

## FOUR PILLARS OF THE CATECHISM, TASKS OF CATECHESIS ADAPTED FROM THE NEW DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS

Pillars of the Catechism (Topics)	Tasks of Catechesis	Faith Formation Standards to be learned across all grade levels.
<b>I. The Profession of Faith</b> (Creed and Sacred Scripture)	<b>1. Leading to Knowledge of the Faith</b>	<i>Students explore, profess, and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.</i>
<b>II. The Celebration of the Christian Mystery</b> (Liturgy and Sacraments)	<b>2. Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery</b>	<i>Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communion with Him through active, full and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church.</i>
<b>III. Life in Christ</b> (Personal and Social Morality)	<b>3. Forming for the life in Christ..</b>	<i>Students develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, modeled in a personal life of virtue, and demonstrated in service of the Gospel's demands for society.</i>
<b>IV. Christian Prayer</b>	<b>4. Teaching Prayer</b>	<i>Students experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.</i>
<b>I. &amp; III.</b> (Church History, Ecclesiology, Communion of Saints, Parish and Family/Domestic Church)	<b>5. Introduction to Community Life</b>	<i>Students study and participate in the life and mission of the Church—the Body of Christ and the community of believers—as expressed in the Church's origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of Saints and their family, the domestic Church.</i>
<b>I. &amp; III.</b> (Vocation, Discipleship, Stewardship and Evangelization)	<b>6. The goal of catechesis; <i>living as missionary disciples to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.</i></b>	<i>Students acquire and demonstrate skills to recognize their gifts from God and their vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed in the world.</i>

*"Proclaiming the Gospel is witnessing to an encounter that keeps the focus on Jesus Christ, the Son of God, incarnate in the history of humanity, in order to bring to fulfillment, the revelation of the Father's saving love." Directory of Catechesis Forward*

## TASKS OF CATECHESIS AND ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS

**Leading to Knowledge of the Faith** – Students explore, profess, and reflect on our Catholic faith, which is the content of God's revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and lived out in the Creed and Church doctrine.

**REVELATION [1-4, 26-197, 290-315, 325-354]:**

Sacred Scripture [101-141]

Salvation History [50-73]

Christology [74-100]

**TRINITY: Father (Creator); Son (Redeemer); and Holy Spirit (Sanctifier) [249-324]**  
**THE CREED: A Statement of our Belief [185-1065]**

**Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery** – Students recognize the presence of Christ and enter into communion with Him through active, full, and conscious participation in the Liturgical celebrations and Sacraments of the Church.

**THE EUCHARIST [1135-1167, 1322-1419]:**

Who, How, When and Where the Mass is

**Celebrated CELEBRATION OF THE SEVEN**

**SACRAMENTS [1210-1666]:**

Sacraments of Initiation [966-977, 1212-1419]

Sacraments of Healing [979-987, 1420 – 1484]

Sacraments at the Service of Communion [1533-1666]

**LITURGICAL RESOURCES**

Liturgical Calendar [1163-1173]

Liturgical Symbols and Sacramentals [1179-1199, 1667-

1679] Divine Office / Liturgy of the Hours [1174-1178]

Liturgical Rites: Weddings [1621-1637]; Funerals [988-1029, 1680-1690]; and Blessings [1671-1673]

**Forming for life in Christ.** – Students develop a moral conscience that is informed by Church teachings and conformed to Christ, as modeled in a personal life of virtue, and demonstrated in service of the Gospel's demands for society.

**THE HUMAN PERSON [26-48, 1691-1876]**

Made in the Image of God – Foundation of Human Dignity [355-368, 1004, 1700-1876]

Made for Happiness with God, Beatitudes [1218-1229, 1716-1717] Human Freedom and Conscience Formation [1030-1037, 1730-1802] Covenant and the Ten Commandments [2052-2557] Virtues - Cardinal and Theological [1803-1845, 2656-

2662] **THE HUMAN COMMUNITY [1877-1948, 2204-2213]:**

Personal and Social Sin [1846-1876]

Catholic Social Teaching: Consistent Ethic of Life; Love of Neighbor; and Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy [2419-2449]

**Teaching Prayer** – Students experience and engage in Catholic expressions of prayer to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

**THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO PRAYER, IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER [2558-2758]**

**FORMS OF PRAYER – Blessing; Adoration; Petition; Intercession; Thanksgiving; and Praise [2623-2649]**

**EXPRESSIONS OF PRAYER – Personal and Shared; Vocal; Singing; and Meditation [2700-2724]**

**OUR FATHER: Summary of the Gospel [2746-2865]**

**DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES: Rosary; Stations of the Cross; novenas; Simbang Gabi; etc. [1200-1209, 1674-1679, 2683-2696]**

**PRAYERS WE KNOW BY HEART, EXPERIENCE, AND SHARE AT MASS**

**Introduction to Community Life** – Students study and participate in the life and mission of the Church—the Body of Christ and the community of believers—as expressed in the Church's origin, history, ecclesiology, the Communion of Saints, and their family, the Domestic Church.

**THE CHURCH IN GOD'S PLAN [748-780]:**

Church History [758- 780]

**MODELS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH [781-810]:**

People of God [781-

786] Body of Christ

[787-796]

Temple of the Holy Spirit

[797-801] **THE MYSTERY AND MARKS**

**OF THE CHURCH:**

One; Holy; Catholic; and Apostolic [811-870]

**CHRIST'S FAITHFUL – HIERARCHY, LAITY, AND CONSECRATED LIFE [871-945]:**

Church order: The Hierarchy and Magisterium/Infallibility [874-896] The Laity: Rights and Responsibilities [897-913, 2041]

The Domestic Church [1655-58, 1666, 2204-2257, 2685]

The Universal Call to Holiness [2013-2014, 2028, 2813]

Vocation: Holy Matrimony; Priesthood; and Religious Life

[914-933] **COMMUNION OF SAINTS [946-962]**

**MARY AS MODEL OF CHURCH [148-149, 963-975, 2673-2682]**

**The GOAL of Catechesis. *Living as missionary disciples to share the Good***

***News of Jesus Christ*** – Students acquire and demonstrate skills to recognize their gifts from God and their vocation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed in the world.

**BAPTISMAL CALL AND DISCIPLESHIP (the mandate to “go forth”) [816, 849]**

**CALL TO STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE: Catholic Social Teaching about the common good [1905-1948, 2419-2422]**

**CALL TO ECUMENISM, INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION [848-849, 927-933, 905, 2044, 247]**

# Catechism of the Catholic Church



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### Five Tasks of Catechesis According to the new Directory for Catechesis

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