

Diocese of Toledo, Ohio

Religion Curriculum Guide

Pre-K
through
Grade 8

Catholic Schools



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RELIGION TEACHING IN THE TOLEDO DIOCESE:

Religious education in the Toledo Diocese supports and assists parents in sowing the seeds of the Gospel in the hearts and minds of their daughters and sons so that they may develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Through this Religion Course of Study, students are enabled to assimilate, grow, and mature in the knowledge, values, and attitudes to which they are called by Jesus Christ

In Pre-School, students will...

- Know God as a loving Father
- Care for all of God's gifts
- Speak and listen to God with reverence
- Know who Jesus, Mary, Joseph are

In Kindergarten, students will ...

- Realize that God is good, made each of us special, and loves us
- Know that Jesus died for us and rose on Easter
- Know that Mary is Jesus' and our Mother
- Know that Baptism is the way we become members of God's family
- Express sorrow for unloving choices and realize that Jesus forgives us
- Realize that the Bible is a holy book about God and God's people
- Know some people and some stories from the Bible
- Understand that Mass is the most important way we worship God
- Describe prayer as talking and listening to God
- Pray the Sign of the Cross, a form of Grace before and after Meals, and know where the Stations of the Cross are located in the church

In Grade 1, students will ...

- Know that the Church is God's family
- Name their parish, their pastor, and the Pope
- Realize that God created the world and is always with us
- Know that Jesus is the Son of God who saved us and is a model for us
- Know that the Holy Spirit was sent by God on Pentecost
- Know the symbols of Baptism

- Know that the Bible is the Word of God speaking to us today
- Be familiar with some stories and people from the Bible
- Know that God speaks through His word read at Mass
- Know that the second part of the Mass prepares us to receive Jesus in Holy Communion
- Be familiar with the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter
- Pray the Our Father and Hail Mary, know what the rosary looks like, and experience praying the Stations of the Cross

In Grade 2, students will ...

- Cherish life as a gift from God
- Know that God gives us the freedom to choose
- Know that we are responsible for our choices and their consequences
- Define "virtue" as "a good habit" and know that we are called to be virtuous
- Define sin as an unloving choice
- Understand that our conscience helps us know what is right or wrong
- Know the word "Sacrament" and name the seven Sacraments
- Understand the essentials of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Recite an Act of Contrition
- Know more about the meaning of, and how to participate at, Mass
- Know that the bread and wine at Mass become the body and blood of Jesus
- Prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time
- Know that the Bible is the word of God speaking to us today
- Name the four Gospels

In Grade 3, students will ...

- Know that the Church is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic
- Realize that they are part of the Toledo Diocese
- Know the term "Trinity"
- Know the meaning of the term "Incarnation"
- Realize that Mary is the Mother of God and our model of faith
- Know the terms "Immaculate Conception" and "Annunciation"
- Know about saints and angels
- Name the three categories of Sacraments
- Understand more about each part of the Mass and how to participate
- Be familiar with the various seasons and colors of the Liturgical Year
- Pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and the Apostles' Creed; and experience praying the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross

In Grade 4, students will ...

- Know the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching
- Give examples of people who lived these principles
- Apply some of these principles to their own lives
- Know that the Theological Virtues are foundations for moral living
- Know how to use their conscience to make correct moral decisions
- Know the following moral guides: the Two Great Commandments, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, and the authority of the Church
- Know the major divisions of the Bible, and where to locate the books of the Bible
- Relate some Bible stories
- Know the Infancy Narratives, some parables, miracles, some events in the Acts of the Apostles, and an overview of the Epistles
- Use scripture as a basis for prayer
- Locate significant biblical cities on a map

In Grade 5, students will ...

- Understand the Church as a sign of Christ's presence among us
- Know the Church's Laws/Precepts
- Know what a martyr is and the lives of some martyrs
- Know what ecumenism is
- Be familiar with the Toledo Diocesan Mission of Accompaniment
- Understand how people enter the Church through the RCIA
- Deepen their understanding of each of the Sacraments
- Realize that their Baptismal vows are a call to holiness
- Know that some women and men take special vows as a fulfillment of their Baptismal vows; these are sisters, brothers, and priests
- Know the names of some religious communities
- Know the vestments, articles, liturgical roles, postures, etc., used during Mass
- Deepen their knowledge of the Liturgical Year
- Experience prayers of praise, thanksgiving, petition and sorrow
- Know the mysteries of the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross

In Grade 6, students will ...

- Know the primary principle of Catholic Social Teaching: "The Life and Dignity of the Human Person"
- Know the six other principles of Catholic Social Teaching
- Be familiar with saints and holy people who exemplify the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching
- Implement some of the principles in their own lives
- Know that the mystery of the Trinity is the central mystery of our faith
- List some attributes of God
- Know that Jesus is both God and man
- Have some idea of the concepts of death, heaven, hell, and purgatory

In Grade 6, cont'd.....

- Realize that the basic principle of morality is to do good and avoid evil
- Learn to act morally and live virtuously because of God's life (Grace) within them
- Differentiate between "literary form" and literal meaning
- Know the major divisions, events, places, people, and lessons of the Old Testament
- Know the definition of "Tradition"

In Grade 7, students will ...

- Know that Jesus is fully human and fully divine
- Know the meaning of the term "Paschal Mystery"
- Realize that they are temples of the Holy Spirit
- Know the meaning of "Immaculate Conception" and "Virgin Birth"
- Know the four Cardinal Virtues
- Understand that society's values are often contrary to the Church's
- Know how to inform their conscience
- Know the meaning of the Beatitudes
- Know the three moral determinants
- Differentiate between "literary form" and literal meaning
- Know the major divisions, events, places, people, and teachings of the New Testament
- Know some differences among the four Gospel accounts
- Know the various parts of the Mass and how some parts are modified during the Liturgical Year
- Be familiar with the structure of the Liturgy of the Hours

In Grade 8, students will ...

- Use the principles of Catholic Social Teaching in everyday life
- Know the Catholic Church's teaching about current social justice issues based on various Church documents
- Understand the relationship between Christianity and Judaism
- Know the term Magisterium
- Cite some heresies in the history of the Catholic Church and their origin
- Be familiar with the various Eastern churches in union with the Roman Catholic Church
- Know some non-Catholic denominations and how they originated
- Know the history of America as a missionary country
- Name some modern-day martyrs
- Understand some aspects of the major non-Christian religions
- Know the form and function of all seven sacraments