

Eighth Grade

THEME: Our Life in the Church. *"By her relationship with Christ, the Church is a kind of sacrament or sign of intimate union with God, and of the unity of all mankind."*(LG, 1) It is in and through the Church that the initiated are brought to the fullness of the faith and full communion with Christ.

Six Tasks of Catechesis

Knowledge of Faith:

- The Birth and Nature of the Church. _____
- The Church is a Teaching, Hierarchical Church. _____
- The Church Sanctifies us through the Sacraments. _____
- The Communion of Saints. _____
- The History of the Church is our History. _____
- The Apostles and the Age of Martyrdom. _____
- The Church Fathers and the Age of Controversy. _____
- The Fall of Rome and the Rise of Monasticism. _____
- The Rise of Islam and the Crusades. _____
- Renascence and Reformation. _____
- The Enlightenment and Modernism. _____
- The Church and Animism, Polytheism and Paganism. _____
- The Church and Eastern Orthodoxy and Protestantism. _____
- The Church and Judaism and Islam. _____
- The Universal Call to Holiness. _____
- The Works of Mercy. _____
- God calls us to Vocation. _____
- Some are called to the Religious Life or Priesthood. _____
- Some are called to the Lay Apostolate. _____
- Law and Conscience, Formation in the Church. _____
- The Church and the Social Order. _____
- The Church prepares us for he Last Things –Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. _____

Liturgy & Sacraments:

- Through our Baptism we become Members of the Church. _____
- In the Eucharist we become the Mystical Body of Christ. _____
- The Ministerial Priesthood is Constituted in Holy Orders. _____
- The Domestic Church is Constituted in Holy Matrimony _____
- In Confirmation we are made Adult members of the Church and soldiers for Christ _____
- The mercy found in the Sacrament of Confession prompts merciful acts in Us. _____

Moral Formation:

- We are all called to holiness. _____
- We have a responsibility to form our Consciences correctly through the Church. _____
- We are called to live a Virtuous Life in the Vocation to which we are called. _____
- We are called to bring Christ to others through the Spiritual and Corporeal Works of Mercy. _____
- We are called to seek Social Justice in the Societies in which we Live. _____

Worship and Prayer:

Seek to actively participate in the Mass and other public worship through active engagement.

Work on developing your own prayer life utilizing formal prayer, meditation, etc. Set aside specific times of the day for prayers.

Pay particular attention to the spiritual basis of fasting and abstinence, Holy Days of Obligation, the seasons of Lent and Advent, Sacramentals and other traditions (e.g. Advent Wreaths).

Community:

Appreciate the different families to which God calls us: our own families, the Church, friends, classmates, etc. and our call to sanctify these families.

Be aware of God's creation and the uniqueness of those around us.

Missionary Spirit:

Understand the communion of saints that is the Church.

Understand saints as people who lived lives of holiness and service.

Understand we are called to live lives of holiness and service.

Recognize that a vocation is God's call to a specific way of life.

Value all forms of life as a sacred.

Vocabulary:

- ekklesia
- deposit of grace
- deposit of faith
- the Four Marks of the Church
- pilgrim Church
- Sacred Scripture and Tradition
- Fathers of the Church
- Doctors of the Church
- encyclical
- hierarchy
- infallibility
- Magisterium
- curia
- rite
- icon
- liturgical year
- liturgical colors
- vestments
- communion of saints
- Church Militant

- Church Suffering
- Church Triumphant
- martyr
- heresy
- St. Athanasius
- St. Augustine
- St. Benedict
- monasticism
- the Crusades
- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Dominic
- St. Thomas Aquinas
- St. Catherine
- Renaissance
- Protestant Reformation
- Counter-Reformation
- St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Modernism
- polytheism
- Judaism
- Islam
- agnostic

- atheist
- ecumenism
- vocation
- apostolate
- corporal works of mercy
- spiritual words of mercy
- evangelical counsels
- contemplative
- celibacy
- laity
- Sacrament of Matrimony
- natural law
- ecclesiastical law
- conscience
- divine law
- Precepts of the Church
- just war abortion
- formal prayer
- mental prayer
- Theotokos

Scriptures:

Passage:

- Matthew 16:18-19
- Matthew 28: 16-20
- Luke 10:1-12
- Acts 1: 1-14
- Acts 6: 1-6
- 1 Peter 2:9-10
- Matthew 25: 31-36
- John 19:25-27

Description:

Jesus Constitutes His Church
The Great Commission
The Mission of the Disciples
Apostolic Succession
The Appointment of Deacons
Church of God's People
Jesus' Teaching on the Last Things
Mary as Mother of the Church

Prayers:

Angelus
Anima Christi
Regina Caeli
Come, Holy Spirit
Prayer to St. Francis
Memorare

Worship and Prayer:

Community:

Missionary Spirit: