

Religion Curriculum Guidelines

PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN

Expectation #1

The student will demonstrate the ability to read and reflect on Scripture and its meaning for life today.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness of the Bible as a special book, to be treated with reverence and respect.

A recognition that the Bible tells us about God's love for each person.

A knowledge that Bible stories tell about Jesus and His teachings on being kind, loving and helpful.

Expectation #2

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the history of the Church.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge of Jesus' origins and key events of His life.

An understanding of Mary and the saints.

Expectation #3

The student will demonstrate an understanding that each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness of God and the wonders of God's creation which are gifts to each person.

An understanding of how each person shows love for others, their families, their friends and all children of God.

An awareness of a loving friendship with Jesus.

A knowledge that each person is special because God created him or her.

An awareness that God assists each person in respecting and helping one another.

An awareness that the family of God is one.

Expectation #4

The student will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of doctrine and dogma found in the Creedal Statements.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness of God as a loving Creator.

An awareness of Jesus as God's Son.

An awareness of Jesus' life, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension.

An awareness of who Jesus is and why He lived on earth.

Expectation #5

The student will develop an appreciation of the Trinity as revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus.

The student will demonstrate:

An appreciation of the Sign of the Cross.

An awareness of a loving friendship with Jesus Christ.

Expectation #6

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the Church as People of God, Body of Christ and Community of Faith.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that each person is a member of God's family.

A knowledge that each person becomes a member of God's special family and the Church through Baptism.

An understanding of what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

An awareness of how various cultures celebrate holy days of the Church.

An awareness of 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.

Expectation #7

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the Sacraments as important moments in the life of the community with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that each person becomes a member of God's special family through Baptism.

An awareness of reconciliation by saying, "I'm sorry."

Expectation #8

The student will demonstrate an understanding that the Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each is called to full and active participation.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness that in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful remember God's gift of Jesus.

An awareness of the liturgical seasons of the year.

A knowledge of the responses used at the Eucharistic Liturgy.

Expectation #9

The student will demonstrate a knowledge of and ability to participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness of what prayer is.

An appreciation of all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, mantra, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal.

An understanding of community prayer by praying in a group, attending liturgies or para-liturgies, and visiting the Church.

A knowledge that Jesus teaches each person how to listen to and talk with God.

An ability to compose simple petitions.

An ability to 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...)

Expectation #10

The students will demonstrate an understanding of moral teaching, and an ability to make good moral decisions and to act in a responsible, Christian manner.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of how God loves each person by understanding how people love each other.

An awareness of the need to respect each person and the property of others.

An appreciation that each person needs others.

An understanding of the need to share with others.

An understanding of the need to say “I’m sorry”.

An understanding of the need to show gratitude.

An understanding that all choices have consequences.

An understanding of how to act appropriately in response to feelings.

Expectation #11

The student will demonstrate an understanding of seven key principles of Catholic social teachings and have the ability to apply them to personal and societal situations.

a. Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that each person is loved by God and deserves to be treated with kindness.

A knowledge that life is a gift from God.

b. Call to Family, Community and Participation

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that each person is a member of a family.

A knowledge of the responsibilities associated with being a member of the family.

An awareness of family and its relationship to community.

c. Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness 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.

d. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness that there are others who are poor and needy.

An awareness that Christians are called to respond to the needs of all Christ’s people, especially the poor and needy.

e. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The student will demonstrate:

An appreciation for the role of work in each person's life by using and sharing God-given talents with others.

An appreciation for the work of others.

An understanding of the need for each person to complete class work on time, take care of supplies, and participate in school.

An understanding that by virtue of Baptism, every Christian is called to service and that this call is fulfilled through a variety of lifestyles and ministries.

f. Solidarity of the Human Family

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness that all people are one human family.

g. Care for God's Creation

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness that each person is called to be a caretaker of the earth.

An appreciation for the world God has given each person.

An understanding of the importance of conserving the resources God created.

An understanding of the need to live in peace with all peoples and creatures of the earth.

Expectation #12

The student will demonstrate an appreciation for and understanding of the basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness that everyone is special and unique.

A knowledge that our body is a gift from God.

An appreciation that family is a gift from God.

An awareness that humans grow.

An understanding of the five senses as gifts from God.

An awareness that there is good and bad touch.

GRADE ONE

Expectation #1

The student will demonstrate the ability to read and reflect on Scripture and its meaning for life today.

The student will demonstrate:

An appreciation of the Bible as the “Word of God.”

An understanding that the Bible tells each person about God’s love for everyone.

An awareness of the story of Jesus’ birth, death and resurrection.

Expectation #2

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the history of the Church.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge of the apostles and their role in the history of the Church.

An understanding of the saints.

A knowledge of Jesus’ life.

Expectation #3

The student will demonstrate an understanding that each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of God as a loving Father, giver of life, and Creator of the world.

An awareness that God created each person out of love.

An understanding that all things are gifts from God.

An ability to identify ways in which God shows love for each person.

An awareness that Jesus is the Son of God.

An awareness that God is with each person always.

Expectation #4

The student will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of doctrine and dogma found in the Creedal statements.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that there is one God.

A knowledge that God is three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

An understanding that God made all things.

An understanding that God, our Father, sent Jesus to save each person.

A knowledge that the Holy Spirit is with each person.

A knowledge that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of all people, too.

An understanding that heaven is being happy with God.

An awareness that Jesus is the model and teacher who shows each person how to live as a Christian.

Expectation #5

The student will develop an appreciation of the Trinity as revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness of the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.

An understanding of God as Father, Jesus as Son and the Holy Spirit as Helper.

Expectation #6

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the Church as People of God, Body of Christ and Community of Faith.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of what it means to belong to the Catholic Church.

An understanding that the Church is the community of the followers of Jesus.

An understanding that a church building is a sacred and holy place.

A knowledge that a parish is a local community of worship.

A knowledge of how various cultures celebrate holy days of the Church year.

An awareness of 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.

Expectation #7

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the Sacraments as important moments in the life of the community with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that through the Sacrament of Baptism, each person becomes a member of God's family, the Church.

An awareness that Jesus gives himself to each person in the Eucharist.

An awareness of what Jesus said and did at the Last Supper.

Expectation #8

The student will demonstrate an understanding that the Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each is called to full and active participation.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness that in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful remember God's gift of Jesus.

An awareness of the liturgical seasons of the year.

A knowledge of the responses used at the Eucharistic Liturgy.

An awareness that the faithful worship as a community at the Eucharistic Liturgy.

Expectation #9

The student will demonstrate a knowledge of and ability to participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness of what prayer is.

An appreciation of all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, mantra, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal.

An understanding of community prayer by praying in a group, attending prayer services or liturgies and visiting the Church.

A knowledge that Jesus teaches each person how to listen to and talk with God.

An ability to compose simple petitions.

An ability to recite the traditional prayers of the Church:

Sign of the Cross
Our Father

Hail Mary
Grace Before Meals
Doxology (Glory to the Father . . .)

Expectation #10

The student will demonstrate an understanding of moral teaching, and an ability to make good moral decisions and to act in a responsible, Christian manner.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of what it means to live as a Christian and as a child of God.

An awareness that God helps each person live a good life.

An awareness that each person makes decisions and that each decision has a consequence.

An awareness of conflict resolution skills.

An understanding of how to act appropriately in response to feelings.

Expectation #11

The student will demonstrate an understanding of seven key principles of Catholic social teachings and have the ability to apply them to personal and societal situations.

a. Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness of the need to respect self and others as gifts from God.

A knowledge that Jesus commanded: "Love one another even as I have loved you, and love your neighbor as yourself".

A respect for the dignity of all people, especially newborns, elderly, and the mentally and physically challenged.

b. Call to Family, Community and Participation

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that each person is an important member of a family, school, parish, and community.

An understanding that each person is called to participate in and contribute to the well being of family, parish and community.

c. Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the need to work individually and together to create a harmonious group setting with tolerance and respect for all.

An understanding of the need to treat others with respect.

d. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that love for the poor is an integral part of living a true Christian life.

e. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that work is positive and something to be proud of.

An appreciation for the work of others.

f. Solidarity of the Human Family

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness that responsibilities to one another cross all boundaries.

An awareness of the conditions and needs of the communities of the world.

g. Care for God's Creation

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that God has called all people to be caretakers of the world and to preserve its beauty.

An understanding of the need to live in peace with all peoples and creatures of the earth.

Expectation #12

The student will demonstrate an appreciation for and understanding of the basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness that all people are loved by God.

An awareness that God loves us even when we fail.

An understanding of how family members help each other and show their love.

A recognition of special gifts in family members.

An awareness that trust is part of friendship.

An awareness that some touch is appropriate and some is not.

A knowledge that our body is a gift from God.

An awareness that humans grow.

GRADE TWO

Expectation #1

The student will demonstrate the ability to read and reflect on Scripture and its meaning for life today.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the Bible as the “Word of God” which is proclaimed during liturgical services.

A knowledge that the Bible is composed of Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and the Christian Scriptures (New Testament).

An awareness that the Bible tells about God’s plan for the world.

Expectation #2

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the history of the Church.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that Jesus established the Church.

A knowledge that, as part of the history, the Holy Spirit gave the apostles courage to preach about Jesus and to baptize many who became believers.

A knowledge that Mary was chosen to be and is the Mother of Jesus.

A knowledge of patron saints.

Expectation #3

The student will demonstrate an understanding that each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that God is present in each person, in community, Scripture and the Sacraments.

A knowledge of the simple facts of the life of Jesus.

A knowledge that Christ came to teach people about God.

Expectation #4

The student will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of doctrine and dogma found in the Creedal statements.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that God is our Creator.

A knowledge that Jesus is God's Son who became a man and lived on earth.

A knowledge that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

An understanding of what it means to belong to the Catholic Church.

An understanding that the Holy Spirit helps us to live a good life.

An understanding that the saints are special people that are honored.

An understanding that heaven is unending happiness with God.

Expectation #5

The student will develop an appreciation of the Trinity as revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that there is only one God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A knowledge that God the Father is the Creator.

A knowledge that God the Son is the Savior.

A knowledge that God the Holy Spirit is the Helper.

Expectation #6

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the Church as People of God, Body of Christ and Community of Faith.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness and appreciation of each person's role as participating members in the celebration of the liturgy.

An understanding that the Catholic Church is a Sacramental Church.

An understanding that the Church is a community of people who follow God.

An understanding that the local church community is called the parish.

An understanding that all people are called to be disciples of God.

An understanding of Baptism as the Sacrament of Initiation which welcomes us into the community.

An understanding that the Church celebrates its unity in the Eucharist.

A knowledge of how various cultures celebrate holy days of the Church year.

An awareness of 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.

Expectation #7

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the Sacraments as important moments in the life of the community with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that the Seven Sacraments are a celebration of God's love and presence.

A knowledge that through the Sacrament of Baptism each person receives new life, and becomes a member of God's family, the Church.

An understanding that during the Sacrament of Reconciliation God forgives each person when sorrow is expressed.

An understanding that the Holy Eucharist was instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper.

A knowledge that the Eucharist is a remembrance of Jesus' death and resurrection.

A knowledge that the word Eucharist means thanksgiving.

An understanding that there are three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Expectation #8

The student will demonstrate an understanding that the Eucharistic Liturgy (the Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each is called to full and active participation.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful remember God's gift of Jesus.

A knowledge of the liturgical seasons of the year.

An awareness that the faithful worship as a community at the Eucharistic Liturgy.

A knowledge of the responses used at the Eucharistic Liturgy.

A knowledge that the Church gathers at the Eucharistic Liturgy to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

A knowledge that the Eucharistic Liturgy is the central prayer of the Catholic community.

An awareness of the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine offered at the Eucharistic Liturgy.

Expectation #9

The student will demonstrate a knowledge of and ability to participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer.

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness of what prayer is.

An appreciation of all forms of prayer: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, liturgical, mantra, music and movement, guided meditation and communal.

An understanding of community prayer by praying in a group, attending prayer services or liturgies and visiting the Church.

A knowledge that Jesus teaches each person how to listen to and talk with God.

A knowledge of liturgical responses.

An ability to compose simple petitions.

An ability to 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

Expectation #10

The students will demonstrate an understanding of moral teaching, and an ability to make good moral decisions and to act in a responsible, Christian manner.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that sin is choosing to turn away from God.

An understanding that each person has the ability to make decisions and to discern the difference between right and wrong.

A knowledge that all decisions have consequences.

An awareness of conflict resolution skills.

Expectation #11

The student will demonstrate an understanding of seven key principles of Catholic social teachings and have the ability to apply them to personal and societal situations.

a. Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The student will demonstrate:

A respect for the dignity of all people, especially newborns, elderly and the mentally and physically challenged.

An appreciation for the talents and good qualities of ourselves and others.

b. Call to Family, Community and Participation

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that each person is called to contribute to society.

An understanding of family responsibilities.

An understanding of the importance of contributing to family, parish and community.

c. Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that Christians are called to treat others in ways consistent with Jesus' teaching and example.

An understanding of how Jesus accepted and forgave others and how each person is expected to do the same.

d. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that Christians are called to respond to the needs of Christ's people, especially the poor and the needy.

An awareness of the ways in which Jesus responded to the needs of the poor, sick and lonely.

An understanding that all are poor in some ways and require assistance.

e. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of how work affects each person in a positive way and is an expression of human self-worth.

An understanding of the need to do one's best in school and be responsible for performing classroom tasks.

An awareness of the diversity of career choices.

An understanding that by virtue of Baptism, every Christian is called to service and that this call is fulfilled through a variety of lifestyles and ministries.

f. Solidarity of the Human Family

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that God's plan is for all people to live in harmony.

An understanding of the importance of learning about and respecting the customs and traditions of all people.

g. Care for God's Creation

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that all people are called to be respectful and to care for God's creation.

An understanding that all people are called to be kind and respectful to God's creation.

Expectation #12

The student will demonstrate an appreciation for and understanding of the basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family.

Student will demonstrate:

An understanding that there are a variety of family structures.

An understanding that friends are special people.

An understanding that we grow and change.

An understanding that we are special with unique characteristics.

An awareness that the human body is a creation and a gift from God.

A recognition that some friends are boys and some are girls, and both are equal before God.

An awareness that some touch is appropriate and some is not.

GRADE THREE

Expectation #1

The student will demonstrate the ability to read and reflect on Scripture and its meaning for life today.

The student will demonstrate:

An appreciation of and a reverence for the richness of the Bible as the “Word of God”.

A knowledge of the Christian Scriptures (New Testament), in particular the Gospels.

An awareness that the Christian Scriptures tell about Jesus and the early days of the Church.

Expectation #2

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the history of the Church.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that the first Christians were followers of Jesus who formed the earliest Christian communities.

An ability to identify key historical moments in the early Church.

An understanding of the role of Peter in the early Church.

An understanding of the work of the saints.

Expectation #3

The student will demonstrate an understanding that each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that the Holy Spirit continues to draw Jesus’ followers together.

An understanding that God takes care of and is always faithful to all His people.

An awareness that Jesus is the Messiah.

An understanding that each person becomes a part of the Kingdom of God through participation in the life of the Church.

Expectation #4

The student will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of doctrine and dogma found in the Creedal statements.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that the Blessed Trinity is one God in three distinct persons; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

A knowledge that Jesus is the second person of the Blessed Trinity.

A knowledge that Jesus is both human and divine.

A knowledge that the Holy Spirit helps each person to live a Christian life.

Expectation #5

The student will develop an appreciation of the Trinity as revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus.

The student will demonstrate:

The belief that there is only one God in three Persons which is called the Blessed Trinity.

A knowledge that Jesus is the redeemer of the world.

A knowledge that God the Father is the creator of all things.

A knowledge that the Holy Spirit guides each person to follow Jesus.

Expectation #6

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the Church as People of God, Body of Christ and Community of Faith.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge of the four marks of the Church; one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

An understanding that the role of the Catholic Church is to continue Jesus' mission of the world.

A knowledge of the role of the laity, priests, religious, bishops, cardinals, and the pope.

A knowledge of how various cultures celebrate the holy days of the Church.

An awareness of 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.

Expectation #7

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the Sacraments as important moments in the life of the community with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that Baptism is the beginning of each person's life of holiness.

An understanding that the Sacraments of Initiation are: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

An understanding that the Sacraments are signs of God's love for all His people.

An understanding that through the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist Jesus shares Himself.

An understanding that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation God forgives sin and helps people to grow in love.

Expectation #8

The student will understand that the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each is called to full and active participation.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that in the Eucharistic Liturgy the faithful remember God's gift of Jesus.

A knowledge that the Church gathers at the Eucharistic Liturgy to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

A knowledge that the Eucharistic Liturgy is the central prayer of the Catholic community.

An awareness of the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine offered at the Eucharistic Liturgy.

A knowledge of the liturgical seasons, feasts and solemnities of the church year.

Expectation #9

The student will demonstrate a knowledge of and ability to participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the need to show appreciation for the Word of God by listening and responding to it in each person's life.

An ability to participate in a variety of prayer forms: formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, liturgical, mantra, music and movement, guided meditation, and communal.

An understanding of community prayer by praying in a group, attending prayer services and liturgies.

An ability to compose simple prayers and petitions.

An awareness that the parish is a special place where each person comes to know others and pray with them.

A knowledge of liturgical responses as prayer.

An understanding of psalms as important prayers.

An ability to recite and understand the traditional prayers of the Church:

Sign of the Cross
Our Father
Hail Mary
Grace Before and After Meals
Doxology (Glory to the Father . . .)
Act of Contrition
Apostles' Creed

Expectation #10

The students will demonstrate an understanding of moral teaching, and an ability to make good moral decisions and to act in a responsible, Christian manner.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the concept of right and wrong and the relationship between choices and consequences.

An understanding that as disciples of Jesus Christ each person learns to act as He did.

A knowledge of Jesus' Commandment of Love as a basis for making good moral decisions.

An understanding that each person is called to act justly by accepting and respecting others.

Expectation #11

The student will demonstrate an understanding of seven key principles of Catholic social teachings and have the ability to apply them to personal and societal situations.

a. Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that every human being is created by God and is, therefore, valuable and worthy of respect.

An ability to listen carefully to another person.

b. Call to Family, Community and Participation

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the characteristics of family and community.

An understanding of the need to share in family responsibilities.

An understanding of the responsibilities of various community helpers.

An understanding of the importance of participation in community.

c. Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the term "human rights" and the importance of respecting each person's human rights.

An understanding of how the Ten Commandments and the two great commandments relate to the rights of others.

d. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the need to respect the poor.

An understanding that the Church has a special obligation to the poor and vulnerable, to defend and promote their dignity, and to ensure that they can fully participate in society.

e. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that work is an expression of human dignity and a way of participating in God's creation.

An understanding of the need to complete class work on time, take care of supplies, and participate in school.

f. Solidarity of the Human Family

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that the virtue of solidarity means that loving our neighbor involves working for world peace, caring for the environment and promoting human rights.

g. Care for God's Creation

The student will demonstrate:

An appreciation for the many gifts of God's creation.

An appreciation of the need to show respect for all God's creatures.

Expectation #12

The student will demonstrate an appreciation for and understanding of the basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family.

Student will demonstrate:

An understanding that all people are gifts of God.

An awareness of how life begins and is nurtured in a loving family.

An awareness of the reproductive cycles of living things.

An ability to express one's feelings when communicating with others.

A knowledge of how to care for the human body.

GRADE FOUR

Expectation #1

The student will demonstrate the ability to read and reflect on Scripture and its meaning for life today.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge of the difference between Hebrew and Christian scripture.

An understanding that the Bible teaches about choices and how to live good lives.

An understanding of covenant as found in Scripture.

Expectation #2

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the early Church and its history.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the Church and its history.

An understanding of the saints as Christian role models.

An appreciation of Mary as the greatest of all saints.

Expectation #3

The student will demonstrate an understanding that each person is drawn to God who, in creating them, has placed a desire for happiness in their hearts.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that the Kingdom of God is the saving power of God's life and love in the world.

An understanding that the Kingdom of God is for everyone.

A knowledge that Jesus used parables to tell people how to live for the Kingdom.

An understanding that sin is the greatest obstacle in each person's efforts to love God and neighbor.

An understanding that God's relationship with people throughout history is based on unconditional love.

Expectation #4

The student will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of doctrine and dogma found in the Creedal statements.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that the Church is identified by the four marks: one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

An understanding that heaven is unending happiness in the eternal presence of God.

An understanding that hell is the unending sadness that comes from knowing that one is eternally separated from God (by one's own choice).

An understanding that Jesus was both human and divine.

Expectation #5

The student will develop an appreciation of the Trinity as revealed to all people in the person, word, and works of Jesus.

The student will demonstrate:

A belief that there is one God in three persons which is called the Blessed Trinity.

A knowledge that God the Father is all-good, all-holy and all-knowing.

An understanding that Jesus is God the Son, the Savior and Redeemer.

A knowledge that God, the Holy Spirit, lives and works in each person.

Expectation #6

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the Church as People of God, Body of Christ and Community of Faith.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that the Church, as Body of Christ and people of God, is guided by the Holy Spirit and supports all members to live the Gospel.

An understanding that 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.

An understanding of how various cultures celebrate holy days of the Church year.

An awareness of 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.

Expectation #7

The student will demonstrate an understanding of the Sacraments as important moments in the life of the community with an emphasis on the centrality of the Eucharist.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that the Sacraments bring people closer to God.

An understanding that each person shares in God's life, which is grace, through the celebration of the Sacraments.

An understanding that through the Sacrament of Baptism each person is called to serve, witness and proclaim the good news.

An understanding that through the Sacrament of the Eucharist each person is united with all the members of God's family and share in God's divine life.

A knowledge and appreciation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how it helps each person to seek God's forgiveness and reconcile with the community.

An understanding of Eucharist as central to Catholic life and the symbol of the reign of God.

Expectation #8

The student will understand that the Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass) is the communal celebration of the Paschal Mystery in which each is called to full and active participation.

The student will demonstrate:

A knowledge that the Church gathers at the Eucharistic Liturgy to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

A knowledge that the Eucharistic Liturgy is the central prayer of the Catholic community.

An awareness of the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine offered at the Eucharistic Liturgy.

A knowledge of the liturgical ministries (acolyte, lector, Eucharistic minister, greeter...)

Expectation #9

The student will demonstrate a knowledge of and ability to participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the need to show appreciation for the Word of God by listening and responding to it in one's life.

An ability to participate in a variety of prayer forms: liturgical, formal, informal, spontaneous, reflective, personal, mantra, music and movement, guided meditation and communal.

An understanding of community prayer by participating in liturgy, group prayer and prayer services.

An ability to compose simple prayers and petitions.

A knowledge of liturgical responses as prayer.

A knowledge of the Apostles' Creed and an understanding of what it states about one's beliefs.

An ability to recite and understand traditional prayers of the Church:

Sign of the Cross
Our Father
Hail Mary
Grace Before and After Meals
Doxology (Glory to the Father . . .)
Act of Contrition
Apostles' Creed

A knowledge and appreciation of the traditional prayers of the Church:

The Rosary
Prayer of St. Francis
Acts of Faith, Hope and Love
Prayer of the Holy Spirit

Expectation #10

The students will demonstrate an understanding of moral teaching, and an ability to make good moral decisions and to act in a responsible, Christian manner.

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that each person is created in God's image and likeness, having intellect (the power to think) and free will (the power to choose).

An understanding that sin is the choice to turn away from God, whether by thought, word, action or omission.

A knowledge of the two types of sin: mortal and venial.

An understanding that the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and God's Law of Love are guidelines in each person's formation of conscience.

Expectation #11

The student will demonstrate an understanding of seven key principles of Catholic social teachings and have the ability to apply them to personal and societal situations.

a. Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the need to help others and defend basic rights.

An understanding that because all people are made in the image and likeness of God, they are to be treated fairly and respectfully.

An understanding of the need to promote positive relationships with other people.

b. Call to Family, Community and Participation

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of family responsibilities.

An understanding of the contributions that varied world cultures make to society.

An understanding of the importance of celebrating one's cultural and ethnic heritage.

An awareness of various community service organizations.

c. Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding of basic human rights and of the need to respect those rights.

An understanding that each person is to care for all living things.

d. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that followers of Jesus are called to share resources with others who are in need.

An awareness of and participation in service groups that help the poor and vulnerable.

An understanding that all persons, including the young, can make a difference in bringing about a more just society.

e. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness that all workers are worthy of respect regardless of the nature of the job.

An understanding of career choices and opportunities.

An understanding of the need to be responsible for the gifts and talents God has given each person.

An understanding that by virtue of Baptism, every Christian is called to service and this call is fulfilled through a variety of lifestyles and ministries.

f. Solidarity of the Human Family

The student will demonstrate:

An awareness that God's plan is for each person to live in harmony with all people and cultures.

An awareness of how each person can help alleviate world problems such as hunger, poverty and disease.

g. Care for God's Creation

The student will demonstrate:

An understanding that God entrusted human beings with the responsibility to care for the earth.

An understanding of the importance of conserving the resources of the earth.

Expectation #12

The student will demonstrate an appreciation for and understanding of the basic principles of Catholic teaching on the family.

Student will demonstrate:

An understanding of the importance of family relationships

An awareness that the human body is made up of many systems.

An awareness of the human reproductive system.

An understanding that each person is created by God to love responsibly and to be loved.

An understanding of the responsibility to care for one's body.

An awareness of the many stages of the human life cycle.

An understanding of personal responsibility over one's body and the right to say "no".