

Religious Education Standards
General Standards for Grade 5

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Dear Catechist,

In 2013, Bishop Folda requested that a committee be formed to evaluate and publish updated standards for our Catholic schools and parish Religious Education programs. The result of the committee's work are standards for Kindergarten through eighth grade.

There are two formats of the standards for each grade:

1. **General Standards:** This is a "master list" of all the aspects of the Faith which should be covered in each specific grade. Each grade is divided into the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: Profession of Faith, Sacraments, Moral Life and Prayer.
2. **Standards Corresponding to Textbook:** This document shows where the General Standards are covered in the textbook. It lists each chapter of the textbook. This document will be more useful for teaching.

The standards were also used as part of the selection process of the textbook series that was recommended to Bishop Folda.

The committee also suggested that the standards be a working tool for catechists, that is, not only insuring that the essential elements of the Faith are presented, but also as a way for catechists to share ideas with one another. The web page www.fargodiocese.org/curriculum has been created for this purpose. At the bottom of the page is the form "Submit an Activity or Idea". I encourage you to submit something to share with other catechists. Perhaps you have a great craft that works well with a lesson or some other activity that engages the children while helping to solidify what they just learned. I will use your ideas to build the sections in the standards entitled "Mission and Community" and "Teacher Notes". I will create links in these areas so that catechists will be able to see activities that others have submitted.

My hope is that these documents will be a great resource for you.

Peace in Christ,

Mary Hanbury
Director of Catechesis

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Why does our heart long for God?	<p>PF 5.1 The desire for God is written in the human heart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know true happiness comes from loving God and He wants us to be happy b. Know we are created to be saints and share eternal life with God c. Understand that people often seek to fill the longing of their hearts with things other than God 	<p>CCC 27</p> <p>CCC 27-30</p> <p>CCC 1039</p>		
How does God reveal himself to us?	<p>PF 5.2 God reveals his love through a series of covenants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that God reveals himself to us gradually b. Begin to understand a covenant is a solemn agreement between God and man c. Begin to understand the covenants with Noah, Abraham, and Moses d. Know God fully reveals himself in the person of Jesus Christ 	<p>CCC 51-64</p> <p>CCC 73</p>		
Who is Jesus?	<p>PF 5.3 Jesus is the Son of God made man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand that we come to know Jesus through the scriptures especially the Gospels b. Begin to understand the Old Testament scriptures point to the coming of Jesus, the Messiah 	<p>CCC 422</p> <p>CCC 124-127</p> <p>CCC 128-130</p>		

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How is the Gospel message handed on?	<p>PF 5.4 The Gospel message is handed on by sacred scripture and Tradition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand Tradition is what the apostles handed on by their spoken word and example b. Understand sacred scripture is the message of salvation inspired by the Holy Spirit in written form c. Understand the bishops (successors of the apostles) preserve the Gospel message in the Church 	<p>CCC 80</p> <p>CCC 76</p> <p>CCC 80-82, 97</p> <p>CCC 552, 861</p>		
How can we know the Church?	<p>PF 5.5 The Church was instituted by Jesus Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know the four essential features (marks) of the Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One (Unity); because there is only one Christ there can only be one Body of Christ 2. Holy; because God is holy and is at work sanctifying the Church 3. Catholic (Universal); because she professes the full faith to everyone in all places and times 4. Apostolic; because she was founded upon the eyewitness of the apostles and exercises their authority b. Know we become members of the Church through Baptism c. Understand as believers we accept in faith all that God has revealed, as taught by the Catholic Church d. Begin to understand the role of the Magisterium (the teaching office of the Church) is interpreting sacred scripture and Tradition 	<p>CCC 763-766</p> <p>CCC 866-870</p> <p>CCC 1267</p> <p>CCC 1253</p> <p>CCC 85-87, 95, 100</p>		

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What happens when we die?	<p>PF 5.6 God desires eternal life in heaven for each of us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know death was not part of God’s plan but is a consequence of Original Sin b. Begin to understand that in death the body and soul are separated; the soul goes to meet the judgement of God, and the body and soul are reunited on the last day c. Begin to understand each of us will be judged on how we loved God, neighbor, and self d. Begin to understand that purgatory is a state of purification after death and before entrance into heaven e. Know that hell is eternal separation from God by our own free choice 	<p>CCC 1 CCC 1008</p> <p>CCC 997 CCC 1016-1018 CCC 1021-22</p> <p>CCC 1030-31</p> <p>CCC 1033</p>		
What is the Communion of Saints?	<p>PF 5.7 The Communion of Saints includes those in heaven, those in purgatory, and the baptized on earth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know the saints in heaven help us to grow in love and are role models for us to follow b. Know the souls in purgatory will get to heaven c. Know the baptized on earth are on their journey to heaven d. Know patron saints are saints with whom we have a special relationship 	<p>CCC 954</p> <p>CCC 957</p> <p>CCC 1030 CCC 954</p>		

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How do the sacraments affect our life with Christ?	<p>S 5.1 Jesus instituted the seven sacraments so we could receive sanctifying grace, a share in God’s divine life through the Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know the seven sacraments b. Begin to understand the sacraments as efficacious signs (efficacious is something that causes the desired effect; sacraments do what they say they do because of God’s power even though we don’t see the effect) c. Understand that the sacraments give the graces needed to grow in holiness throughout our lives 	<p>CCC 1117</p> <p>CCC 1113-1114, 1123, 1127, 1129-1131, 1210</p>		
How do we encounter Christ in the Sacraments of Initiation?	<p>S 5.2 God in his love and mercy, through the Sacraments of Initiation, invites us into a relationship with him and his Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know in baptism we receive the Holy Spirit and his gifts, are freed of Original Sin, and become children of God b. Know confirmation increases and deepens baptismal grace c. Know the Eucharist unites us with Jesus Christ, completes our initiation into the Church, and nourishes our soul 	<p>CCC 1212</p> <p>CCC 1213-</p> <p>CCC 1303</p> <p>CCC 1322, 1391-92</p>		

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<p>How does the Eucharist unite me more deeply with Christ?</p> <p>Why is the Holy Triduum central to our faith?</p>	<p>S 5.3 Through the Mass we are drawn into the love of God, healed, and transformed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know the highest form of liturgy is the Mass b. Know the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life c. Recognize that the Eucharist is also known as the Lord's Supper, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and Holy Communion d. Know at Mass we participate in the Paschal Mystery: Christ's work of redemption by his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension e. Know through our participation in the Mass we are strengthened and sent forth to bring Christ's love to the world f. Begin to understand the Triduum is celebrated from Holy Thursday evening Mass to the evening of Easter Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Holy Thursday: The Last Supper 2. Good Friday: The Passion 3. Holy Saturday: Jesus in the Tomb 4. Easter Vigil/Sunday: Resurrection g. Understand the Triduum is the high point of the liturgical year 	<p>CCC 1324</p> <p>CCC 1407 CCC 1328-1332</p> <p>CCC 1341, 1362-1367, 1409</p> <p>CCC 1067</p>		
<p>What happens to us when we celebrate the liturgy?</p>	<p>S 5.4 Through the liturgy we are drawn into the love of God, healed, and transformed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand that liturgy means the people of God participate in the work of God b. Begin to understand there are various form of liturgies: celebrations of the sacraments, Good Friday, Benediction, etc. c. Understand the Mass is celebrated by the faithful present on earth, in purgatory and all of heaven d. Understand the sacraments are received through liturgies 	<p>CCC 1069</p> <p>CCC 1370</p> <p>CCC 1139</p>		

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	e. Know the highest form of worship is the Mass			

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<p>How does the Church celebrate the life of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the saints throughout the liturgical year?</p>	<p>S 5.5 We celebrate the events in the life of Christ, Virgin Mary, and the saints during the various liturgical seasons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know the liturgical seasons celebrate the mysteries of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection throughout the year b. Know the Holy Days are special days on which the Church celebrates the birth, life and death of Jesus Christ, or his mother or the saints c. Know a solemnity represents the highest ranking holy day in the Church d. Know every Sunday is a solemnity e. Know on January 1 we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary; as the Mother of God f. Know on August 15 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; when Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life g. Know on November 1 we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints; all the saints in heaven canonized and all those known to God alone h. Know on December 8 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, that Mary's soul was created by God without sin i. Know on December 25 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ; birth of Christ j. Know on Thursday of the sixth week of Easter we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus ascended into heaven. The Diocese of Fargo has moved the celebration of this Holy Day to the following Sunday 	<p>CCC 1163, 2177</p> <p>CCC 1171</p> <p>CCC 1167 CCC 484-486, 495</p> <p>CCC 966</p> <p>CCC 490-493</p>		

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What is a vocation?	S 5.6 God has a plan for our lives and calls us to live out a particular vocation in his service <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Understand some men are called to the Sacrament of Holy Ordersb. Understand some men and women are called to religious consecrated lifec. Understand a man and woman may be called to the Sacrament of Matrimonyd. Understand some people are called to live out their life in the single state	CCC 358, 873, 931		

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What does it mean to say that a human person is created in God's image?	<p>ML 5.1 The dignity of every human person stems from being made in the image and likeness of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know the human person is the summit of God's creation b. Understand the human person is created with an intellect, will, and capacity to love c. Understand a human person can know and love his creator d. Know the human person has an immortal soul (never dies) e. Know we should respect the dignity of all human life: from conception to natural death f. Recognize that the human person is created male or female 	<p>CCC 1700</p> <p>YOUCAT 58 CCC 1701-06</p> <p>YOUCAT 62</p> <p>YOUCAT 64</p>		
How does forming our conscience help us to choose the good and avoid evil?	<p>ML 5.2 We have a responsibility to form our conscience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand in our conscience God speaks to us to help us to choose the good and avoid evil b. Know that we form our conscience through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Church c. Know that an examination of conscience helps us identify our personal sin d. Recognize that virtue is the habit that strengthens us and enables us to choose the good and reject evil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theological virtues are gifts given to us by God at Baptism (faith, hope, charity) 2. Cardinal virtues are acquired by human effort (prudence, justice, temperance, courage/fortitude) 	<p>CCC 1777-94 YOUCAT 291-300 CCC 1783-1785</p> <p>CCC 1803-1809 YOUCAT 299, 305-309 CCC 1812-1813, 1840-44</p>		

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Why do we serve others in words and actions?	<p>ML 5.3 We are made for communion with God and others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand justice and the importance of defending human rights for all b. Understand we perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy as a way to know, love, and serve God and care for others c. Begin to understand how to tell others about Jesus and his family, the Church, by sharing the Gospel (evangelization) 	<p>CCC 1928, 1932</p> <p>CCC 2447</p> <p>CCC 849-851</p>		
How can the saints teach us to live a moral life?	<p>ML 5.4 The saints are our role models for our journey to heaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that saints are people who have turned their hearts and live according to God's plan b. Begin to understand, through God's grace, hardened sinners can convert and become saints c. Understand the lives of the saints inspire us to grow and live a holy life 	<p>CCC 828</p>		
Why is human life more important than things?	<p>ML 5.5 Social teaching of the Church: the life and dignity of the human person is sacred because God created each of us in his image</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand human life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society b. Know life is sacred from the moment a child begins to exist (conception) until the moment of death c. Begin to understand how society can threaten or enhance the life and dignity of the human person, particularly the most vulnerable 	<p>CCC 2319</p> <p>CCC 2258</p>		

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<p>How does the media influence us?</p> <p>How can words and actions affect us?</p>	<p>ML 5.6 Safe environment: God desires us to be safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know God calls us to a loving relationship with himself and with others b. Know we can place ourselves in unsafe situations accidentally or by choice. For example, the internet, games, technology (personal devices), movies, books, music, images c. Recognize how words and actions can violate our dignity and the dignity of others d. Begin to understand the media can influence us both positively and negatively e. Recognize when a boundary may be threatened or violate our personal space and how to respond f. Understand God wants us to take care of ourselves and get help from a trusted adult when we feel unsafe or have been hurt 			

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How does prayer express our personal relationship with God?	<p>P 5.1 We express our response to God’s Word through vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that in vocal prayer we express our thoughts and feelings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Psalms and hymns of scripture 2. Prayers of the liturgy 3. Devotions 4. Memorized prayers 5. Spontaneous prayer b. Begin to understand that in meditation we personally seek meaning of what we are praying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. by listening attentively 2. by identifying my emotions 3. by engaging my imagination 4. by questioning and wondering c. Know contemplative prayer is a childlike rest in the presence of the One who loves me 	<p>CCC 2699</p> <p>CCC 2700 YOUCAT 501-504</p> <p>CCC 2723</p> <p>CCC 2724 Psalm 131:2</p>		
What are the different ways we pray?	<p>P 5.2 There are different forms (types) of prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know a blessing is our response to God’s gift. He blesses us, we bless him b. Know to praise God is to recognize how awesome God is and to sing about his greatness c. Know that to intercede in prayer is to ask God to help others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We can intercede for the living: our family, friends, strangers, and even our enemies 2. We can intercede for those who have died: souls in purgatory 3. When we intercede we are asking God to heal, to forgive, and to bring peace, blessing, salvation, guidance, protection, etc. to others 	<p>CCC 2626-2628</p> <p>CCC 2634-2636</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Recognize various scriptural examples of intercession: Abraham, Moses, Mary, Jesus, Paul, etc. 5. Jesus, Mary, the saints, and the Church intercede for us constantly d. Know that to petition in prayer is to first ask for forgiveness and then ask for God’s help e. Recognize everything is a gift from God and learn to tell God “thank you” 	<p>CCC 2673-2679 CCC 2635-2636</p> <p>CCC 2631</p> <p>CCC 2648</p>		
How does Mary intercede for us?	<p>P 5.3 From the cross, Jesus gave his mother to be the mother of all and as our mother she intercedes for us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that at Pentecost Mary waited in prayer for the Holy Spirit to come b. Know we ask Mary to intercede for us each time we pray the Hail Mary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>“Hail Mary, full of grace”</i>... We acknowledge the Holy Spirit overshadowing Mary 2. <i>“Holy Mary, Mother of God”</i> ...We ask Mary to beg God’s mercy on our behalf, as sinners 3. <i>“Now and at the hour of our death”</i> We ask Mary to plead for us at the two most important moments of our lives 	<p>John 19: 26-27</p> <p>Acts 1:14</p> <p>CCC 2676-2677</p>		

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<p>How do we venerate Mary in the life of Jesus and the life of the Church?</p>	<p>P 5.4 We venerate Mary through the liturgy and private devotion</p> <p>a. Recognize in the liturgy there are many feasts that celebrate Mary's place in the plan of salvation, some include: Holy day of obligation when not on Sat. or Mon, with the exception of Immaculate Conception*</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. *Mother of God- January 1 2. Annunciation- March 25 3. *Assumption- August 15 4. Queenship of Mary- August 22 5. Birth of Mary- September 8 6. Our Lady of Sorrows- September 15 7. *Immaculate Conception- December 8 <p>b. Recognize in the history of the Church Christians have honored Mary through shrines, churches, statues, paintings, and music</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize how the image and the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) wonderfully illustrates Mary's intercession for her children 2. Two other famous apparitions were at Lourdes (February 11) and Fatima (May 13) in which we see Mary's love and care for us 	<p>CCC 2682</p>		