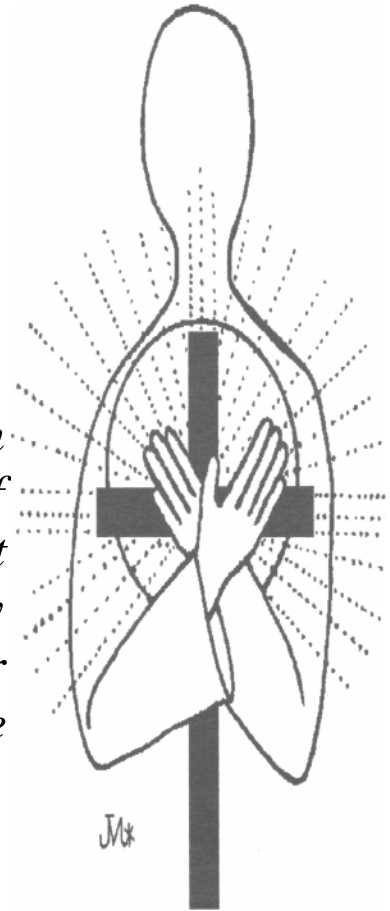


Levels K-2

"Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the 'first heralds' for their children. They should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the church."



Introduction For Levels K-2 and Levels 3-5

The following pages offer a unified content reference for catechists and religion teachers who are handing on the faith to the children on Levels K-2 and Levels 3-5.

This unified content reference is composed of specified listings of doctrinal statements, each specifically referenced to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and further expanded and broadened by suggested scriptural citations.

The reference statements and citations are clustered around the four parts (pillars) of the Catechism for each level and are intended for the reflection, guidance, and direction of the catechists handing on the faith on these particular levels.

These statements represent the suggestions offered by the development teams of clergy, religious, religion teachers, catechists, principals, and catechetical leaders in the field from these levels. Their statements of what should be taught and what should be learned on these specific levels are their considered contribution to our own local adaptation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

It is important to understand well that these statements are not intended to serve as a lesson plan, nor as a course outline, nor as a syllabus to be slavishly followed by those handing on the faith on these levels.

In addition, the listings of these statements should not be looked upon as either a minimum or a maximum of what literate Catholics need to know.

Rather, these reference statements are intended to serve as an over-all review to be used and consulted during the school year in order to ascertain how these references are being incorporated throughout the over-all presentation of the content on that level.

Hence, these statements are written for each level—not for the students, not in age-appropriate language for the students, not for a lesson plan, not for a course outline—but, primarily as doctrinal and content statements taken from the Catechism for the reflection, assimilation, and enrichment of the catechist and religion teacher.

In addition, we strongly encourage the religion teacher and catechist to become further enriched by consulting and reflecting on the cross-references and the footnotes given for each reference and citation from both the Bible and the Catechism.

Level: 1

Part One: The Profession of Faith (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 26-1065)

1. *God loves and cares for us* (220-221). 1 Jn 4:8
2. *God is our Father* (238). Mai 2:10
3. *Jesus is the Son of God* (240-242). Mt 11:27
4. *God is creator of all* (279). Gn 2:4-24
5. *Jesus is our savior, for he brings forgiveness* (457). Jn 4:10
6. *Jesus showed us how to live* (459, 520). Jn 14:6
7. *Jesus is our friend and brother* (519). Heb 9:24
8. *We learn about the life of Jesus:*
 - Annunciation* (484) Lk 1: 26-38
 - Birth* (525) Lk 2:41-52
 - Childhood and holy family* (531-534) Mt 2:1-11
 - Teachings and parables* (543-546) Mt 10:5-7
 - Miracles* (547-550) Jn 10:31-38
 - Death* (571-572) Mt 27:4 5-56
 - Resurrection* (638) Mt 28:1-15
9. *Jesus loved us as his friend even until his death* (609). Jn 13:1
10. *Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother* (501). Jn 19:26-27
11. *Each of us has a guardian angel* (336). Mt 18:10
12. *The love between Father and Son is the Holy Spirit* (243-244). Jn 15:26
13. *The Holy Spirit gives us strength, joy, and peace* (736). Gal 5:22-23
14. *The Holy Spirit is a powerful sign of God's love for us* (733). Rom 5:5
15. *The Holy Spirit helps us live good lives and helps us in our daily work* (735). Gal 5:25
16. *The Pentecost story is also the story of the birthday of the church* (731-732). Acts 2:1-4
17. *The church is known as the people of God and the community of the followers of Jesus* (897). Acts 4:32
18. *Those who believe in Jesus are his true family* (764). Mt 12:49
19. *Because Christ is present in all of us we are truly catholic* (830-831). Eph 1:22-23
20. *God made us to be happy with him in heaven* (1023-1025). 1 Jn 3:2

Level: 1

Part Two: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1066-1690)

1. *We learn about the seven sacraments (1113).* Lk 5:17
2. *We pray together as the whole body of Christ in the liturgy (1136).* Acts 2:42
3. *We learn about the place where the liturgy is celebrated and about the elements of worship: altar, tabernacle, chair, lectern, and baptismal font (1179-1186).* 2 Cor 6:16
4. *We listen attentively to God's word at the liturgy (1154-1155).* Jn 1:1-5
5. *We praise God significantly by singing at the liturgy (1156-1158).* Eph 5:19
6. *Jesus comes to us in a special manner at Mass (1402-1405).* Jn 6:51, 54, 56
7. *Baptism makes us children of God and members of God's family (1213).* Acts 2:38-39
8. *We sometimes hurt others and have to say we are sorry (1439).* Lk 15:11-24
9. *Only God forgives us our sins (1441).* Lk 7:48
10. *When we offend God, we tell him we are sorry and he forgives us through a confessor priest (1465-1466).* Mt 6:12
11. *Sacramentals are symbols of our faith, among which are: blessings with the sign of the cross, holy water, the rosary, and the stations of the cross (1667-1676).*
12. *We celebrate the seasons of the church: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Easter, and ordinary time (1171, 1194).*
13. *In the Mass we praise, thank, and bless God our Father (1359-1361).* Eph 1:3-6
14. *Our church building is the house of God's family and a house of prayer (1179-1181).* 1 Pt 2:4-5
15. *Jesus is with us in the Eucharist as a sign of his love for us (1380).* Jn 13:1
16. *We genuflect before the tabernacle to show our respect for Jesus' real presence there (1378-1379).* Phil 2:10

Level: 1
Part Three: Life in Christ
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1691-2557)

1. *God made us to know, love, and serve him* (1721). 2 Pt 1:4
2. *God wants us to be happy in this world, to be with him in heaven, and has placed this desire deep within our hearts* (1718). Mt 6:21
3. *We love God above all things* (1822-1829). Rom 5:10
4. *We use Jesus' name with respect and with love* (2142-2144). Ex 20:7
5. *We love God in others and show our respect for them* (1929-1933). Rom 13:8-10
6. *God's family includes all races, languages, and differences* (1934-1938). Mt 24:40
7. *We must respect other people's property* (2401). Mt 19:18
8. *It is important to tell the truth* (2464). Dt 5:20
9. *We show love for our parents and for our family* (2199). Lk 2:51
10. *We help people who are in need of our help* (2447). Mt 22:37-40
11. *The saints show us how to live and how to become holy* (2030). Gal 6:2

Level: 1
Part Four: Christian Prayer

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2558-2865)

1. *Prayer is speaking directly to God (2559).* Mt 6:5-15
2. *Prayer comes from the heart and the whole person (2562).* Rom 8:26
3. *Many times we pray together out loud (2700, 2704).* Acts 4:24-26
4. *There are times that we pray alone (2705-2708).* Mt 6:6
5. *Jesus taught us to pray the Our Father (2607-2615).* Mt 6:9-15
6. *God always hears our prayers (2616).* Mk 10:48
7. *In the Hail Mary, we ask our Blessed Mother to pray for us (2676-2679).* Lk 1:39-45
8. *In prayer, we praise and adore God (2628-2639).* Ps 24:9-10
9. *In prayer, we ask God to help ourselves and others (2629, 2636).* Col 4:12
10. *In prayer, we tell God we are sorry (2631).* Lk18:13
11. *In prayer, we thank God (2637-2638).* Col 4:2
12. *In prayer, we ask God to bless us and the food we eat at the beginning and at the end of our meals (2834).* Lk 22:14-20
13. *In prayer, we offer each new day to God in our morning offering (2659-2660).* Ps 5:3