

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Religion Guidelines
SYNOPSIS TABLE

GRADE ONE

<i>First Trimester</i>	<i>Second Trimester</i>	<i>Third Trimester</i>
God the Father	Living in God's World	God the Holy Spirit
Creation	God the Son: Jesus Christ	Sacraments of Initiation
Titles of Mary	Days in Honor of Mary	Prayers to Mary; May Devotions
Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year
Saints (August to November)	Saints (December to March)	Saints (April to July)
Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
Social Justice	Social Justice	Social Justice
Sacramentals	Sacramentals	Sacramentals

GRADE TWO

<i>First Trimester</i>	<i>Second Trimester</i>	<i>Third Trimester</i>
Blessed Trinity	The Mass: Liturgy of the Word	Topics related to the Mass
Sacraments: Initiation, Healing and at the Service of Communion	The Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist	Mass and Eucharist
Titles of Mary; the Rosary	Days in Honor of Mary	May Devotions
Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year
Saints (August to November)	Saints (December to March)	Saints (April to July)
Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
Social Justice	Social Justice	Social Justice
Sacramentals	Sacramentals	Sacramentals

GRADE THREE

<i>First Trimester</i>	<i>Second Trimester</i>	<i>Third Trimester</i>
The Trinity	Sacraments: Healing	God's Law
Sacraments: Initiation	Sacraments: At the Service of Communion	Christian Community
Titles of Mary	Days in Honor of Mary	Prayers to Our Lady
Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year
Saints (August to November)	Saints (December to March)	Saints (April to July)
Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
Social Justice	Social Justice	Social Justice
Sacramentals	Sacramentals	Sacramentals

GRADE FOUR

<i>First Trimester</i>	<i>Second Trimester</i>	<i>Third Trimester</i>
God the Father	Grace	Jesus Christ: Our Redeemer
Commandments	Sin	Beatitudes; Works of Mercy
	Conscience	Virtue
Mary: Example of Faith Mary: Example of Holiness	Days in Honor of Mary	Apparitions Days in Honor of Mary Titles of Mary
Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year
Saints (August to November)	Saints (December to March)	Saints (April to July)
Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
Social Justice	Social Justice	Social Justice
Sacramentals		Sacramentals

GRADE FIVE

<i>First Trimester</i>	<i>Second Trimester</i>	<i>Third Trimester</i>
Sacraments	Sacraments of Initiation (cont'd)	Sacraments of Healing
Sacraments of Initiation		Sacraments at the Service of Communion
Major Beliefs about Mary Prayers to Mary	Mary and Christian Devotion Days in Honor of Mary	Shrines to Our Lady Days in Honor of Mary
Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year
Saints (August to November)	Saints (December to March)	Saints (April to July)
Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
Social Justice	Social Justice	Social Justice
Sacramentals		

GRADE SIX

<i>First Trimester</i>	<i>Second Trimester</i>	<i>Third Trimester</i>
The Bible	Old Testament: Moses, Exodus and the Covenant	Old Testament: Important Queens, Prophets, Biblical Women
Old Testament: Choosing a Special People	Old Testament: Joshua, Judges, Kings	Christ Fulfills the Old Testament
Dogmas believed about Mary Days in Honor of Mary	Prayers to Mary: Biblical Places and Mary	Days in Honor of Mary Mysteries of the Rosary
Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year
Saints (August to November)	Saints (December to March)	Saints (April to July)
Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
Social Justice	Social Justice	Social Justice
Sacramentals		

GRADE SEVEN

<i>First Trimester</i>	<i>Second Trimester</i>	<i>Third Trimester</i>
New Testament	Jesus the Christ	Liturgy and Worship
Jesus	Jesus is Lord	The Liturgical Life of the Church
Mary in the Gospels The Virginal Conception Always a Virgin	Days in Honor of Mary Prayers to Mary Blessedness of Mary	Mother of God Days in Honor of Mary Prayers to Mary
Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year
Saints (August to November)	Saints (December to March)	Saints (April to July)
Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
Social Justice	Social Justice	Social Justice
Sacramentals		

GRADE EIGHT

<i>First Trimester</i>	<i>Second Trimester</i>	<i>Third Trimester</i>
The Church: Concept, Marks, Development	The Dignity of the Human Person: Human Freedom, Human Conscience	The Ten Commandments
Liturgy: Sacraments and Sacramentals	The Virtues, Sin, Mercy	Christian Prayer The Tradition of Prayer Expressions of Prayer
Marian Churches and Shrines	Law, Grace and Christian Holiness	Challenges to Prayer The Lord's Prayer – "Our Father"
Mary in Art	Titles of Mary Days in Honor of Mary Prayer to Mary	Mary and Christian Devotion Days in Honor of Mary Prayer to Mary
Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year	Liturgical Year
Saints (August to November)	Saints (December to March)	Saints (April to July)
Prayer	Prayer	Prayer
Social Justice	Social Justice	Social Justice

Each Grade:

- The Liturgical Year is developed according to its appropriate placement over the three trimesters.

"Because of God's presence in time in the person of Jesus Christ, time is sacred. Christians mark time itself in relation to Christ." National Directory for Catechesis, USCCB 2005, p. 146). We are to teach a profound appreciation and reverence for the presence and power of Christ especially in the Eucharist. We are to foster a commitment and devotion to the celebration of the Eucharist each Sunday.

- The section on Prayer incorporates the separate document, Praying with Children.

Each Grade is required to learn certain of our Traditional Catholic Prayers. The versions we should teach can be found in either the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops), Appendix B: Traditional Catholic Prayers or the Compendium: Catechism of the Catholic Church, Appendix A: Common Prayers (English and Latin).