

## Catechetical Standards Assessment Questions 2009-10

### 1<sup>st</sup> grade

- Recognize that God is the creator of all things, Jesus is the Son of God and The Holy Spirit is a gift of Jesus sent to be with us always.
- Identify and honor Mary as the mother of Jesus
- Tell that Baptism makes us children of God and welcomes us into the Christian family as followers of Jesus.
- Identify water as the primary symbol of Baptism.
- Recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Baptism.
- Describe prayer as talking with and listening to God.
- Say the Sign of the Cross.
- Say the Hail Mary.
- Say the Lord's Prayer.

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

- Describe God as loving and merciful.
- Describe how the Holy Spirit can help us to know right from wrong
- Describe how sin hurts God, others and ourselves
- Recall that Sacraments are signs of God's love for us in which we receive God's grace.
- Describe the term "grace" as the gift of God's love, which enables us to live good Christian lives.
- Recite the two Great Commandments: love of God and love of neighbor.
- Explain that at the end of Mass we are sent out to share Jesus' love with others.
- Pray a spontaneous prayer
- Say an Act of Contrition.
- Say the Glory Be.

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

- Demonstrate an understanding that Jesus, God's son, is both human and divine.
- Demonstrate understanding that the Holy Spirit continues to dwell in our hearts and guides us.
- Identify the four marks of the Church.
- Demonstrate a knowledge that the Bible is divided into two main sections: the Old Testament and the New Testament
- Name the four ways that Christ is present in the celebration of the Eucharist.
- Recognize situations of injustice in their own lives and suggest responses
- Discuss the meaning of respect for one's own body and give examples
- Tell stories of Jesus serving others and share ways they can imitate him.
- Say an Act of Contrition.
- Say the Glory Be.

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Demonstrate understanding of the Beatitudes as our way building the kingdom of God.
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- Recognize Scripture as the source for the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the Corporal Works of Mercy.
- Demonstrate an understanding that Mass is the central celebration for all God's people.
- Give examples of how to live the Beatitudes.
- Compose their own prayers.
- Recognize one's own talents and how to use them for the good of the community.
- Recite the Ten Commandments.

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### 5<sup>th</sup> grade

- Explain that Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God and the Messiah sent to save us.
- Explain that the purpose of Christian life is to know, love, and serve God and to live forever with God in heaven
- Explain that the Law, the Torah and the Pentateuch all refer to the first five books of the Bible.
- Identify that Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are Sacraments of Initiation.
- Identify that Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are Sacraments of Healing
- Identify that Matrimony and Holy Orders are Sacraments of Service to the community.
- Discuss the consequences of sin in their own lives and in the life of their community
- Discuss the importance and challenges of being faithful to daily prayer
- Describe the roles of the laity in the Church leadership and ministry.
- Name the major celebrations and seasons of the Church year.

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- Explain that faith is God's gift and our lifelong response to God who calls all people into a loving relationship with God's self.
- Name major figures in the development of God's relationship with the chosen people: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, etc.
- Describe the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.
- Demonstrate an understanding of different styles of prayer and recognize which style they prefer.
- Identify prophets of the Bible who spoke out against injustice and suffering and discuss how we are called to be prophetic in our day.
- Say the Nicene Creed.

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### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

- Demonstrate understanding of the Paschal Mystery as the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.
- Recognize Mary as the perfect model of Christian discipleship.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the call to discipleship as lived by Mary and the Apostles.
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- Describe a process of making a moral decision.
- Discuss that how we carry out our civic responsibilities is related to living our faith.
- Pray and reflect through journaling (writing or art)

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- Demonstrate an understanding of the origin of the church and its mission.
- Give an example of how the Paschal Mystery relates to our lives.
- Explain why we say that Scripture is God's living Word.
- Demonstrate knowledge that the Christian scriptures reveal the Paschal Mystery and saving actions of Jesus Christ.
- Name each of the Sacraments, their symbolic actions, and what is celebrated.
- Identify situations of social injustice and how the Church's disciples respond to them.
- Reflect on Scripture in personal prayer.
- Reflect on their gifts and talents that can be used in stewardship.