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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: ✓

New Series or resources added 2019-2020: ✓
New Series or resources added 2019-2020:

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

Image of God (1-4), published 2014; (5-8), published 2019 √

Loyola Press

*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 discípulos/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
*Bendecidos/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
*Acercedando 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

**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**

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**

*Image of God* (5-8), published 2019 ✓

**Loyola Press**

*Christ Our Life* (K-8), published 2009

**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 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
Christ Jesus, the Way, published 2004
Nuestra Identidad Católica (1-8), published 1998
Sean Mis Discipulo (7-8), published 2014 and 2015
- Cristo en 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 discípulos de Jesús, published 2010
Vivimos nuestra fe, Inspirados por el Espíritu, 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)
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: ✓
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 ✓
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

**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**

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 Discípulos: 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
The Church: Our Story, published 2006, 2013
Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching, published 2015
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
This is Our Church (Michael Pennock), published 2007, 2013
The Old Testament Call to Faith and Justice (Daniel Smith-Christopher), published 2005, 2013

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 Church: Sacrament of Salvation, published 2010, 2012 ✓
Faith and Revelation: Knowing God through Sacred Scripture, published 2009, 2012 ✓
Introduction to Catholicism, published 2003, 2011 ✓
The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship, published 2014 ✓
The Social Doctrine of the Church, published 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
- *Vocation: Our Response to God’s Call*, Grade 12, published 2008
- *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
- *Church History: Apostolic Times to Today*, published 2013
- *The Living Word*, published 2015
- *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

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 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: ✓
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)
SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

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

The Catholic Teen Bible (LifeTeen), published 2009 ✓


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: ✓