

Catechetical Guidelines Approved Texts

2019 - 2020

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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 2019-2020 year are marked: ✓

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Approved Publishers

Ave Maria Press (www.avemariapress.com)

Dynamic Catholic ✓

Ignatius Press ✓

Loyola Press (www.loyolapress.com)

Midwest Theological Forum ✓

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

William H. Sadlier (www.sadlier.com)

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

Sophia Institute for Teachers ✓

Veritas ✓

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

Approved Texts for Grades 1 – 6

Ignatius Press

Faith and Life (1-8), published 2002-2005, 2011 ✓
Image of God (1-4), published 2014; (5-8), published 2019 ✓

Loyola Press

Christ Our Life (K-8), published 2009; New Evangelization Edition, 2016 ✓
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts, (1-6), published 2005, 2013
Encontrando a Dios (Finding God – bilingual) (1-8), 2015
Conociendo nuestra fe católica (1-3), published 2011
Faith Moves (1-6), published 2013
Exploring Faith Through Art (1-6), published 2013 (supplemental)

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Alive in Christ, published 2010, 2014
Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church (6-8) published 2010, (3-5) 2016
Fusión en la fe: Conocer, amar y servir a Cristo en la Iglesia Católica, (6-8) published 2011; (3-5) 2016
Call to Faith, published 2009
Un llamado a la Fe (Level A-F), published 2005 (A-D), published 2008 (E-F)
Vivis en Cristo, published 2015 ✓

Pflaum Publishing Group

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches (K-8), published 2018 ✓

RCL Benziger

Sean mis discipulos/Be My Disciples (1-6), published 2014
Be My Disciples (1-6), published 2013
Blest are We Faith in Action Parish Edition (1-8), published 2019 ✓
Blest Are We Faith and Word Edition (1-6), published 2008
Blest Are We (1-6), published 2002
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
We Believe, Catholic Identity Edition, published 2015 ✓
Our Catholic Faith (4-6), published 2009
Acercandote a La Fe (K-6), published 1999
Coming to Faith, published 1999

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

Saint Mary's Press

Discover! Finding Faith in Life (1-5), published 2019 ✓

The Catholic Children's Bible, published 2013

Sophia Institute for Teachers

Spirit of Truth (K-8) Parish Edition, published 2018 ✓

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

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 Catechetical; Formation 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 some of 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 programs are:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ✓

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is grouped in two age groups: 3-6 and 7-12. It is a Montessori method of catechetical formation.

<https://www.cgsusa.org/>

Family Formation ✓

Family Formation is a home-based and once a month parish catechetical formation for grades 1-6

<https://www.familyformation.net/>

LifeTeen – Edge ✓

(begins in 6th grade)

<https://lifeteen.com/edge-ministry/>

My Catholic Faith Delivered ✓

Using *Ignatius Press' Faith and Life Series* (1-8); this is an online method for catechetical formation

<https://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/home.aspx?pagename=Faith-and-Life>

Pflaum Publishing Group

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies, (K-8) published 2018

Promise (Grades K and 1)

Good News (Grades 2 and 3)

Venture (Grades 4, 5, and 6)

- Used with Pflaum's *What the Church Believes and Teaches*

Sophia Institute for Teachers

Family of Faith (Pre-K-8) Parish Edition, published 2017 ✓

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

Remedial Texts for Students in Grades 1-6

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:

Loyola Press

Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Beliefs and Traditions (1-3), published 2009

Conciendo Nuestra Fe Católica (1-3), published 2009

Bridges to Faith (3-5), published 2014

Puentes a la Fe (3-5), published 2014

Our Sunday Visitor

Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church (3-5), published 2016

Fusión en la Fe: Conocer, Amar, y Servir (3-5) – bilingual, published 2016

RCL Benziger

Be My Disciples: Our Catholic Heritage, (ages 9-14), published 2013

Sean Mis Discipulos: Nuestra Herencia Católica (ages 9-14), published 2014

William H. Sadlier, Inc.

Our Catholic Faith, (4-6) published 2009

Nuestra Fe Católica, (4-6) published 2009

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

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.

Ignatius Press

Faith and Life (1-8), published 2002-2005, 2011 ✓

Image of God (5-8), published 2019 ✓

Loyola Press

Finding God, published 2007, 2014

Christ Our Life (K-8), published 2009

Christ Our Life – New Evangelization Edition (K-8), published 2016 ✓

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Alive in Christ (7-8), published 2014

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

Fusión en la Fe: Conocer, amar y Servir a Cristo en la Iglesia Católica (6-8), published 2011

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 2019-2020: ✓

RCL Benziger

Be My Disciples in Christ Jesus (7-8), published 2014

Be My Disciples (7-8), published 2014 and 2019

- *God's Promise in the Old Testament*, published 2019 ✓
- *Christ in the New Testament*, published 2014
- *Christ Reveals God's Mystery*, published 2014
- *Christ in the Liturgy*, published 2014
- *Life in Christ Jesus*, published 2014

Blest Are We (7-8), published 2010

Blest Are We Faith in Action (7-8), published 2019 ✓

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

Sean Mis Discipulo (7-8), published 2014 and 2015

- *Cristo in el Nuev Testamento*, published 2015
- *Cristo Revela el Misterio de Dios*, published 2015
- *Cristo en la Liturgia*, published 2014
- *Vida en Cristo Jesus*, published 2014

William H. Sadlier

We Believe Series, We Live Our Faith, published 2007, 2016

Vivimos nuestra fe, como discipulos de Jesús, published 2010

Vivimos nuestra fe, Inspirados por el Espiritu, published 2011

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, 2014

Discovering, published 1999

Series Titles:

- *Becoming Friends*
- *Being Catholic*
- *Celebrating the Eucharist*
- *Dealing with Tough Times*
- *Exploring the Bible*
- *Exploring the Story of Israel*

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

- *Gathering to Celebrate*
- *Growing Up Sexually*
- *Learning to Communicate*
- *Making Decisions*
- *Meeting Jesus*
- *Praying*
- *Seeking Justice*
- *Understanding Myself*

Sophia Institute for Teachers

Spirit of Truth (K-8) Parish Edition, published 2018 ✓

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

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

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis recognizes that some 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 and video-assisted catechetical formation that would provide for learning together as a larger group and for small group work. Regarding the lectionary-based approach, 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. In addition, with the video-assisted approach, further teachings of Catholic Doctrine will be needed.

The acceptable programs listed are:

Ascension Press ✓

Encounter: Experiencing God in the Everyday, published 2013

LifeTeen – Edge ✓

(begins in 6th grade)

<https://lifeteen.com/edge-ministry/>

My Catholic Faith Delivered ✓

Using *Ignatius Press' Faith and Life Series* (1-8); this is an online method for catechetical formation

<https://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com/home.aspx?pagename=Faith-and-Life>

Pflaum Publishing Group

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: VISIONS (Published yearly)

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches (K-8), published 2010, 2018

Sophia Institute for Teachers

Family of Faith (Pre-K-8) Parish Edition, published 2017 ✓

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

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:

Loyola Press

Called to Be Catholic (ages 12-15), published 2014

Llamados a Ser Católicos (ages 12-15), published 2014

Our Sunday Visitor

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

Fusión en la Fe: Conocer, Amar, y Servir (6-8) – bilingual, published 2011

RCL Benziger

Be My Disciples: Our Catholic Heritage, (ages 9-14) published 2013

Sean Mis Discipulos: Nuestra Herencia Católica (ages 9-14), published 2014

William H. Sadlier, Inc.

One Faith, One Lord: A Study of Basic Catholic Beliefs (7-8), published 2003, 2009

Una Sola Fe, Un Solo Señor (7-8), published 2003, 2009

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

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. Some of these texts are geared for students in Catholic high schools (catechetical formation almost every week day). Some publishers like Saint Mary's Press and Ave Maria Press offer alternative lesson plans for parish catechetical formation of adolescents.

Ave Maria Press

Catholic Essentials: An Overview of the Faith (Michael Amodei), published 2009
Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe (Michael Pennock), published 2006, 2012
Catholic Social Teaching: Learning & Living Justice (Michael Pennock), published 2001, 2007
The Church: Our Story, published 2006, 2013
Encountering Jesus in the New Testament (Michael Pennock), published 2003, 2009
Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching, published 2015
Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World, published 2010, 2016
Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation, published 2011, 2017 ✓
Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry, published 2011, 2017 ✓
Jesus and His Church, published 2014
Marriage and Holy Orders (Mike Amodei), published 2007
Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments, published 2010, 2018
Sacred Scripture: A Catholic Study of God's Word, published 2012, 2013
This is Our Church (Michael Pennock), published 2007, 2013
The Old Testament Call to Faith and Justice (Daniel Smith-Christopher), published 2005, 2013
Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality (Michael Pennock), published 2001, 2008, 2019 ✓

Dynamic Catholic ✓

Becoming Disciples: What it Means to Follow Jesus Today, published 2018 ✓
The Catholic Church: Offering Love, Healing, and Joy of God to the People of Every Age, published 2018 ✓
Encountering Jesus: Discovering His Invitation to Live Life to the Fullest, published 2018 ✓
Exploring the Bible: An Introduction to the Living Word of God, published 2018 ✓
People of Celebration: Understanding the Genius of the Sacraments, published 2018 ✓
Walking with God: Encountering Jesus in Everyday Life, published 2018 ✓

Midwest Theological Forum ✓

The Blessed Trinity and Our Christian Vocation, published 2009, 2012 ✓
The Church: Sacrament of Salvation, published 2010, 2012 ✓
Faith and Revelation: Knowing God through Sacred Scripture, published 2009, 2012 ✓
The History of the Church, published 2005, 2007, 2010, 2013 ✓
Introduction to Catholicism, published 2003, 2011 ✓
Our Moral Life in Christ, Complete Course Edition and Semester Edition, published 2009, 2013 ✓
The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship, published 2014 ✓
The Sacraments: Source of Our Life in Christ, Semester Edition, published 2009, 2012 ✓
The Social Doctrine of the Church, published 2013 ✓
Understanding the Scriptures, published 2005, 2007, 2010, 2013 ✓
Vocations and the Universal Call to Holiness, published 2018 ✓

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt) – Some of these are available through Amazon or other online outlets

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

Saint Mary's Press

The Bible: The Living Word of God, published 2011
The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, published 2004, 2008, 2013
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, 2016 ✓
Church History: Apostolic Times to Today, published 2013
Jesus Christ and the New Testament, published 2019 ✓
Jesus Christ: God's Love Made Visible, published 2011, 2015
Living Justice and Peace, published 2002, 2008
The Living Word, published 2015
The New Testament: The Good News of Jesus Christ, published 2012
The Paschal Mystery: Christ's Mission of Salvation, published 2011, 2016 ✓
The Sacraments: Encounters with Christ, published 2012
Total Faith Initiative, published 2004

- *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*

Vocations: Answering God's Call, published 2013
Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament), published 2002, 2009

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

Veritas ✓

- The Body of Christ: The Church*, published 2014 ✓
- Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue*, published 2019 ✓
- Encountering Christ in the Sacraments*, published 2015 ✓
- Exploring Sacred Scripture*, published 2018 ✓
- Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching*, published 2015 ✓
- God's Word Revealed in Sacred Scripture*, published 2011, 2013 ✓
- History of the Catholic Church*, published 2019 ✓
- Living and Loving as Disciples of Christ*, published 2015 ✓
- Living as a Disciples of Jesus in Society*, published 2018 ✓
- The Promised One: Servant and Savior*, published 2014 ✓
- Responding to the Call of Jesus*, published 2018 ✓
- Son of God and Son of Mary*, published 2013 ✓

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

Alternative Approved Programs for Parishes/Missions for High School Catechesis

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Ascension Press ✓

Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed, published 2015 ✓

Chosen: This Is Your Catholic Faith, published 2013 ✓

Chosen: This Is Your Catholic Faith takes young people on a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Teens will be captivated by the story, from Creation all the way through salvation history, and they will come to see how the sacraments, prayer, and discipleship are the keys to a happy life. The goal of this 24-lesson program is nothing short of winning over the hearts of teens and making them lifelong disciples of Christ.

Chosen's carefully designed methodology features highly effective and engaging material conveyed through videos, student workbooks, and classroom experience. Featuring twelve of the top youth experts in the Church today and filmed in more than 50 locations, *Chosen* is unlike any program available in the Church today.

Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation is an option for Confirmation Preparation whereas *Chosen: This is Your Catholic Faith* is a catechetical formation process for teens.

The Keys and the Sword – Acts of the Apostles, published 2009 ✓

The Lion and the Lamb - Revelation, published 2009 ✓

Teen Timeline, published 2006 ✓

Thy Kingdom Come - Matthew, published 2009 ✓

You: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body, published 2018 ✓

Dynamic Catholic ✓

Decision Point (can be used as a Confirmation process or part of catechetical formation for teens), published 2014 ✓

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓

Ignatius Press ✓

YouCat and DoCat Resources, published 2011 (YouCat), 2013 (Study Guide), 2013 (Prayer Book), 2014 (Confirmation), 2016 (DoCat), 2016 (DoCat Study Guide) 2017 (Bible), 2018 (Confession) ✓

LifeTeen ✓

LifeTeen (thematic and lectionary-based resources for catechetical formation), yearly resources published with videos ✓

Saint Mary's Press

Sharing the Sunday Scriptures with Youth – Lectionary-Based Resources for Youth Ministry (Cycles A, B & C), published 2000

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 2019-2020: ✓

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (USCCB), published 2011 ✓

The Catholic Teen Bible (LifeTeen), published 2009 ✓

The Catholic Youth Bible (Winona, MN: Saint Mary Press), 4th Edition, published 2018 ✓

Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons? And 199 Other Questions from Catholic Teenagers (Ascension Press), published 2013 ✓

Did Jesus Have a Last Name? And 199 Other Questions from Catholic Teenagers (Ascension Press), published 2013 ✓

Do I Have to Go? 101 Questions about the Mass, the Eucharist, and Your Spiritual Life (Ascension Press), published 2008 ✓

Prove it! Catholic Teen Bible (Our Sunday Visitor), published 2011 ✓

Quick Catholic Lessons with Fr. Mike (Ascension Press), published 2018 ✓

VCat (Video Catechism for Youth – Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston): <http://vcat.org/> (Outside da Box Productions)

YouCat (Ignatius Press), published 2011 ✓

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓