

Grade 8 Religious Education



Big Ideas

<p>The Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.</p> <p>The Holy Spirit reveals and ensures the presence of Christ in the Church, and the world and pours out God’s grace on the Church for our salvation and for the salvation of the world.</p>	<p>The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life; its celebration (i.e., Mass) invites us to full, active participation in the mystery we celebrate so we can receive and experience the many graces that come from this sacrament of love.</p> <p>Through the Sacraments of Initiation, the baptized become members of the Body of Christ and are strengthened in their witness of Christ, in forming the community of the Church and in the participation of its mission in the world.</p>	<p>Because Sacred Scripture contains the Word of God, and thus objective Truth, it is an important tool for forming human conscience.</p>	<p>The Holy Spirit was with Jesus in his ministry and has inspired saints throughout the history of the Church to live lives of holiness and justice.</p>	<p>Each of us is called by God (vocation) to make a difference in our world through our Catholic Christian witness for the betterment of society and the created world.</p> <p>Guided by the Holy Spirit, Christians participate in Christ’s mission of evangelization by witnessing to the Gospel message of Truth in their words, actions, and deeds of service to all people.</p>	<p>Jesus taught his disciples how to pray to God through his example (i.e., seeking solitude, humility, confidence, praying from the heart) and by teaching them the Lord’s Prayer (the Our Father), which models how and for what we are to petition the Father.</p>
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Curricular Competencies	Content
<p><i>Students are expected to be able to do the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Demonstrate an understanding of how the Church approaches the interpretation of scripture under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. [CCC nos. 51-141] ❖ Demonstrate an understanding of the Church’s teaching on the role of the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Son, and the continued presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church. [CCC nos. 683-747] ❖ Demonstrate an understanding that the Sacraments strengthen, sanctify, and sustain our life of witness to Christ in the Church and the world. [CCC nos. 1285-1321] ❖ Demonstrate an understanding of the Eucharist as the Sacrament that completes Initiation and is the source and summit of Christian life. [CCC nos. 1322-1327; 1402-1419] ❖ Demonstrate an understanding of how living the Christian moral life in accordance with Moral Law (i.e. Natural Moral Law, Ten Commandments, Law of the Gospel) is a witness to the Truth, the Dignity of the Human Person and the building up of the Church and Society. [CCC nos. 1700-1715; 1877-1948; 2012-2051; 2464-2513] ❖ Demonstrate an understanding of how the Church community supports one’s life of faith and how our participation in the Church witnesses to the reign of God. [CCC nos.702-747] ❖ Demonstrate an understanding that the principle of human dignity, revealed in Scripture (i.e., the belief that the human person is made in the image and likeness of God) requires Christians to work for the common good of all people (i.e., respect for the social nature of the human person) and to participate in society. [CCC nos. 1877-1885] ❖ Demonstrate an understanding that one develops the habits of prayer according to the spirit and example of Jesus Christ. [CCC nos. 2565, 2655; 2663-2672] 	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The meaning of the four marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic and how these four marks are lived out in the life of the Church. [CCC nos. 811-945] ❖ The Church, in celebrating the Liturgy and the Sacraments participates in the work of the Holy Trinity. [CCC nos. 1077-1209] ❖ The important roles of Scripture (i.e., Word of God, Jesus Christ), the Church (i.e., Teaching Magisterium) and the Holy Spirit in the formation of a healthy (upright) conscience. [CCC nos. 1776-1802] ❖ The grace received through the Holy Spirit calls us to holiness and gives us the gifts we need to be justified in the Christian life (i.e., to manifest the excellent work of God’s love). [CCC nos. 1810-1811; 1830-1832; 1987-2029] ❖ How the Holy Spirit, through the communion of saints, guides, teaches, and inspires the Church to a communion of holiness. [CCC nos. 687-747; 823-829] ❖ The principles of responsibility and participation in society are Christian social virtues, which call us to roles of leadership, and to evangelize through our witness of the Gospel and the promotion of social justice in the world. [CCC nos. 1877-1948] ❖ The mission of the Church, as animated by the Holy Spirit, is focused on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with all people of the earth. [CCC nos. 830-856] ❖ The seven petitions of the Our Father are the prayer for our journey of faith. [CCC nos. 2777-2865]