

# Grade 7 Religious Education



## Big Ideas

<p>Through Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, he restored our relationship with God the Father, and opened the way to eternal life (i.e., heaven), securing for all who believe, forgiveness of sin and eternal salvation.</p> <p>The Church is Apostolic because Christ handed on to the apostles and their successors (i.e., Pope and Bishops) his ministry of teaching, sanctification and of governance of the Church.</p>	<p>The Sacraments of Service (Holy Orders, Matrimony) are sacraments of commitment which witness to decisions of loving service in the family, the Church, and the World.</p> <p>The Church sets aside special days to celebrate the memory of Mary the Mother of God and the Saints who have witnessed in their lives to the Paschal Mystery of Christ.</p>	<p>We are called to become both free and responsible in the Christian moral life, to become more virtuous through our moral choices.</p> <p>The Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity can only be gained through God's grace and lead us back to God.</p> <p>The four Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance can be achieved and sustained by human effort (i.e., education and good actions – habits).</p>	<p>God has chosen the Church to be an instrument to build up the reign of God on earth.</p> <p>The Christian Community is inspired to hope by stories of faith in Sacred Scripture and Church Tradition.</p>	<p>Life as vocation means being other-centered, faithful, service-oriented, life-giving, respectful, open to God's will.</p> <p>Not only individuals but political and social institutions are to live in solidarity with the people they serve by overcoming injustice (sinful inequalities) and working to bring about peace.</p>	<p>Prayer has many forms and expressions found in Scripture and Tradition – blessing and adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise, vocal, meditative, and contemplative.</p> <p>Jesus taught his disciples how to pray to God though his example (i.e., seeking solitude, humility and confidence, praying from the heart) and by teaching them the Lord's Prayer (the Our Father).</p>
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<b>Curricular Competencies</b>	<b>Content</b>
<p><i>Students are expected to be able to do the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Demonstrate an understanding of Jesus Christ as the Messiah who fulfills the covenant of God’s salvation through the Paschal Mystery (i.e., his passion, death, and resurrection/ascension). [CCC nos. 50-73; 101-141; 422-682]</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate an understanding of how the Church is called in its mission to witness to being apostolic (i.e., the Church is Apostolic). [CCC nos. 857-896]</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate an understanding of the celebration of the Eucharist with reference to God’s plan of salvation through the study of the Word (i.e., Scriptures). [CCC nos. 1333-1344; 1362-1372]</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate an understanding of the purpose of the Church’s teaching role (i.e., Magisterium – Pope / Bishops) concerning Christian morality (i.e., social morality, marriage, sexuality, family life). [CCC nos. 2032-2051; 2331-2400; 2514-2533]</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate an understanding that when faced with a moral choice in our life, the judgement of our conscience can be right or wrong (i.e., we can choose good or evil, we can develop virtues / vices). [CCC nos. 1762-1775; 1776-1802; 1803-1845]</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate an understanding how the Church has relied on the intercession of the communion of saints. [CCC nos. 946-975; 2683-2684]</li> <li>❖ Demonstrate an understanding that as Christians we can enter into dialogue with the world’s major religions concerning common elements (i.e., sacred space – places of worship, rituals, prayers, symbols and beliefs). [CCC nos. 836-856; 1077-1083]</li> <li>❖ Explain why the Church believes the “Our Father” is a “summary of the whole Gospel”. [CCC nos. 2759-2776]</li> </ul>	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Christ is the centre of Sacred Scripture (i.e., the Messiah who fulfills the covenantal promise of God’s Reign). [CCC nos. 101-141; 422-682]</li> <li>❖ The Sacraments strengthen, sanctify and sustain our witness to Christ through our life decisions of commitment and service in the Church and world. [CCC nos. 1601-1666]</li> <li>❖ The Church venerates Mary the Mother of God, and promotes devotion to the Saints, throughout the Liturgical Year. [CCC nos. 1172-1178; 1200-1209; 946-975; 2030, 273, 966, 974; 484-511]</li> <li>❖ The importance of developing a life of virtue (good habits and practices; Cardinal and Theological Virtues) in order to discern and implement the moral teachings found in the Gospels and applied through the teachings of the Church. [CCC nos. 1803-1845]</li> <li>❖ Belonging to the community of the Church involves responsibilities of faith (belief and worship) and of Christian living (solidarity and moral life). [CCC nos. 2084-2257]</li> <li>❖ The principle of human solidarity is a Christian social virtue which promotes the individual and communal sharing of material and spiritual goods and obligates us to seek individual and communal conversion. [CCC nos. 1928-1948]</li> <li>❖ The various forms of prayer have their origin in scripture and are expressed in the Church’s tradition of communal prayer. [CCC nos. 1174-1178; 2623-2649]</li> </ul>