

Eighth Grade

THEME: Our Life in the Church. *“By her relationship with Christ, the Church is a kind of sacrament or sign of intimate union with God, and of the unity of all mankind.”*(LG, 1) It is in and through the Church that the initiated are brought to the fullness of the faith and full communion with Christ.

Six Tasks of Catechesis

Knowledge of Faith:

The Birth and Nature of the Church. _____
The Church is a Teaching, Hierarchical Church. _____
The Church Sanctifies us through the Sacraments. _____
The Communion of Saints. _____
The History of the Church is our History. _____
The Apostles and the Age of Martyrdom. _____
The Church Fathers and the Age of Controversy. _____
The Fall of Rome and the Rise of Monasticism. _____
The Rise of Islam and the Crusades. _____
Renesance and Reformation. _____
The Enlightenment and Modernism. _____
The Church and Animism, Polytheism and Paganism. _____
The Church and Eastern Orthodoxy and Protestantism. _____
The Church and Judaism and Islam. _____
The Universal Call to Holiness. _____
The Works of Mercy. _____
God calls us to Vocation. _____
Some are called to the Religious Life or Priesthood. _____
Some are called to the Lay Apostolate. _____
Law and Conscience, Formation in the Church. _____
The Church and the Social Order. _____
The Church prepares us for he Last Things –Death, _____
Judgment, Heaven and Hell. _____

Liturgy & Sacraments:

Through our Baptism we become Members of the _____
Church. _____
In the Eucharist we become the Mystical Body of Christ. _____
The Ministerial Priesthood is Constituted in Holy Orders. _____
The Domestic Church is Constituted in Holy Matrimony _____
In Confirmation we are made Adult members of the _____
Church and soldiers for Christ _____
The mercy found in the Sacrament of Confession _____
prompts merciful acts in Us. _____

Moral Formation:

We are all called to holiness. _____
We have a responsibility to form our Consciences _____
correctly through the Church. _____
We are called to live a Virtuous Life in the Vocation to _____
which we are called. _____
We are called to bring Christ to others through the _____
Spiritual and Corporeal Works of Mercy. _____
We are called to seek Social Justice in the Societies in _____
which we Live. _____

Worship and Prayer:

Seek to actively participate in the Mass and other public worship through active engagement.

Work on developing your own prayer life utilizing formal prayer, meditation, etc. Set aside specific times of the day for prayers.

Pay particular attention to the spiritual basis of fasting and abstinence, Holy Days of Obligation, the seasons of Lent and Advent, Sacramentals and other traditions (e.g. Advent Wreaths).

Community:

Appreciate the different families to which God calls us: our own families, the Church, friends, classmates, etc. and our call to sanctify these families.

Be aware of God's creation and the uniqueness of those around us.

Missionary Spirit:

Understand the communion of saints that is the Church.

Understand saints as people who lived lives of holiness and service.

Understand we are called to live lives of holiness and service.

Recognize that a vocation is God's call to a specific way of life.

Value all forms of life as a sacred.

Vocabulary:

- ekklesia
- deposit of grace
- deposit of faith
- the Four Marks of the Church
- pilgrim Church
- Sacred Scripture and Tradition
- Fathers of the Church
- Doctors of the Church
- encyclical
- hierarchy
- infallibility
- Magisterium
- curia
- rite
- icon
- liturgical year
- liturgical colors
- vestments
- communion of saints
- Church Militant

- Church Suffering
- Church Triumphant
- martyr
- heresy
- St. Athanasius
- St. Augustine
- St. Benedict
- monasticism
- the Crusades
- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Dominic
- St. Thomas Aquinas
- St. Catherine
- Renaissance
- Protestant Reformation
- Counter-Reformation
- St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Modernism
- polytheism
- Judaism
- Islam
- agnostic

- atheist
- ecumenism
- vocation
- apostolate
- corporal works of mercy
- spiritual words of mercy
- evangelical counsels
- contemplative
- celibacy
- laity
- Sacrament of Matrimony
- natural law
- ecclesiastical law
- conscience
- divine law
- Precepts of the Church
- just war abortion
- formal prayer
- mental prayer
- Theotokos

Scriptures:

Passage:

- Matthew 16:18-19
- Matthew 28: 16-20
- Luke 10:1-12
- Acts 1: 1-14
- Acts 6: 1-6
- 1 Peter 2:9-10
- Matthew 25: 31-36
- John 19:25-27

Description:

Jesus Constitutes His Church
The Great Commission
The Mission of the Disciples
Apostolic Succession
The Appointment of Deacons
Church of God's People
Jesus' Teaching on the Last Things
Mary as Mother of the Church

Prayers:

Angelus
Anima Christi
Regina Caeli
Come, Holy Spirit
Prayer to St. Francis
Memorare

Worship and Prayer:

Community:

Missionary Spirit: