examples: 10 Commandments, Sacrament of Reconciliation, forming a moral conscience, CCC 1783-1785, 1786-1789

(6.3.8 OT, NT, CH) ... appreciate and recognize the beauty of the complementarity of humans as male and female as created by God.

Examples: Human persons created in the image and likeness of God – both male and female, Humans unique to God's creation, we learn about ourselves in the image of the Holy Trinity as a gift to others, Humans are called to love like the Trinity – free, total, faithful, and fruitful, CCC 369-373, TOB 8:1, 9:1, 9:3, 10:1, 13:3, 14:1, 16:1-2

(6.3.9 OT, NT, CH) ... describe how the human body is the "temple of the Holy Spirit" 1 Cor. 6:15, and why it is necessary to "glorify God in your body" 1 Cor. 6:20.

Examples: CCC 2516, 2519, TOB 57:2

(6.3.10 NT, CH) ... explain gift of self as thoughts, words, or actions that place oneself at the service of others and seek the true good of the other.

Examples: CCC 1609, 1667, 1889, 1914, 1926, TOB 14:2

Grade 6: Prayer

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Prayer: What prayer is and how we pray...

- From the Old Testament – OT
- From Jesus and the New Testament – NT
- From Church History – CH

Students will...

(6.4.1 OT, NT, CH) ... tell that through prayer we as Christians are called to be thankful for the gifts we have been given.

Examples: Prayer before Meals, Prayer after Meals, Guardian Angel, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Parts of the Mass, Our Father, Psalms, Stewardship, CCC 2637-2638, 224, 1328

(6.4.2 NT, CH) ... identify the essential elements of the Stations of the Cross.

Examples: Stations of the Cross, Lent, Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, CCC 1667-1676

(6.4.3 OT, NT, CH) ... write a prayer on their own about a Catholic theme or doctrine, Liturgical Season, Saint, Thanksgiving, Petition.

Examples: Write one prayer per quarter kept in prayer journal; Liturgical Year, Church doctrines, Saints, Adoration time, CCC 2663-2691

(6.4.4 NT, CH) ... describe and participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

Examples: Exposition and Benediction elements, Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, posture, genuflection, CCC 1178, 1183, 1378-1381, 1418, 2691

(6.4.5 OT, NT, CH) ... memorize and recite the following prayers:

Examples: Memorare, Saint Michael Prayer, Mysteries of the Rosary, Stations of the Cross

(6.4.6 OT, NT, CH) ... prayerfully ask questions about life, then listen for God's answers.

Examples: CCC 2742-2745

