

RELIGION				
PK3				
DOMAIN	ARCHDIOCESAN EXPECTATIONS	PRIORITY EXPECTATION	CURRENTLY TAUGHT IN THIS GRADE LEVEL (yes or no)?	LIST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (IF NEEDED) FOR STUDENTS TO MASTER THIS EXPECTATION
We Believe	<i>Scripture has great meaning for life today</i>			
	Begin to understand the Bible is the holy book that talks about God and creation			
	<i>The early history of the Church has a profound impact on the current church today</i>			
	Begin to understand the Bible as a the book which contains the stories of God's creation and Jesus' life			
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>			
	Begin to understand that Jesus came to live on earth because He wanted to share God's love with us			
	Begin to understand that Jesus is God and man, Son of God and Son of Mary			
	Listen to the stories of Jesus who died on the Cross for us, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven.			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Repeat the Sign of the Cross			
We Worship	Become familiar with and show reverence for the names of the three Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit			
	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community, especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	Begin to understand the definition of a Sacrament			
	Recognize that Baptism is a sacrament			
	Begin to understand that Jesus loves us always and forgives us			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			
	Experience Mass where we worship and thank God			
	Associate the parish priest with the Mass and be able to identify what he does within the Church			
	Begin to recite grade level Mass responses			
	Begin to identify the altar, chalice, tabernacle, and crucifix			
We Pray	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Begin to understand that prayer is talking to God			
	Listen to and participate in prayers and recognize that prayer is important			
	Spend time with God in prayer			
We Live	Recognize that we pray at home, school, and church			
	<i>Discuss how God loves each person by understanding how people love each other</i>			
	Begin to associate happiness and joy with loving and being close to God and other people			
	Name times when we can ask God to help us obey our parents and treat others with respect			
	<i>The seven key principles of the Catholic social teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>			
We Are God's Family	Begin to recongize the word virtue as doing good things			
	Show the importance of sharing and respecting classroom material and school resources			
	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>			
	Begin to understand that God created me, others and all I see because he loves us			
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Community of Faith</i>			
	Begin to understand that Sunday is an important day to be with God and go to Church			
<i>The church expresses basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family</i>				
	Understand that Jesus grew up in a loving family			

Begin to understand Mary as part of the Holy Family				
PK4				
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We Believe	<i>Scripture has great meaning for life today</i>			
	Begin to understand the Bible is the holy book that talks about God and creation			
	<i>The early history of the Church has a profound impact on the current church today</i>			
	Begin to understand the Bible as a the book which contains the stories of God's creation and Jesus' life			
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>			
	Begin to understand that Jesus came to live on earth because He wanted to share God's love with us			
	Begin to understand that Jesus is God and man, Son of God and Son of Mary			
	Listen to the stories of Jesus who died on the Cross for us, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven.			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Repeat the Sign of the Cross			
We Worship	Become familiar with and show reverence for the names of the three Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit			
	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community, especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	Begin to understand the definition of a Sacrament			
	Recognize that Baptism is a sacrament			
	Begin to understand that Jesus loves us always and forgives us			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			
	Experience Mass where we worship and thank God			
	Associate the parish priest with the Mass and be able to identify what he does within the Church			
	Begin to recite grade level Mass responses			
	Begin to identify the altar, chalice, tabernacle, and crucifix			
We Pray	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Begin to understand that prayer is talking to God			
	Listen to and participate in prayers and recognize that prayer is important			
	Spend time with God in prayer			
We Live	Recognize that we pray at home, school, and church			
	<i>Discuss how God loves each person by understanding how people love each other</i>			
	Begin to associate happiness and joy with loving and being close to God and other people			
	Name times when we can ask God to help us obey our parents and treat others with respect			
	<i>The seven key principles of the Catholic social teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>			
	Begin to recongize the word virtue as doing good things			
We Are God's Family	Show the importance of sharing and respecting classroom material and school resources			
	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>			
	Begin to understand that God created me, others and all I see because he loves us			
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Community of Faith</i>			
	Begin to understand that Sunday is an important day to be with God and go to Church			
	<i>The church expresses basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family</i>			
	Understand that Jesus grew up in a loving family			

Begin to understand Mary as part of the Holy Family				
Kindergarten				
DOMAIN	ARCHDIOCESAN EXPECTATIONS	PRIORITY EXPECTATION	CURRENTLY TAUGHT IN THIS GRADE LEVEL (yes or no)?	LIST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (IF NEEDED) FOR STUDENTS TO MASTER THIS EXPECTATION
We Believe	<i>Scripture has great meaning for life today</i>			
	Describe how the Bible is a special book to be treated with reverence and respect			
	Recognize that the Bible tells us about God's love for each person			
	Describe how Bible stories tell about Jesus and His teachings on being kind, loving, and helpful			
	<i>The early Church has a profound impact on the current church today</i>			
	List Jesus' origins and key events of His life			
	Understand who Mary is and describe how one becomes a saint			
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>			
	Identify God as a loving Creator and Jesus as God's Son			
	Describe Jesus' life, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension			
	Describe who Jesus is and why He lived on earth			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Demonstrate and describe the importance of the Sign of the Cross			
	List the elements of a loving friendship with Jesus Christ			
We Worship	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community, especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	Describe how each person becomes a member of God's special family through Baptism			
	Discuss how reconciliation means saying, "I'm sorry."			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			
	Explain how in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful remember God's gift of Jesus			
	Illustrate the liturgical seasons of the year			
We Pray	Recite the responses used at the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Describe what prayer is			
	Experience all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, Jesus prayer, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal			
	Experience community prayer by praying in a group, attending liturgies or para-liturgies, and visiting the Church			
	Explain how Jesus teaches each person how to listen to and talk with God			
	Compose simple petitions			
We Live	Participate communally in the tradition of prayers for the Church: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before Meals, Doxology (Glory to the Father...)			
	<i>We understand how God loves each person by understanding how people love each other</i>			
	Explain why we need to respect each person and the property of others			
	Explain why we need others and need to share with others			
	Explain why we need to show gratitude			
	Describe how choices have consequences			
	Show how to act appropriately in response to feelings			
<i>The seven key principles of the Catholic social teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>				

	Know that each person is loved by God and deserves to be treated with kindness			
	Know that life is a gift from God			
	Know that each person is a member of a family and list the responsibilities associated with being a member of the family			
	Know that Christians are called to treat each person with respect and to resolve any conflicts that arise among them in ways consistent with Jesus' teaching and example			
	Describe others who are poor and needy and know that Christians are called to respond to the needs of all Christ's people, especially the poor and needy			
	Know that it is one's work in life to use and share God-given talents with others			
	Appreciate the work of others and know it is one's duty to complete class work on time, take care of supplies, and participate in school			
	Discuss how, by virtue of Baptism, every Christian is called to service and that this call is fulfilled through a variety of lifestyles and ministries			
	Explain why all people are one human family			
	Describe how each person is called to be a caretaker of the earth; list ways to appreciate the world God has given each person by conserving the resources God created and by living in peace with all peoples and creatures of the earth			
We are God's Family	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>			
	Illustrate the wonders of God's creation, which are gifts to each person			
	Give examples of how each person shows love for others, their families, their friends and all children of God			
	Know that each person is special because God created him or her and that Jesus, his Son, desires a loving friendship with us			
	Know that the family of God is one and that God assists each person in respecting and helping one another			
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Community of Faith</i>			
	Explain how each person is a member of God's family and that each person becomes a member of God's special family and the Church through Baptism			
	Know what it means to be a Catholic Christian			
	Describe how various cultures celebrate holy days of the Church			
	Discuss how lay people, priests, religious sisters, religious brothers, and deacons are called by God to reflect God's love through their special roles in the Church			
	<i>The church expresses basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family</i>			
	Describe how everyone is special and unique			
	Describe how humans grow and how our body and our five senses are a gift from God			
	Discuss how family is a gift from God			
	1st Grade			
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We Believe	<i>Scripture has great meaning for life today</i>			
	Discuss how the Bible is the "Word of God."			
	Tell the story of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection			
	<i>The early history of the Church has a profound impact on the current church today</i>			
	List the key events of Jesus' life			
	Identify the apostles and their role in the history of the church			

	Describe how one becomes a saint			
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>			
	Know that there is one God and that God is three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit			
	Discuss that God made all things			
	Describe how God, our Father, sent Jesus to save each person			
	Discuss how the Holy Spirit is with each person			
	Understand that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and also the Mother of all people			
	Know that Jesus is the model and teacher who shows each person how to live as a Christian.			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Explain the mystery of the Blessed Trinity			
	Explain God as Father, Jesus as Son, and the Holy Spirit as Helper			
We Worship	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community, especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	Explain how, through the Sacrament of Baptism, each person becomes a member of God's family, the Church			
	Explain how Jesus gives Himself to each person in the Eucharist			
	Summarize what Jesus said and did at the Last Supper			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			
	Explain how in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful remember God's gift of Jesus			
	Discuss how in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful worship as a community and remember God's gift of Jesus			
	Illustrate the liturgical seasons of the year			
We Pray	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Describe what prayer is			
	Experience all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, Jesus prayer, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal			
	Experience community prayer by praying in a group, attending liturgies or para-liturgies, and visiting the Church			
	Explain how Jesus teaches each person how to listen to and talk with God			
	Compose simple petitions			
	Participate communally in the tradition of prayers for the Church: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before Meals, Doxology (Glory to the Father...)			
We Live	<i>Discuss how God loves each person by understanding how people love each other</i>			
	Explain what it means to live as a Christian and as a child of God			
	Discuss how God helps each person live a good life			
	Describe how choices have consequences			
	Exhibit conflict resolution skills			
	Show how to act appropriately in response to feelings			
	<i>The seven key principles of the Catholic social teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>			
	Know that each person needs to respect self and others as gifts from God			
	Know that Jesus commanded: "Love one another as I have loved you, and love your neighbor as yourself"			
	Show love and respect for the dignity of all people, especially newborns, elderly, and the mentally and physically challenged			
	Discuss how each person is an important member of a family, school, parish, and community and how each person is called to participate in and contribute to the well-being of family, parish, and community			

	Explain that each person is called to treat others with respect and that they are called to work individually and together to create a harmonious group setting with tolerance and respect for all			
	Describe how the love for the poor is an integral part of living a true Christian life			
	Appreciate the work of others and know that work is something positive and something to be proud of			
	Describe the responsibilities each person has to one another and the conditions and needs of the communities of the world			
	Describe how each person is called to be a caretaker of the earth and list ways to appreciate the world God has given each person, by conserving the resources God created and by living in peace with all peoples and creatures of the earth			
We are God's Family	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>			
	Describe God as a loving Father, giver of life, and Creator of the world			
	Explain that God created each person out of love and that all things are gifts from God			
	Identify ways in which God shows love for each person			
	Explain that Jesus is the Son of God			
	Explain how God is with each person always			
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Community of Faith</i>			
	Explain what it means to belong to the Catholic Church			
	Describe how the Church is the community of the followers of Jesus			
	Explain that a church building is a sacred and holy place and that a parish is a local community of worship			
	Describe how various cultures celebrate holy days of the Church			
	Discuss how lay people, priests, religious sisters, religious brothers, and deacons are called by God to reflect God's love through their special roles in the Church			
	<i>The church expresses basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family</i>			
	Explain how all people are loved by God and how God loves us even when we fail			
	Identify how humans grow and that our bodies are gifts from God			

2nd Grade

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We Believe	<i>Scripture has great meaning for life today</i>			
	Explain how the Bible is the "Word of God" and that it is proclaimed during liturgical services			
	Recognize that the Bible is composed of Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and the Christian Scriptures (New Testament)			
	Explain how the Bible tells about God's plan for the world			
	<i>The early history of the Church has a profound impact on the current church today</i>			
	Describe how Jesus established the Church			
	Explain how, as part of our history, the Holy Spirit gave the apostles courage to preach about Jesus and to baptize many who became believers			
	Explain how Mary was chosen to be and is the Mother of Jesus			
	List characteristics of patron saints			
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>			
	Explain how God is our Creator			
	Know that Jesus is God's Son who became a man and lived on earth, died on the cross, and rose from the dead			
	Cite examples of what it means to belong to the Catholic Church			
	Describe how the Holy Spirit helps us to live a good life			

	Describe how the saints are special people that are honored			
	Explain why heaven brings unending happiness with God			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Describe how there is only one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit			
	Explain and show examples of how God the Father is the Creator, God the Son is the Savior, and God the Holy Spirit is the Helper			
We Worship	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community, especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	List the Seven Sacraments and describe how they are a celebration of God's love and presence			
	Explain how, through the Sacrament of Baptism, each person receives new life and becomes a member of God's family, the Church			
	Explain how during the Sacrament of Reconciliation God forgives each person when sorrow is expressed			
	Explain how the Holy Eucharist was instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper			
	Explain how the Eucharist is a remembrance of Jesus' death and resurrection			
	Define the word Eucharist as meaning "thanksgiving"			
	Name and describe the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			
	Explain how in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful remember God's gift of Jesus			
	Explain how in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful worship as a community and remember God's gift of Jesus			
	Illustrate the liturgical seasons of the year			
	Recite the responses used at the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Describe how the Eucharistic Liturgy is the central prayer of the Catholic community and how the Church gathers at the Eucharistic Liturgy to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus			
	Discuss the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine offered at the Eucharistic Liturgy			
We Pray	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Describe what prayer is			
	Experience all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, Jesus prayer, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal			
	Experience community prayer by praying in a group, attending liturgies or para-liturgies, and visiting the Church			
	Explain how Jesus teaches each person how to listen to and talk with God			
	Recite the liturgical responses			
	Compose simple petitions			
	Participate communally in the tradition of prayers for the Church: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before Meals, Doxology (Glory to the Father...), Act of Contrition			
We Live	<i>Discuss how God loves each person by understanding how people love each other</i>			
	Explain why sin is choosing to turn away from God			
	Explain why all decisions have consequences and how each person has the ability to make decisions and to discern the difference between right and wrong			
	Make use of conflict resolution skills			
	<i>The seven key principles of the Catholic social teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>			
	Explain that each person is called to respect the talents and good qualities of themselves and others			
	Show love and respect for the dignity of all people, especially newborns, elderly, and the mentally and physically challenged			
	Explain how each person is an important member of a family, school, parish, and community and how each person is called to participate in and contribute to the well-being of family, parish and community			
	Explain that each person is called to treat others in ways consistent with Jesus' teaching and example			

	Give examples of how Jesus accepted and forgave others and how each person is expected to do the same			
	Describe how the love for the poor is an integral part of living a true Christian life, cite examples of the ways Jesus responded to the needs of the poor, sick, and lonely, and list ways we can do the same			
	Explain why work is positive and that it is an expression of one's self worth, and how it is each student's work to do one's best in school and be responsible for performing classroom tasks			
	Explain that by virtue of Baptism, every Christian is called to service and that this call is fulfilled through a variety of lifestyles and ministries			
	Explain why God's plan is for all people to live in harmony and why it is important to learn about and respect the customs and traditions of all people			
	Describe how each person is called to be a caretaker of the earth and list ways to appreciate the world God has given each person, by conserving the resources God created and by living in peace with all peoples and creatures of the earth			
We Are God's Family	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>			
	Explain how God is present in each person, in community, in Scripture, and in the Sacraments			
	Chronicle the simple facts of the life of Jesus			
	Explain that Christ came to teach people about God			
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Community of Faith</i>			
	Name and describe each person's role as participating members in the celebration of the liturgy			
	Explain how the Catholic Church is a Sacramental Church, a community of people who follow God, and that all people are called to be disciples of God			
	Recall that the local church community is called the parish			
	Explain why Baptism is the Sacrament of Initiation that welcomes us into the community			
	Explain how the Church celebrates its unity in the Eucharist			
	Describe how various cultures celebrate holy days of the Church			
	Discuss how lay people, priests, religious sisters, religious brothers, and deacons are called by God to reflect God's love through their special roles in the Church			
	<i>The church expresses basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family</i>			
	Discuss how there are a variety of family structures			
	Describe how we are all special with unique characteristics, and how, male and female, we are all equal before God			
	Identify how humans grow and that our body is a gift from God			
	3rd Grade			
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We Believe	<i>Scripture has great meaning for life today</i>			
	Discuss how the Bible is the "Word of God" and should be revered			
	Identify the Christian Scriptures (New Testament), in particular the Gospels			
	Explain and give examples of how the Christian Scriptures tell about Jesus and the early days of the church			
	<i>The early history of the Church has a profound impact on the current church today</i>			
	Recall that the first Christians were followers of Jesus who formed the earliest Christian communities			
	Identify key historical moments in the early church			
	Discuss and explain the role of Peter in the early church			
	List the works of the saints			
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>			

	Give examples of how the Holy Spirit continues to draw Jesus' followers together			
	Explain how God takes care of and is always faithful to all His people			
	Recall that Jesus is the Messiah			
	Describe how each person becomes a part of the Kingdom of God through participation in the life of the Church			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Describe how there is only one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, which is called the Blessed Trinity			
	Discuss and show examples of how God the Father creates all things, how Jesus the Son is the Redeemer of the world, and how the Holy Spirit guides each person to follow Jesus			
We Worship	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	Explain how the Sacrament of Baptism is the beginning of each person's life of holiness			
	Compare and contrast the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation			
	Explain how the Holy Eucharist was instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper			
	Recall that the Sacraments are signs of God's love for all His people			
	Explain how Jesus shares Himself through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist			
	Describe how in the Sacrament of Reconciliation God forgives sin and helps people to grow in love			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			
	Explain how in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful remember God's gift of Jesus			
	Illustrate the liturgical seasons of the year including feasts and solemnities			
	Describe how the Eucharistic Liturgy is the central prayer of the Catholic community and how the Church gathers at the Eucharistic Liturgy to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus			
	Discuss the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine offered at the Eucharistic Liturgy			
We Pray	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Explain why we need to show appreciation for the Word of God by listening and responding to it in each person's life			
	Experience all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, Jesus Prayer, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal			
	Experience community prayer by praying in a group, attending liturgies or para-liturgies, and visiting the Church			
	Compose simple prayers and petitions			
	Recite the liturgical responses			
	Explain why the Psalms are important prayers			
	Participate communally in the tradition of prayers for the Church: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before Meals, Doxology (Glory to the Father...), Act of Contrition, and Apostles Creed			
We Live	<i>Discuss how God loves each person by understanding how people love each other</i>			
	Explain the concept of right and wrong and the relationship between choices and consequences			
	Discuss and explain how, as disciples of Jesus Christ, each person learns to act as He did			
	Justify how Jesus' Commandment of Love is a basis for making good moral decisions			
	Defend the position that each person is called to act justly by accepting and respecting others			
	<i>The seven key principles of the Catholic social teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>			
	Express acceptance and appreciation for the dignity of each human being as a child of God who is created by God and is, therefore, valuable and worthy of respect			
	Discuss how each person is an important member of a family, school, parish, and community how each person is called to participate in and contribute to the well-being of family, parish, and community			
	Define the term "human rights" and argue for the importance of respecting each person's human rights			
	Recall the Ten Commandments and the two great commandments and communicate how they relate to the rights of others			

	Describe why the church has a special obligation to the poor and vulnerable (to defend and promote their dignity and to ensure they can fully participate in society) and cite examples of the ways we can show the same love and respect for the poor and vulnerable			
	Explain why work is positive and an expression of one's self worth, and how it is each student's work to do one's best in school and be responsible for performing classroom tasks			
	Describe how the virtue of solidarity means that loving our neighbor involves working for world peace, caring for the environment, and promoting human rights			
	Describe how each person is called to be a caretaker of the earth and list ways to appreciate the world God has given each person, by conserving the resources God created and by living in peace with all peoples and creatures of the earth			
We Are God's Family	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>			
	Explain how the Holy Spirit continues to draw Jesus' followers together			
	Know that God takes care of and is always faithful to all His people			
	Know that Jesus is the Messiah			
	Explain how each person becomes a part of the Kingdom of God through participation in the life of the Church			
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Community of Faith</i>			
	Name and describe the four marks of the Church; one, holy, catholic, and apostolic			
	Explain how the role of the Catholic Church is to continue Jesus' mission of the world			
	Compare and contrast the role of the laity, priests, religious, bishops, cardinals, and the pope			
	Describe how various cultures celebrate holy days of the Church			
	Discuss how lay people, priests, religious sisters, religious brothers, and deacons are called by God to reflect God's love through their special roles in the Church			
	<i>The church expresses basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family</i>			
	Explain how life begins with and is nurtured in a loving family and that all people are gifts of God			
	Justify the need to care for the human body in a respectful manner referencing the teachings of the church			
		4th Grade		
DOMAIN	ARCHDIOCESAN EXPECTATIONS	PRIORITY EXPECTATION	CURRENTLY TAUGHT IN THIS GRADE LEVEL (yes or no)?	LIST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (IF NEEDED) FOR STUDENTS TO MASTER THIS EXPECTATION
We Believe	<i>Scripture has great meaning for life today</i>			
	Compare and contrast the difference between Hebrew and Christian scripture			
	Give examples of where the Bible teaches about choices and how to live good lives			
	Explain the concept of covenant as found in Scripture			
	<i>The early history of the Church has a profound impact on the current church today</i>			
	Summarize the Church and its history and analyze its impact on the world			
	Name the saints and give examples of how they are Christian role models			
	Evaluate why Mary is the greatest of all saints			
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>			
	Identify the four marks of the church: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic			
	Discuss why heaven is unending happiness in the eternal presence of God and that hell is the unending sadness that comes from knowing that one is eternally separated from God (by one's own choice)			
	Recognize and discuss the concept that Jesus was both human and divine			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Describe how there is only one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, which is called the Blessed Trinity			
	Explain how God the Father is all-good, all-holy, and all-knowing			

	Discuss and show examples of how God the Father creates all things, how Jesus the Son is the Redeemer of the world, and how the Holy Spirit guides each person to follow Jesus			
We Worship	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community, especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	Explain how the Sacraments bring people closer to God			
	Discuss how each person shares in God's life, which is grace, through the celebration of the Sacraments			
	Describe how through the Sacrament of Baptism each person is called to serve, witness, and proclaim the good news			
	Describe how, through the Sacrament of the Eucharist, each person is united with all members of God's family and shares in God's divine life			
	Describe how the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps each person to seek God's forgiveness and reconcile with the community			
	Explain why the Eucharist is central to Catholic life and the symbol of the reign of God			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			
	Explain how in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus			
	List and describe the liturgical ministries (acolyte, lector, Eucharistic minister, greeter...)			
	Describe how the Eucharistic Liturgy is the central prayer of the Catholic community and how the Church gathers at the Eucharistic Liturgy to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus			
	Discuss the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine offered at the Eucharistic Liturgy			
We Pray	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Explain why one needs to show appreciation for the Word of God by listening and responding to it			
	Experience all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, Jesus Prayer, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal			
	Experience community prayer by praying in a group, attending liturgies or para-liturgies, and visiting the Church			
	Compose simple prayers and petitions			
	Recite the liturgical responses and know they are a form of prayer			
	Explain why the Psalms are important prayers			
	Know the Apostles Creed and explain what it states about one's beliefs as a Christian			
	Participate communally in the tradition of prayers for the Church: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before Meals, Doxology (Glory to the Father...), Act of Contrition, Apostles Creed, the Rosary, Prayer of St. Francis, Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love, and Prayer of the Holy Spirit			
We Live	<i>Discuss how God loves each person by understanding how people love each other</i>			
	Explain how each person is created in God's image and likeness, having intellect (the power to think) and free will (the power to choose)			
	Explain why sin is the choice to turn away from God, whether by thought, word, action, or omission			
	Compare and contrast the two types of sin: mortal and venial			
	Illustrate how the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and God's Law of Love are guidelines in each person's formation of conscience			
	<i>The seven key principles of the Catholic social teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>			
	Explain that each human being is created in the image and likeness of God and that we are called to treat each person fairly and respectfully			
	Give examples of how it is our job to help others and defend basic rights			
	Discuss how each person is an important member of a family, school, parish, and community and how each person is called to participate in and contribute to the well-being of family, parish, and community			
	Research the contributions that varied world cultures make to society and explain the importance of celebrating one's cultural and ethnic heritage			
	Define the term "human rights" and argue for the importance of respecting each person's human rights			
	Recall the Ten Commandments and the two great commandments and communicate how they relate to the rights of others			

	Give examples of how, as followers of Jesus, we are called to share resources with others who are in need, including the young, and how each person can make a difference in bringing about a more just society				
	Explain why work is positive and an expression of one's self worth regardless of the job, and how each person is responsible for the gifts and talents God gave them				
	Know that by virtue of Baptism, every Christian is called to service and that this call is fulfilled through a variety of lifestyles and ministries				
	Know that it is God's plan for each person to live in harmony with all people and cultures and that it is each person's job to help alleviate world problems such as hunger, poverty, and disease				
	Describe how each person is called to be a caretaker of the earth and list ways to appreciate the world God has given each person, by conserving the resources God created and by living in peace with all peoples and creatures of the earth				
We Are God's Family	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>				
	Explain how the Kingdom of God is the saving power of God's life and love in the world				
	Know that the Kingdom of God is for everyone				
	Show how Jesus used parables to tell people how to live for the Kingdom				
	Explain why sin is the greatest obstacle in each person's efforts to love God and neighbor				
	Describe how God's relationship with people throughout history is based on unconditional love				
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Community of Faith</i>				
	Explain how the Church, as Body of Christ and people of God, is guided by the Holy Spirit and supports all members to live the Gospel				
	Explain how all members of the Church celebrate the Eucharist, pray, share the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and try to live according to God's laws				
	Explain how various cultures celebrate holy days of the Church year				
	Describe how lay people, priests, religious sisters, religious brothers, and deacons are called by God to reflect God's love through their special roles in the Church				
	<i>The church expresses basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family</i>				
	Explain how each person is created by God to love responsibly and to be loved				
	Explain and give examples of the importance of family relationships				
	Use the teachings of the church to justify the need to care for the human body in a respectful manner				
	5th Grade				
	DOMAIN	ARCHDIOCESAN EXPECTATIONS	PRIORITY EXPECTATION	CURRENTLY TAUGHT IN THIS GRADE LEVEL (yes or no)?	LIST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (IF NEEDED) FOR STUDENTS TO MASTER THIS EXPECTATION
We Believe	<i>Scripture has great meaning for life today</i>				
	Understand that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and that it has two parts: Hebrew (Old Testament) and Christian (New Testament) scriptures				
	Compare the different accounts of the gospel written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John				
	<i>The early history of the Church has a profound impact on the current church today</i>				
	Articulate the impact of the teachings of Jesus on the formation of the early Church				
	Explain how Catholic Christians have distinctive objects, prayers, gestures, and beliefs different from other religions that come from the history and traditions of the Church				
	Articulate an appreciation of Mary as the Mother of the Church				
	Illustrate how the saints are Christian heroes and role models				
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>				
	Articulate how God created all things				
	Recognize that Jesus took flesh and became human, like us, in all things but sin and that this is called the Incarnation				

	Explain why Jesus is called the Messiah and Savior			
	Use rich, vivid, and descriptive language to express an understanding of the Communion of Saints, the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, and life everlasting			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Articulate how God created all things and made each person in the image and likeness of God			
	Justify how Jesus, God the Son, became human in all things but sin			
	Express through the written word how the Holy Spirit lives within each person who is baptized			
We Worship	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community, especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	Explain how sacraments are actions of the Church that mediate God's grace			
	Identify the factors that make Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist the Sacraments of Initiation			
	Explain why the Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick) strengthen all members of the Church			
	Illustrate how the Sacraments of Service (Holy Orders and Matrimony) are covenants made with the Church and each other			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			
	Explain the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine offered at the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Identify why the Eucharistic Liturgy is the central prayer of the Catholic community			
	Illustrate how the Eucharistic celebration is divided into two main parts, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, as well as the two smaller rites, the Introductory Rite and the Concluding Rite			
	Justify the importance of song, silence, response, gesture, and movement in the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Describe how Christ is present in the person of the minister, in the Eucharistic elements, in the Word, and in the gathered assembly			
	Explain why the primary liturgical symbols are the altar, ambo, the assembly, the presider's chairs, and the baptismal font			
We Pray	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Demonstrate an appreciation for the Word of God by attentive listening and responding to it in life			
	Participate in all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, Jesus Prayer, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal			
	Evaluate the aspects of community prayer by praying in a group, attending prayer services or liturgies, and visiting the church			
	Compose prayers such as blessings, psalms, petitions, and contemporary reflections on the Mysteries of the Rosary			
	Learn the responses of the liturgy as prayer			
	Explain how the Mass is the highest form of worship and prayer			
	Recite the traditional prayers of the Church: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before Meals, Doxology (Glory to the Father...), Act of Contrition, Apostles Creed, and Nicene Creed			
	Explain the importance of the traditional prayers of the Church: the Rosary, Prayer of St. Francis, Acts of Faith, Hope, & Love, Prayer of the Holy Spirit, and Stations of the Cross			
We Live	<i>Moral teachings give individuals the ability to make good moral decisions and to act in a responsible, Christian manner</i>			
	Explain how the Holy Spirit enables each person to grow and act in a Christian manner			
	Illustrate how one's conscience is the ability that each person has to know what is right and wrong			
	Compare and contrast how the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and God's Law of Love are guidelines in the formation of conscience			
	Examine and compare life choices in the light of Gospel values			
	<i>The Seven key principles of the Catholic social teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>			
	Justify why each person should be treated fairly and respectfully because they are made in the image and likeness of God			
	Explain the need to defend the dignity of others and show respect for all people as children of God			

	Explain why the family is the basic unit of society and why it is the responsibility of each person to be involved in the community as one's larger family			
	Describe one's basic human rights and responsibilities and justify why it is the responsibility of each person to respect other's rights			
	Explain why each person needs to contribute from personal resources in order to ensure that all have the basic requirements for life with dignity			
	Identify why one needs to distinguish between "I want" and "I need"			
	Discuss the work and workers who contribute to society and how it is their work to be a student			
	Imagine all the ways that each person can help alleviate world problems such as hunger, poverty, and disease			
	Justify why each person is responsible to preserve the earth's beauty and resources because God gave this world to all people			
	Illustrate the effects of pollution on the earth and what will result if steps are not taken to preserve all creation			
We Are God's Family	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>			
	Explain how Jesus is the redeemer of humanity			
	Justify how God is everywhere			
	Illustrate how grace is God's presence within each person			
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ and the Community of Faith</i>			
	Explain how the Church is a community of saints, past, present, and future			
	Illustrate how the Church continues to be Christ's presence on earth and carries on His work			
	Describe how Jesus calls all people to share in bringing about the Kingdom of God			
	Identify how the Catholic Church is a global community of persons whose cultural traditions enrich the experience of faith			
	Compare how each Christian, single, married, cleric, or religious, is called by Baptism to follow Christ and minister to others			
	Explain how lay women and men contribute to their Faith community through their parish community, as well as their daily witness to Gospel values			
	Explain how ordained priesthood, diaconate, and religious life are specific responses to the Baptismal call to minister in a special way to God's people			
	<i>The church expresses basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family</i>			
	Illustrate the human reproductive system and the many stages of the human life cycle			
	Identify ways one responsibly cares for one's body			
	Justify the right to say "no" because of one's personal responsibility over one's body			
	Describe the rights and duties of belonging to a family community			
	Describe the process of reconciliation within the family			
	Explain the nature and importance of sexuality as a divine gift, a fundamental component of personality, and an enrichment of the whole person - body, emotions, soul.			
	Justify why chastity is a virtue that develops a person's authentic maturity and makes him or her capable of guiding the sexual instinct in the service of love and integrating it into his or her psychological and spiritual development			
	Examine the human and Christian values that sexuality is intended to express			
	Identify the moral norms regarding sexuality that are taught by the Church			
	6th Grade			
DOMAIN	ARCHDIOCESAN EXPECTATIONS	PRIORITY EXPECTATION	CURRENTLY TAUGHT IN THIS GRADE LEVEL (yes or no)?	LIST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (IF NEEDED) FOR STUDENTS TO MASTER THIS EXPECTATION
We Believe	<i>Scripture has relevant meaning for life today</i>			

	Compare how the authors of the Bible used many different literary forms to convey God's message			
	Describe the major figures in the development of God's relationship with the chosen people			
	Explain why the Exodus is the central saving event of the Hebrew Scriptures			
	Describe how the Hebrew Scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus Christ as revealed in the Christian Scriptures (New Testament)			
	Demonstrate how the Christian Scriptures encompass the life of Christians in the early days of the Church			
	Debate why the Bible is the Word of God, which tells the story of God's people			
	Illustrate how the Bible defines God's chosen people			
	Argue how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures			
	Diagram how God is revealed through the Sacred Scriptures			
	<i>The early history of the Church has a profound impact on the current church today</i>			
	Illustrate the role of the Catholic Church in world history			
	Interpret why, throughout the Church's history, there have been periods of needed reform			
	Name the many saints in the Church throughout the ages and compare their similarities to the many holy people who are living within society today			
	Describe Mary and her role in the life of the Church			
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>			
	Justify why the paschal Mystery is the heart of the Catholic faith			
	Debate why the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Demonstrate how God is the Supreme Being, who always was and always will be			
	Explain one's understanding of the Incarnation - Jesus took flesh and became human in all things but sin			
	Tell how the Holy spirit sanctifies, or makes holy, one's mind and heart			
We Worship	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community, especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	Illustrate how the Sacraments are actions of the risen Christ working through His church to love, heal, and call each person to change			
	Justify how the seven sacraments express and enrich one's faith			
	Illustrate how the sacramental actions of the Church originated in Jewish rituals (laying on hands, anointing with oil, purifying with water, sharing a meal)			
	Compare the seven sacraments, their signs and symbols, and how they mediate God's grace			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			
	Explain how the faithful worship as a community at the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Restate the responses used at the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Describe how the Church gathers at the Eucharistic Liturgy to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus			
	Argue why the Eucharistic Liturgy is the central prayer of the Catholic community			
	Explain why all of the Eucharistic Liturgy is considered prayer			
	Justify why it is one's responsibility to fully and actively participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy			
We Pray	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Explain why one needs to show appreciation for the Word of God by attentive listening and responding to it in life			
	Create and demonstrate various forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, Jesus Prayer, music and movement, guided, meditation, and communal			
	Evaluate the aspects of community prayer, by praying in a group, attending prayer services or liturgies, and visiting the church			
	Compose prayers such as blessings, psalms, petitions, and contemporary reflections on the Mysteries of the Rosary			

	Demonstrate the responses of the liturgy as prayer			
	Explain why the Stations of the Cross is a devotional tradition of the Church			
	Justify why the Mass is the highest form of worship and prayer			
	Recite and explain the traditional prayers of the Church: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before Meals, Doxology (Glory to the Father...), Act of Contrition, Apostles Creed, and Nicene Creed			
	Acknowledge and show appreciation for the traditional prayers of the Church: the Rosary, Prayer of St. Francis, Acts of Faith, Hope, & Love, Prayer of the Holy Spirit, Hail Holy Queen, and Stations of the Cross			
	Examine why the Psalms are prayers that Jesus prayed while on earth and evaluate why they remain an important part of Catholic worship today			
We Live	<i>Moral teachings give individuals the ability to make good moral decisions and to act in a responsible, Christian manner</i>			
	Demonstrate the ability to make moral decisions and to evaluate the consequences of one's actions			
	Compare the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and God's Law of Love as guidelines in the formation of conscience			
	Illustrate the meaning of freedom and how to exercise freedom responsibly			
	<i>The seven key principles of the Catholic Social Teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>			
	Express how each person possesses a basic dignity that comes from God, not from any human quality or accomplishment			
	Describe God's teachings on human dignity in the Bible			
	Identify the positive values that are exemplified within the family and describe how family contributes to society through participation in community, church, and state			
	Explain one's basic human rights and responsibilities and justify why people have an obligation to respect the rights of others and to work for the common good			
	Justify why, as Christians, each person is called to respond to the needs of all members of society and illustrate the ways that Christians can aid the poor and vulnerable			
	Examine ways that work is an expression of dignity and that people have the right to decent and productive work			
	Explain how, by virtue of Baptism, every Christian is called to service and that this call is fulfilled through a variety of lifestyles and ministries			
	Discuss how, as one human family, each person is responsible to defend the dignity and rights of people everywhere			
	Illustrate how everyone hurts when injustice exists within the human race			
	Debate how God entrusted each person to be caretakers of the created world and to conserve and preserve it for future generations			
We Are God's Family	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>			
	Argue why faith is a gift from God			
	Demonstrate how Jesus is the foundation of the Christian Catholic faith			
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Community of Faith</i>			
	Demonstrate how the Church is a sign of God's presence in the world today			
	Examine how the Catholic Church is a global community of persons whose cultural traditions enrich the experience of faith			
	Explain how each Christian, single, married, cleric, or religious, is called by Baptism to follow Christ and minister to others			
	Describe how lay women and men contribute to their Faith community through their parish community, as well as their daily witness to Gospel values			
	Identify how ordained priesthood and religious life are specific responses to the Baptismal call to minister in a special way to God's people			
	<i>The church expresses basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family</i>			
	Explain how the gift of human life begins at the moment of conception			

	Explain the nature and importance of sexuality as a divine gift, a fundamental component of personality, and an enrichment of the whole person - body, emotions, soul			
	Justify why chastity is a virtue that develops a person's authentic maturity and makes him or her capable of guiding the sexual instinct in the service of love and integrating it into his or her psychological and spiritual development			
	Examine the human and Christian values that sexuality is intended to express			
	Express a knowledge of, and respect for, the moral norms regarding sexuality that are taught by the Church			
	Examine the nature of aging and the Christian meaning of death and new life			
7th Grade				
DOMAIN	ARCHDIOCESAN EXPECTATIONS	PRIORITY EXPECTATION	CURRENTLY TAUGHT IN THIS GRADE LEVEL (yes or no)?	LIST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (IF NEEDED) FOR STUDENTS TO MASTER THIS EXPECTATION
We Believe	<i>Scripture has great meaning for life today</i>			
	Describe how Jesus teaches about God, prayer, justice, peace, service, and moral life in the New Testament			
	Determine how Scripture teaches about the person of Jesus and what it means to follow Jesus and live the Good News			
	Locate in the Gospels examples of how Jesus dedicated His life to the marginalized of society			
	<i>The early history of the church has a profound impact on the current Church today</i>			
	Plot and sequence on a timeline the major historical events of the Church			
	Critique the role of the Catholic Church in world history			
	Articulate how Rome historically became and remains the governing center of the Roman Catholic Church			
	Analyze the significance and impact of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II)			
	Illustrate ways the Church, as an institution, communicates and teaches with the faithful through councils and encyclicals			
	Describe the role of the prophets, martyrs, and saints in the history of the Church			
	Create a model of the canonization process			
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>			
	Describe how there is only one true God, who is revealed as three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit			
	Justify why Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed one sent by God			
	Explain how the Resurrection is God's victory over sin and death and a source of life			
	Deduce why Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, and glorification is called the Paschal Mystery			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Explain how God is revealed in the life of Jesus Christ, in the Sacred Scriptures, in tradition, and in the life of the Church			
	Demonstrate how the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church today, guiding and inspiring the people of God to carry on the mission of Jesus			
We Worship	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community, especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	Show how the Sacraments are visible signs of God's grace			
	Prove how the Sacraments are community celebrations that call each person to share the love of God with others			
	Justify why the purpose of the Sacraments is to give each person a share in the life of Christ			
	Express how the Eucharist celebrates the eternal presence of the risen Christ			
	Defend the central place that Sacraments have in one's Christian life			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			

	Explain why the Church gathers at the Eucharistic Liturgy to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus			
	Name the liturgical ministries (acolyte, lector, Eucharistic minister, greeter...)			
	Compare and contrast the two main parts of the Eucharistic celebration, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, as well as two smaller rites, the Introductory Rite and the Concluding Rite			
	Correlate the importance of song, silence, response, gesture, and movement in the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Point out how Christ is present in the person of the minister, in the Eucharistic elements, in the Word, and in the gathered assembly			
	Defend why it is one's responsibility to fully and actively participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Compare and contrast the liturgical seasons and how the scripture and environment reflect the season			
	Demonstrate how the lectionary contains the readings for the three-year cycle of the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Defend the need for ritual			
We Pray	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Explain the need to show appreciation for the Word of God by attentive listening and responding to it in life			
	Participate in all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, Jesus Prayer, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal			
	Evaluate the aspects of community prayer by praying in a group, attending prayer services or liturgies, and visiting the church			
	Compose prayers for specific events, celebrations, and prayer services			
	Learn the responses of the liturgy as prayer			
	Explain how prayer is central in a Catholic Christian life, particularly in celebration of the liturgy			
	Communicate how each person develops a relationship with God through personal prayer			
	Recite and explain the traditional prayers of the Church: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before Meals, Doxology (Glory to the Father...), Act of Contrition, Apostles Creed, and Nicene Creed			
	Acknowledge and show appreciation for the traditional prayers of the Church: the Rosary, Prayer of St. Francis, Acts of Faith, Hope, & Love, Prayer of the Holy Spirit, Hail Holy Queen, Psalm 23, and Stations of the Cross			
	Examine why the Psalms are prayers that Jesus prayed while on earth and evaluate why they remain an important part of Catholic worship today			
We Live	<i>Moral teachings give individuals the ability to make good moral decisions and to act in a responsible, Christian manner</i>			
	Demonstrate the steps that each person must take in making good, moral decisions - reflection, talking to others who can help us, and praying to the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength			
	Relate how to respond to moral dilemmas using the life of Jesus and the teachings of the Church			
	Compare and contrast the Ten Commandments, Jesus' Great Commandment of Love, the Beatitudes, and Jesus' teachings as the foundation to be used in the process of making good, moral decisions			
	Research how conscience formation is an on-going, life-long process			
	Give examples of how one's conscience is a gift from God that helps each person discern right from wrong			
	<i>The seven key principles of the Catholic Social Teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>			
	Justify why, as followers of Jesus, each person is called to act with compassion and justice			
	Explain how the family is the basic unit where each person learns and acts on learned values			
	Describe how each person has a right and responsibility to participate in and contribute to the diverse communities in society			
	Discuss how followers of Jesus are the Church, and are, thus, called to reach out with Christ to others, especially those who suffer			
	Defend the need to love and respect people of the other cultures			
	Identify how Jesus' teachings are about the basic principles of life			
	Explain how all persons can make a difference, especially by making use of their own talents			

	Compare and contrast the major ministries of the Church			
	Demonstrate how each person is a member of one body of people in the world			
	Defend the importance of caring for creation and research ways to participate in activities that promote stewardship of the earth			
We Are God's Family	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>			
	Explain how a deep relationship with Jesus requires a personal faith commitment			
	Discuss the need to know and respect those people who profess other faiths			
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ and the Community of Faith</i>			
	Explain the history, work, and role of religious orders and the call to religious life today			
	Demonstrate how, through Baptism, each person is called to be active participants in the faith community			
	Illustrate how the Catholic Church is a global community			
	Argue how the heritage of various cultures enrich the experience and tradition of the Church			
	Discuss how each Christian, single, married, cleric, or religious, is called by Baptism to follow Christ and minister to others			
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DOMAIN	ARCHDIOCESAN EXPECTATIONS	PRIORITY EXPECTATION	CURRENTLY TAUGHT IN THIS GRADE LEVEL (yes or no)?	LIST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (IF NEEDED) FOR STUDENTS TO MASTER THIS EXPECTATION
We Believe	<i>Scripture has great meaning for life today</i>			
	Articulate how the Bible was inspired by God and illustrate the many different literary styles found within the Bible			
	Use Scripture for prayer and liturgy			
	Transfer ideas from Scripture to daily life			
	<i>The student will demonstrate an understanding of the history of the Church</i>			
	Diagram the major historical events of the Church			
	Defend how the most current teachings of the Church were set out during the most recent council gathering - Vatican Council II			
	Justify why knowledge of the history of the Church is essential to a proper understanding of the faith			
	Discuss the impact of the history of the Church in the United States			
	Argue how tradition is ongoing and yet evolving			
	Characterize the lives of modern saints			
	<i>The doctrine and dogma of the church are found in the Creedal statements</i>			

	Explain how there is only one true God who is revealed as three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit			
	Justify how Jesus is Christ, the Messiah, the anointed one sent by God			
	Demonstrate how the Resurrection is God's victory over sin and death and a source of life			
	Explain why Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, and glorification is called the Paschal Mystery			
	<i>The Trinity is revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus</i>			
	Argue why, by the grace of Baptism, each person is called to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity here on earth and after death in eternal life			
	Defend why God created the world to show His glory			
	Deduce why the Incarnation is the mystery of the union of the divine and human natures in the person of Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity			
	Explain how, through the power of the Holy Spirit, God gave the world Jesus through Mary			
We Worship	<i>Sacraments are important moments in the life of the community, especially the centrality of the Eucharist</i>			
	Explain how the Sacraments are actions of the risen Christ acting through His Church to love, heal, and call each person to change			
	Express how, through the Sacrament of Baptism, each person is called to serve, witness, and proclaim the Good News			
	Debate how the Eucharist, that was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper, is the real presence of Christ among the faithful			
	<i>The Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each person is called to full and active participation</i>			
	Discuss how the Church gathers at the Eucharistic Liturgy to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus			
	Justify why the Eucharistic Liturgy is the central prayer of the Catholic community			
	Argue for the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine offered at the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Compare and contrast the liturgical seasons, feasts, and solemnities of the Church year			
	Compare and contrast the liturgical ministries (acolyte, lector, Eucharistic minister, greeter...)			
	Compare and contrast the two main parts of the Eucharistic celebration, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, as well as two smaller rites, the Introductory Rite and the Concluding Rite			
	Justify The importance of song, silence, response, gesture, and movement in the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Explain how Christ is present in the person of the minister, in the Eucharistic elements, in the Word, and in the gathered assembly			
	Describe and defend why the primary liturgical symbols are the altar, the ambo, the assembly, the presider's chair, and the baptismal font			
	Defend the need for ritual			
	Evaluate one's responsibility to fully and actively participate in the Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Compare and contrast the liturgical seasons and how the scripture and environment reflect the season			
	Articulate how the lectionary contains the readings for the three-year cycle of the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy			
	Explain the importance of environment and art and how it relates to liturgical seasons and enhances worship			
	Explain the seasons of the Church year: Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, and Ordinary Time			
	Determine how the Eucharistic Liturgy prepares the faithful for how to be in the world - a people of welcome, service, and prayer			
We Pray	<i>Catholic prayer and traditions are an important aspect of the life of the church</i>			
	Explain the need to show our appreciation for the Word of God by attentive listening and responding to it in life			
	Defend the need for active and conscious participation in liturgy and other prayer experiences			
	Participate in all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, Jesus Prayer, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal			

	Experience community prayer by praying in a group, attending prayer services or liturgies, and visiting the church			
	Locate and use a variety of liturgical planning resources for liturgies and other prayer experiences			
	Compose prayers for specific events, celebrations, and prayer services			
	Learn the responses of the liturgy as prayer			
	Explain why prayer is central in a Catholic Christian life, particularly in celebration of the liturgy			
	Defend how the Psalms, which are prayers Jesus prayed while on earth, remain an important part of Catholic worship today			
	Articulate the practical role of prayer in sustaining a God-centered life			
	Justify how each person develops a relationship with God through personal prayer			
	Recite and explain the traditional prayers of the Church: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace before Meals, Doxology (Glory to the Father...), Act of Contrition, Apostles Creed, and Nicene Creed			
	Acknowledge and show appreciation for the traditional prayers of the Church: the Rosary, Prayer of St. Francis, Acts of Faith, Hope, & Love, Prayer of the Holy Spirit, Hail Holy Queen, Psalm 23, and Stations of the Cross			
We Live	<i>Moral teachings give individuals the ability to make good moral decisions and to act in a responsible, Christian manner</i>			
	Explain how moral values come from the teachings of Jesus			
	Describe the communal aspect of sin			
	Prove how the Ten Commandments, Jesus' Great Commandment of Love, the Beatitudes, and Jesus' teachings are the foundation to be used in the process of making good, moral decisions			
	Assess how Christian values help each person make social, economic, and political choices that build the kingdom of God			
	<i>The Catholic Social Teachings can be applied to personal and societal situations</i>			
	Describe how Jesus faced prejudice during His life on earth and defend His response as model for Christians today			
	Demonstrate how Jesus models love, respect, and reverence for human life			
	Examine the importance of participating in society and contributing to the common good, and defend the need to advance the common good in society			
	Compare and contrast how the Church has addressed social justice issues and how more needs to be done			
	Justify why, as Christians, each person is called to put the poor first			
	Communicate why the Beatitudes are a blueprint for a Christian life			
	Dramatize what it means to be a sign of contradiction to society's values			
	Explain how, by virtue of Baptism and Confirmation, every Christian is called to service and that this call is fulfilled through a variety of lifestyles and ministries			
	Demonstrate how being a Christian influences our values and priorities			
	Document the underlying issues of labor disputes and legislation in place to protect workers			
	Defend the need to be committed to world peace and how to work for it			
	Show how a consumer culture impacts each person and the earth and how we can use our personal talents to care for the earth			
We Are God's Family	<i>Each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts</i>			
	Describe how God calls each person by name			
	Articulate and examine reasons for believing in God			
	<i>The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Community of Faith</i>			
	Explain the history, work, and role of religious orders and the call to religious life today			
	Demonstrate how, through baptism, each person is called to be active participants in the community of faith			
	Articulate how the Catholic Church is a global community			

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