

Catechetical Guidelines Approved Texts

2016 - 2017

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Below are the approved texts for the following:

Catechetical Guidelines for:

- Grades 1-6
- Grades 7&8
- High School

Sacramental Preparation for:

- Baptism
- Reconciliation
- Eucharist
- Confirmation
- RCIA

Instead of sending out replacement pages and or requiring you to go to each set of guidelines for the approved texts, we have put them into one document that can be downloaded and printed.

New series or resources added 2016-2017 year are marked: ✓

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

Approved Publishers

Ave Maria Press (www.avemariapress.com)

The Center for Learning (www.centerforlearning.org/religion)

Channing L. Bete (www.channing-bete.com)

Concordia Publishing House (www.cph.org)

Liguori Publications (www.liguori.org)

Living the Good News (www.livingthegoodnews.com)

Loyola Press (www.loyolapress.com)

Our Sunday Visitor (www.osv.com)

○ Formerly Harcourt Religion

Pflaum Publishing Group (www.pflaum.com)

RCLBenziger (www.rclbenziger.com)

○ Formerly Resources for Christian Living and Silver Burdette Ginn

Resource Publications (www.resourcepublications.com)

William H. Sadlier (www.sadlier.com)

Saint Mary's Press (www.smp.org)

St. Anthony Messenger Press (catalog.americancatholic.org)

Twenty-Third Publications (www.23rdpublications.com)

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

Approved Texts for Grades 1 – 6

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Alive in Christ, published 2010
Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church (6-8), published 2010
Fusión en la fe: Conocer, amar y server a Cristo en la Iglesia Católica, published 2011
Call to Faith, published 2009
Un llamado a la Fe (Level A-F), published 2005 (A-D), published 2008 (E-F)
Walking by Faith, published 1999

Loyola Press

Christ Our Life (K-8), published 2009
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts, (1-6), published 2005, 2013
Conociendo nuestra fe católica (1-3), published 2011
Faith Moves (1-6), published 2013
Exploring Faith Through Art (1-6), published 2013

RCL Benziger

Stories of God's Love (K), published 2011
Sean mis discipalos/Be My Disciples (1-6), published 2014
Be My Disciples (1-6), published 2013
Blest Are We Faith and Word Edition (1-6), published 2008, 2010, 2013
Blest Are We (1-6), published 2004
Benedicidos/Blest Are We (1-6), published 2008
Faith First Legacy Edition/Parish (K-8), published 2007
Christ Jesus, the Way, published 2003
Cristo Jesús, el Camino (K-6), published 2003
Nuestra Identidad Católica, (1-6), published 1998

William H. Sadlier, Inc.

Creemos/We Believe (K-6), published 2004, 2005, 2011
Nuestra fe católica (4-6), published 2009
We Believe (K-6), published 2011, 2014
Our Catholic Faith (4-6), published 2009
Acercandote a La Fe (K-6), published 1999
Coming to Faith, published 1999

Saint Mary's Press

The Catholic Children's Bible, published 2013

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

Alternative Approved Program for Parishes/Mission with Combined Grades 1 – 6

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis recognizes that some parishes and missions do not have enough children in each grade to use the traditional series in their Religious Education Program. Therefore, we suggest an alternate approach in order to meet the need of covering the material in these guidelines in an appropriate manner. This approach would combine a lectionary-based program with grade level workbooks on the basics of our Catholic faith that would provide for learning together as a larger group, and small group work by grade level. Since the programs are lectionary-based, different material would be covered for each year of the three-year cycle (Cycles A, B, and C.)

The approved lectionary-based programs are:

Pflaum Publishing Group

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches, (K-8) published 2010

Promise (Grades K and 1)

Good News (Grades 2 and 3)

Venture (Grades 4, 5, and 6)

Twenty Third Publications

Living Word Living Water (K-8), published 2000

Combining this material with the following workbooks would insure that the basic elements of our Catholic faith are covered each year:

RCL Benziger:

Our Catholic Identity: Catechism Workbook, published 1997, 2013 (Grades 1-6)

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

Approved Text for Grades 7 and 8

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For the most effective and consistent catechesis for these grade levels, the same series should be used in both grades seven and eight. Publishing companies with qualified consultants and authors have created these programs for young adolescents to meet their needs in both theological content and educational learning styles.

Loyola Press

Finding God, published 2007

Christ Our Life (K-8), published 2009

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church
(6-8) published 2010

Call to Faith Thematic Booklets, published 2008

- *Jesus Christ*
- *Morality*
- *Sacraments*
- *The Church*
- *The Trinity*
- *Revelation*
- *Kingdom of God*

Call to Faith (Single Volume Edition-published 2007) Grade 7, Grade 8

Living Our Faith, published 2002

Series Titles:

- *Church: A Community of Faith*
- *Church History: Our Christian Story*
- *God: Revelation and Relationship*
- *Jesus: Word Made Flesh*
- *Morality: Challenges and Choices*
- *Sacraments: Signs of Our Faith*

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

RCL Benziger

Be My Disciples in Christ Jesus (7-8), published 2014
Be My Disciples in the New Testament (7-8), published 2014
Blest Are We (7-8), published 2010
Faith First Legacy Edition (K- 8), published 2007
Faith First Legacy Edition, published 2007
Christ Jesus, the Way, published 2004
Nuestra Identidad Católica (1-8), published 1998

William H. Sadlier

We Believe Series, We Live Our Faith, published 2007
Vivimos nuestra fe, como discipulos de Jesús, published 2010
Una sola fe un solo Señor (7-8), published 2003, 2009
One Faith, One Lord (7-8), published 2009

Faith and Witness, published 1999

Series Titles:

- *Church History: A Course on the People of God*
- *Creed: A Course on Catholic Belief – Part I*
- *Creed: A Course on Catholic Belief – Part II*
- *Liturgy and Worship: A Course on Prayer and Sacraments*
- *Morality: A Course on Catholic Worship*
- *New Testament: An Introduction*

Saint Mary's Press

Great People of the Bible (7-8) published 2010

Break Through! Bible for young Catholics (7-8)

The Catholic Connections Handbook for Middle Schoolers, published 2009, 2010

Discovering, published 1999

Series Titles:

- *Becoming Friends*
- *Being Catholic*
- *Celebrating the Eucharist*
- *Dealing with Tough Times*
- *Exploring the Bible*
- *Exploring the Story of Israel*
- *Gathering to Celebrate*
- *Growing Up Sexually*
- *Learning to Communicate*
- *Making Decisions*
- *Meeting Jesus*
- *Praying*
- *Seeking Justice*
- *Understanding Myself*

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

Alternative Approved Programs for Parishes/Missions for Grades 7-8

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis recognizes that some parishes and missions do not have enough children in each grade to use the traditional series in their Religious Education Program. Therefore, we suggest an alternate approach in order to cover the material in these guidelines in an appropriate manner. This approach would combine a lectionary-based program with age appropriate workbooks on the basics of our Catholic faith that would provide for learning together as a larger group, and small group work by grade level. Since the programs are lectionary-based, different material would be covered for each year of the three-year cycle (Cycle A, B, and C.)

The acceptable lectionary-based programs listed in alphabetical order, are:

Living the Good News

On the Edge for Young Teens (Published in three seasons yearly)

Pflaum Publishing Group

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: VISIONS (Published yearly)

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches (K-8), published 2010

Combining lectionary-based material with the following workbooks/worktexts would ensure that the basic elements of our Catholic faith are covered each year:

RCL Benziger

Our Catholic Identity: Catechism Workbook, published 1998

Remedial Texts for Students in Grades 7-8

Some students who have been away from a formal catechetical program for more than a year may require some remedial (or catch up) work to effectively participate with the other students in the program. The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis recommends a separate catechist or parent do this outside of the traditional class time. This would allow students the opportunity to also participate with their peers in the regularly scheduled classes.

The approved texts for remedial student work are:

William H. Sadlier, Inc.

One Faith, One Lord: A Study of Basic Catholic Beliefs, published 1994

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

Approved Texts for High School

The following texts have been reviewed by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and approved for use in parishes in the Diocese of Beaumont. These texts deal with the faith themes listed on pages 5 and 6 of the guidelines in an adequate and appropriate manner for use with older adolescents.

Ave Maria Press

Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation, published 2011

Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World, published 2010

Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments, published 2010

Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry, published 2011

This is Our Church (Michael Pennock), published 2007, 2013

Marriage and Holy Orders (Mike Amodei), published 2007

The Old Testament Call to Faith and Justice (Daniel Smith-Christopher), published 2005, 2013

Encountering Jesus in the New Testament (Michael Pennock), published 2009

Catholic Essentials: An Overview of the Faith (Michael Amodei), published 2009

Catholic Social Teaching: Learning & Living Justice (Michael Pennock), published 2007

The Church: Our Story, published 2006, 2013

Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality (Michael Pennock), published 2008

The Center for Learning

Discipleship in the Catholic Tradition, published 2000

- *Discipleship* ○ *Sacraments*
- *Personhood* ○ *Conscience*
- *Hebrew Scriptures* ○ *Social Justice*
- *Christian Scriptures* ○ *Life Commitments*
- *Jesus* ○ *Faith*
- *Church*

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

The Word, published 2011

Son of the Living God, published 2011

Sacraments: Celebrating, Living, Believing, Grades 11 & 12, published 2008

Vocation: Our Response to God's Call, Grade 12, published 2008

The Church Through History, Grades 10 & 11 (Msgr. Maurice O'Connell and Joseph Stoutzenberger), published 2007

Justice and Peace: Our Faith in Action, Grades 11 & 12 (Joseph Stoutzenberger), published 2007

Journey Through the Old Testament, Grades 9 & 10, published 2006

Journey Through the New Testament, Grades 9 & 10 (Teresa LeCompte), published 2006

Morality, Grade 11 (Joseph Stoutzenberger), published 2005

The Light of Faith: An Overview of Catholicism, Grade 9 (Jane Gustafson), published 2006

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

RCL Benziger

Be My Disciples: Our Catholic Heritage, published 2013

- *Catholic and Capable – Skills for Spiritual Growth* (Michael Carrotta)
- *How to Live Our Catholic Faith*
- *How to Handle Emotions*
- *How to Live a Moral Life*

Saint Mary's Press

The Sacraments: Encounters with Christ, published 2012

The New Testament: The Good News of Jesus Christ, published 2012

Catholic Social Teaching: Christian Life in Society, published 2012

Christian Morality: Our Response to God's Love, published 2012

The Church: Christ in the World Today, published 2011

The Paschal Mystery: Christ's Mission of Salvation, published 2011

The Living Justice and Peace, published 2008

The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, published 2008

Total Faith Initiative

- *Catechetical Sessions on Christian Morality*
- *Catechetical Sessions on Christian Prayer*
- *Catechetical Sessions on the Creed*
- *Catechetical Sessions on Liturgy and the Sacraments*
- *Ministry Resources for Community Life*
- *Ministry Resources for Evangelization*
- *Ministry Resources for Justice and Service*
- *Ministry Resources for Pastoral Care*
- *Ministry Resources for Prayer and Worship*
- *Ministry Resources for Youth Leadership Development*

Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament), published 2009

Celebrating Sacraments (Joseph Stoutzenberger)

Growing in Christian Morality (Julia Ahlers, Barbara Allaire, and Carl Koch)

Jesus of History, Christ of Faith (Thomas Zanzig) *Prayer Ways* (Carl Koch and contributors)

The Catholic Church: Journey, Wisdom, and Mission (Carl Koch)

World Religions: A Voyage of Discovery (Jeffrey Brodd)

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

Lectionary Based Alternative for High School Catechesis

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis recognizes that some smaller parishes and missions need to use a different catechetical approach. Therefore, we suggest an alternate approach of lectionary-based catechesis with age appropriate teachings on the basics of our Catholic faith that would provide for learning together as a larger group and for small group work. Since this approach is lectionary-based, different material would be covered for each year of the three-year cycle (A, B, and C). Lectionary-based catechesis needs to be supplemented with teachings in Catholic Doctrine, in order to give the youth a true understanding of Catholic teaching and a sufficient background of Catholic beliefs and practices.

Saint Mary's Press

Sharing the Sunday Scriptures with Youth – Lectionary-Based Resources for Youth Ministry (Cycles A, B & C)

The approved supplemental doctrinal texts to use with a lectionary-based catechetical approach are:

Saint Mary's Press

Understanding Catholic Christianity (Thomas Zanzig and Barbara Allaire)

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

Previously Approved Texts

Alternative Acceptable Program for Parishes/Mission with Combined Grades 1 – 6

During Grade 6, the year in which the students study the Bible, and especially the Old Testament, it is strongly recommended that one segment of the year be devoted to an in depth study of the Sacrament of Eucharist, to present this important sacrament on an older level. Using the text listed below, and eliminating some of the chapters from the normal Grade 6 text will accomplish this objective.

Benziger,

Eucharist: A Catechesis for Middle Grades, published 1994

During Grade 5, the year in which the students review the Sacraments, it is strongly recommended that one segment of the year be devoted to an in depth study of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to present this important sacrament on an older level. Using one of the books listed below, and eliminating some of the chapters from the normal Grade 5 text will accomplish this objective.

Benziger

Reconciliation: A Catechesis for Middle Grades, published 1994

Silver Burdett Ginn

We Celebrate Reconciliation: The Lord Forgives (Ages 9-11), published 1990

Our Sunday Visitor

Seasons of Faith, (Primary Workbook)

Seasons of Faith, (Intermediate Workbook)

Seasons of Faith, (Junior High Workbook)

Resource Publications, Inc.

Celebrating the Lectionary, (Beginner: Ages 4-6)

Celebrating the Lectionary, (Primary: Ages 6-9)

Celebrating the Lectionary, (Intermediate: Ages 9-11)

Silver Burdette Ginn (RCL Benziger)

Living Word, Living Water (Seekers, Preschool/Kindergarten) (Explorers, 6-10 year-olds), published 2000

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

Alternative Approved Programs for Parishes/Missions for Grades 7-8

Our Sunday Visitor

Seasons of Faith, published 1993

RCL Benziger

Living Word, Living Water: Adventurers (11-14 year olds), published 2000

Resource Publications, Inc

Celebrating the Lectionary: Youth (ages 11-15) published yearly

Combining lectionary-based material with the following workbooks/work texts would ensure that the basic elements of our Catholic faith are covered each year:

Loyola Press

Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Beliefs and Traditions Work text, published 2000

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

Approved Texts for High School

Ave Maria Press

Friendship in the Lord Series

- *The Sacraments: Celebrating the Signs of God's Love*
- *Discovering the Promise of the Old Testament*
- *Being Catholic – Believing, Living, Praying*
- *The Catholic Church Story*
- *Forming A Catholic Conscience*
- *Jesus, Friends and Savior*
- *Living the Message of the New Testament*
- *Growing in the Catholic Faith*

Developing Faith: A Mini-course Series for Teens

- *Decide to Forgive*
- *Everyone's Problem: Addiction & Recovery*
- *In the Beginning*
- *Jesus, Should I Follow You?*
- *Sacraments: A Way of Life*
- *The Church at 21*
- *What's so Important About Self-Esteem?*
- *What's Special About Being Catholic?*
- *Why Pray?*

Lectionary Based Alternative for High School Catechesis

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Seasons of Faith, published 1993

Resource Publications, Inc.

Celebrating the Lectionary: Youth (ages 11-15)

Celebrating the Lectionary: Youth (ages 15 and up)

The approved supplemental doctrinal texts to use with a lectionary-based catechetical approach are:

Resource Publications, Inc

Understanding the Catechism

- *Creed*
- *Prayer*
- *Liturgy and Sacraments*
- *Morality*

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

- Auer, Jim, *Getting High, Feeling Low?* (Liguori, MO: LiguoriPublications), 2002. Pamphlet for High School Students addressing the issues of drugs and getting high.
- Auer, Jim, *Is It All Over when It's Over* (Liguori, MO: LiguoriPublications), 2002. Pamphlet for High School Students addressing death and the afterlife.
- Auer, Jim, *What About Sex?* (Liguori, MO: LiguoriPublications), 2002. Pamphlet for High School Students addressing the myths and opinions of sex that young people encounter in their daily lives.
- Auer, Jim, *Why Can't I Just Say or Do What I Want?* (Liguori, MO: LiguoriPublications), 2002. Pamphlet for High School Students addressing the issues of freedom.
- Borchard, Therese Johnson, *The Way of the Cross for Teenagers: Walking with Jesus to Calvary* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 1999.
- Bradbury-Haehl, Nora, *Scripture Walk Senior High Discipleship* (Winona, MN: Saint Mary's Press), 2000.
- Deehr, Kate, *Teens Scripture & Values – 10 Activity-Centered Lessons & Prayer Services* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 1997.
- deVries, Dirk, *Quick Takes for Teens – Easy, On-the-Spot Resources for Youth Ministry* Vol. 1-4, (Denver, CO: Living the Good News), 1996.
- Dotterweich, Kass P., *Prayer Services for Teens: 34 Resources for Special Reasons and Church Services* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 1999, 2001
- Dotterweich, Kass P., *Making Connections: 25 Stories for Sharing Faith with Teens* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 2000.
- Finley, Mitch, *Let's Begin with Prayer – 130 Prayers for Junior and Senior High Schools* (Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press), 1997.
- Givens, Steve, *A Time and Place for Healing – The Sacrament of Penance for Teens* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 2000.
- Jessie, Karen, William Griffin, Barry Katrichak, and Cheryl Rose, *Senior High Retreats* (Villa Maria, PA: The Center for Learning), 1989.
- Link, Mark, *Path Through Catholicism* (Allen, TX: Resources for Christian Living), 2000.
- Marmouget, C. Rosemary, *Scripture Alive: Role-Plays for Youth* (Winona, MN: Saint Mary's Press), 1997.
- Mercadante, Frank, *Growing Teen Disciples: Strategies for Really Effective Youth Ministry* (Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press), 1998.
- McBride, Alfred O.Praem., *Fr. McBride's Teen Catechism* (Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor Books), 1996.

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓

- Mulhern, Kathy, *Finding God in the Crazyess of Life – Prayers and Meditations on Tough Issues for Today’s Teens, Books One through Five* (Denver, CO: Living the Good News, Inc.), 1996.
- Olla, Debbie, *Retreats for Teens: Planning Strategies and Teen-Tested Models* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 2001.
- Pichler, Tony and Chris Broslavick, *Service Projects for Teens: 20 Plans that Work* (Dayton, OH: HiTime*Pflaum), 2001.
- Rubly-Burggraff, Roberta, *Magnum Opus! My Own Journal* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 1999.
- Sawyer, Kieran, *Time Out! Resources for Teen Retreats* (Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press), 1998.
- Scully, Michael, OFM. Cap., *Jesus in the Modern Media – Reaching Teens through Film and Music*, vol. 2000 (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 2000.
- Scully, Michael, OFM. Cap., *Jesus in Modern Media - The Message of Film, 6* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 1999.
- Scully, Michael, OFM. Cap., *Jesus in Modern Media - The Message of Rock, 9* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 1999.
- Scully, Michael, OFM. Cap., *Jesus in Modern Media - The Message of Rock 1997* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 1997.
- Scully, Michael, OFM. Cap., *Jesus in Modern Media - The Message of Youth: A Resource Book for Parents and Workers with Youth* (Dayton, OH: Hi-Time*Pflaum), 1996.
- The Catholic Youth Bible* (Winona, MN: Saint Mary Press), 2000.

New Series or resources added 2016-2017: ✓