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ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	DOCTRINE	CONTENT UNDERSTANDINGS	RESOURCES/TEXT ALIGNMENT	ASSESSMENT
<p>How are we linked to Jesus?</p> <p>What are the main Catholic rituals?</p> <p>Why is Jesus considered the Primary Sacrament?</p> <p>What is the mission of the Church?</p> <p>What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>What does it mean to be a member of a faith community?</p>	<p>The Seven Sacraments</p> <p>Jesus is the Primary Sacrament</p> <p>The Church is the Sacrament of Christ</p> <p>Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name the seven sacraments Recognize that the sacraments as the most important liturgical celebrations of Catholic beliefs and relationships Know that Catholics ritually celebrate and actively live the meaning of the sacraments Explain how the sacraments help us affirm, renew, and live our religious beliefs Explain the significance of rituals Describe the purpose for signs and symbols Explain that sacraments celebrate our relationship with God Know that sacrament means sacred pledge Discuss the pledge between the baptized and God, and between the baptized and the Christian community Know that the sacraments came from Jesus and their understanding is based on the essence of Jesus’ person Identify the sacraments as the continuation of Christ’s saving actions in the Church Explain that we are to be sacraments of God’s loving presence for others Know that the scripture shows how Jesus lived the meaning of the sacraments in his ministry and encouraged others to do the same State that the Church carries on the mission of Jesus Christ Recognize that the Church teaches through Christ and receives its authority from Jesus (Magisterium) Know that Christ heals and forgives through the Church Relate that Christ prays in and with the Church Name Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, Sacraments of Initiation, as the rites of being accepted and welcomed into the Church Describe Baptism as the rebirth in God, and welcoming into 	<p><i>Be sure your classroom has a special prayer space that is prominent in the room.</i></p> <p>www.catechist.com for unique prayer ideas with children.</p> <p><i>Catechist Magazine</i> (Jan/Feb 2009 issue) www.catechist.com for Commandment Box activity.</p> <p>Acts 2:38-39</p> <p>Psalm 3.8</p> <p>Mt. 3:13-15 Lk.22:17-20 Mt 5:14-15</p>	<p>Create mobiles or stained glass windows of the signs and symbols of one of the sacraments</p> <p>Create symbols to represent each of the seven sacraments.</p> <p>Cite Scripture passages that show Christ’s sacramental actions</p> <p>Interview a parish minister and write about how their work is part of the mission of the Church.</p> <p>Provide examples of how the</p>

<p>Is the ritual for baptism essential for salvation?</p> <p>What are my responsibilities as a confirmed Christian?</p> <p>Why is the Eucharist called the <i>Bread of Life</i>?</p> <p>What is meant by the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?</p>		<p>Christian Community; Confirmation as the renewal and strengthening through the Holy Spirit; Eucharist, gives us greater union with Christ and full membership in the Church</p> <p><u>Baptism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read scripture on the Baptism of Jesus • Explain Baptism and how it evolved • Differentiate between adult baptism and infant baptism • Identify a priest as the minister of baptism; anyone may baptize someone in danger of death • Discuss that ritual baptism is not an essential condition for salvation (baptism of desire) • Recognize that we are called by baptism to be priest, prophet & King, like Jesus by sharing God's gifts with others • Know that laity's active role in the Church community is a right and duty • Explain the process for those not baptized or catechized to become Catholics • Name the stages included in the RCIA <p><u>Confirmation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how Confirmation completes initiation into the Church community • Recognize that the Holy Spirit comes to us to strengthen us to witness to the gospel, and live out our baptismal commitment • Identify the gifts of the Holy Spirit • Know the expectations for a confirmed Christian • Examine the confirmation and baptism celebrations of early Christians <p><u>Eucharist</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain that the Eucharist is the center, source and summit of Christian life and worship and is the Bread of Life • Recognize that Jesus gave himself as spiritual nourishment to unite the community and communion occurs within community • Christ is present-Eucharistic Body and Blood, words of scripture, liturgical minister, gathered community • Know that Eucharist is called Communion and Body of Christ • State that the Church community is called communion of saints 	<p>Mt 28:18-20</p> <p>Jn 7:37-39</p> <p>Mk.1-6-8</p> <p><i>Sacraments: Celebration of God's Life</i>, video #784 in diocesan library</p> <p>Acts 2:1-4</p> <p>1Cor. 11:23-26</p> <p>Jn.6: 25</p>	<p>Gifts of the Holy Spirit are present in your life.</p> <p>Interview a candidate or catechumen in the parish RCIA process.</p> <p>Research and report on the lives of famous converts to the faith i.e. St. Augustine, Dorothy Day, Cardinal Neumann, Mother Seton</p> <p>Create a listing of the ways a person can show that they belong to a faith community.</p> <p>Compose a prayer using the gifts of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>Gather information about your first Eucharist. Write a summary and report to the class</p> <p>Interview someone who remembers Mass from</p>
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<p>Why do Catholics desire regular reception of the Eucharist?</p> <p>Why can't one just privately confess our sins?</p> <p>How can one prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation?</p> <p>Why is the Anointing of the Sick celebrated?</p>	<p>Sacraments of Healing:</p>	<p>and Body of Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize that the Eucharist is central to our belief and key to the Christian community's lives and that all other sacraments lead to and from the Eucharist State the reasons why Catholics celebrate the Sacred liturgy Explain the introductory rites, liturgy of the Word, general intercessions, the Eucharist and concluding rites <p><u>Reconciliation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the purpose for reconciliation Identify Jesus as the Reconciler Define reconciling and explain the individual and communal ritual Examine sacramental absolution Discuss what it means to live the sacrament of reconciliation <p><u>Anointing of the Sick</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the rite of Anointing the Sick Compare communal and individual anointing Read scripture that references Jesus as a Healer of body and spirit Recognize that His followers ritually anoint the sick with oil 	<p>Lk 22: 15-17</p>	<p>before Vatican II. Report on their comments.</p> <p>Design a banner showing the relationship of the three sacraments of initiation.</p> <p>Research how the Sacrament of Reconciliation has changed over the past 5 decades.</p> <p>Using the Ten Commandments, the Law of Love, and the Beatitudes, compose a set of ten questions that would constitute a good Examination of Conscience.</p>
<p>What is a vocation?</p> <p>What is the difference between the sacrament of matrimony and a civil wedding?</p> <p>What is the difference between civil divorce and annulment?</p> <p>Who are the ministers of the Sacrament of Marriage?</p> <p>Why is it God's plan</p>	<p>Sacraments of Vocation:</p>	<p><u>Matrimony/Marriage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define matrimony/marriage as a covenant between a man and woman and God. Recognize that God created men and women equal in dignity and honor Know that the bride and groom are ministers of the Sacrament of Marriage Examine the rituals of the marriage ceremony Recognize that God's gift of grace helps couples bring children into the world and raise them as Catholic Christians Define procreation-a privilege of cooperating with God in giving life to a new human being Discuss that conception is unique and immediately a human being comes into existence and begins to develop Discuss the reasons why the New Testament speaks against divorce 	<p>Mt 5:23-24</p> <p>Jn 20:23</p> <p>Jn 9: 1-12</p>	<p>Compose a prayer for someone of your parish's sick list.</p> <p>Write a blessing for a married couple.</p>

<p>that children be born within a marriage?</p> <p>How is a man called to be a priest?</p> <p>How do we know that God loves us?</p> <p>How does this know motivate us to strive to be the best disciples we can be?</p> <p>How should I take care of myself and others?</p> <p>What can be different in our relationships when we truly follow Jesus?</p>	<p>Catholics as Sacramental People</p> <p>(Contains mandated content from the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People”)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define annulment and civil divorce • Explain the cultural forces that have weakened the institution of marriage and its social harm <p><u>Holy Orders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the life of a priest as one of service • List the ways ordained ministers (priests & deacons) serve the people of God • Explain the steps in the Rite of Ordination • Discuss what it means to be a priest forever <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how we are a sign of Christ’s continuing presence on earth by the way we live (welcome, encourage, support, assist, forgive, reconcile) • Discuss the Christian duty of respect for the safety and privacy needs of others • <u>Discuss ways your safety could be threatened by a stranger or someone you know or if they make you feel uncomfortable.</u> • Discuss the meaning of respecting, our bodies, the bodies of others and the gift of life. • Discuss the model for relationships that Jesus gave us: pure, true, loyal, unselfish, and responsible • Recognize that all people belong to God’s family and deserve love and respect and that God gives us virtues to help us • Explain that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we learn to make right choices about relationships • Describe true friendship as a virtue • Understand the benefits of exercise, good nutrition, hygiene, and abstinence as modeled in our Christian faith 	<p>Jn 2: 1-11</p> <p>Eph 5:25,29</p> <p>Mt 5: 33-37</p> <p>1Pt 2:5</p> <p>Heb 5: 1-3</p> <p>Sample lesson plans online at www.officeoflifelongfaithformation.org</p> <p>Video: <i>Don’t Knows and Kinda Knows</i> (#889 in Diocesan Library)</p> <p><i>Who Knew?: the Stop the Hurting Issue</i> from Channing Bete Co. www.channing-bete.com</p> <p><i>Who Knew?: the Internet Safety Issue</i> from Channing Bete Co.</p> <p>1 Jn 2:15-19</p> <p>1Jn 4: 7-21</p> <p>Mt 5: 3-12, Mt 6: 7-13</p>	<p>Locate scriptural examples of a priest’s life of service.</p> <p>Interview a priest to learn about his call to the priesthood.</p> <hr/> <p>Practice saying “NO” and telling a trusting adult if you feel threatened by someone.</p>
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