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Key Element I: Knowledge of the Faith

What We Believe

“Sacred Scripture has a preeminent position in catechesis because Sacred Scripture “presents God’s own Word in unalterable form” and “makes the voice of the Holy Spirit resound again and again in the words of the prophets and apostles.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church is intended to complement Sacred Scripture. Together with Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture constitutes the supreme rule of faith.” (NDC no. 24)

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Promoting knowledge of the faith

First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth (cf. Spe Salvi, no. 4). This relationship elicits a desire to grow in the knowledge and understanding of Christ and his teaching. In this way those who meet him are drawn by the very power of the Gospel to lead a new life characterized by all that is beautiful, good, and true; a life of Christian witness nurtured and strengthened within the community of our Lord's disciples, the Church. (Address of Pope Benedict XVI to Catholic Educators of the United States, Thursday 17 April 2008, The Catholic University of America)

Catechesis must, therefore, lead to "the gradual grasping of the whole truth about the divine plan" by introducing the disciples of Jesus to a knowledge of Tradition and of Scripture, which is "the sublime science of Christ." By deepening knowledge of the faith, catechesis nourishes not only the life of faith but equips it to explain itself to the world. The meaning of the Creed, which is a compendium of Scripture and of the faith of the Church, is the realization of this task. (GDC no. 85)

The initial proclamation of the Gospel introduces the hearers to Christ for the first time and invites conversion to him. By the action of the Holy Spirit, such an encounter engenders in the hearers a desire to know about Christ, his life, and the content of his message. Catechesis responds to this desire by giving the believers a knowledge of the content of God's self-revelation which is found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, and by introducing them to the meaning of the Creed. Creeds and doctrinal formulas that state the Church's belief are expressions of the Church's living tradition, which from the time of the apostles has developed "in the Church with the help of the Holy Spirit." (NDC no. 20.1)

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	Standard 1				
	CREED: Understand, believe and proclaim the Triune and redeeming God as revealed in creation and human experience, in Apostolic Tradition and Sacred Scripture, and as entrusted to the teaching office of the Church.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.01.01	Show understanding of the actions of a Trinitarian God as revealed in Scripture and Tradition and stated in the Creed.		232-237, 240-248	44-47	See <i>Nicene Creed</i> , 46 , 51-54
6.01.02	Describe God as the creator of the universe and as the creator of humanity.		325-327, 342-344	59, 63	53-56, 63, 67-68
6.01.03	Describe the fall and the sinfulness of humanity as Original Sin , a reality of human existence.		396-399 404, 419	75-78	68-70
6.01.04	State how God shows deep love and care for humankind regardless of our sinfulness.		218, 410-412	78	63
6.01.05	Show understanding that God gives human beings free will to love and serve him out of free choice.		307-308, 1730-1733	56, 363	68
6.01.06	Describe how in God's providence all people are destined for union with him.		302-306 321	55	56
6.01.07	Show understanding that God communicates with people revealing his plan for us.		302- 306, 323	55	56
6.01.08	Explain that we will be raised after death into eternal union with God (heaven) or separation from him (hell).		1022, 1051	204, 208	154-155, 161

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6.01.09	<i>Show awareness that at the end of time, Christ will return and we will be held accountable for how we helped to build the Kingdom of God. (Mt 7:21-23; 25:41-46)</i>		678-679, 681-682	135	161
6.01.10	<i>Describe Mary as the Mother of God and the Mother of Jesus because Jesus is both true God and true man.</i>		466-467, 495	88, 95	82, See <i>Mother of God</i> , 521
6.01.11	State the meaning of Incarnation, a mystery of our faith.		461-463	45, 85-86	83-86, See <i>Incarnation</i> , 515
6.01.12	<i>State that Mary was a virgin before and after the birth of Jesus Christ.</i>		496-499	98-99	144, 148
	<i>Standard 2</i>				
	SCRIPTURE: Read, comprehend and articulate salvation history as conveyed in God’s revelation through Sacred Scripture.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.02.01	Show familiarity with the role of the patriarchs in the unfolding of God’s revelation to his people.		59-64, 72	8	464
6.02.02	Trace the unfolding of God’s revelation through the history of the Chosen People of Israel.		59-64	8	13

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6.02.03	Describe the events of the Book of Exodus and its significance in the history of the Chosen People of Israel.		203-219	38-42	14
6.02.04	Show understanding of redemption and salvation through the revelation of God's Word in Sacred Scripture.		54-67	6-9	12-15
6.02.05	Show understanding of how God made covenants with the Chosen People as a sign of his faithfulness.		58-62, 70-73	7,-8	12-15
6.02.06	Identify God's name YAHWEH in the Book of Exodus.		203-205	38	11-12
6.02.07	State the significance of the Ark of the Covenant in the difficult journey of the Israelites through the desert.		2058, 2130	8	
6.02.08	State the meaning of monotheism and its connection to the Jewish understanding of God.		222-227	43	
6.02.09	Show understanding of the connection between God's covenant and the entry into the Promised Land.				
6.02.10	State the role of the judges in the Old Testament.				
6.02.11	State the role of Samuel in the choice of the first kings of Israel.				

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6.02.12	<i>State how the first kings of Israel helped to establish a monarchy in Israel.</i>				
6.02.13	Identify the major prophets of the Old Testament and their role in the history of Israel. (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel)		687-688, 702-706, 743	140	24, 336, 355
6.02.14	<i>Identify the loss of the northern kingdom to Assyria and the loss of Judah to Babylon.</i>				
6.02.15	<i>Identify the return of the exiles to Jerusalem under King Cyrus of Persia and the reordering of Jewish life with the restoration of the law and the temple.</i>				
6.02.16	<i>Articulate the role of women in the Old Testament. (Some examples: Miriam [Ex 2:1-6], Rahab [Jos12:4ff], Deborah [Jgs 4-5] and Esther [book of Esther])</i>				
6.02.17	<i>Show familiarity with the geography and cities of Samaria and Judea during the time of Jesus.</i>				
6.02.18	<i>State the literary style of the Gospel of Matthew as narrative and discourse.</i>				
6.02.19	<i>Show understanding that the author of the Gospel of Matthew was writing for a Jewish Christian community challenged to welcome Gentiles.</i>				
6.02.20	<i>Recognize that Mathew rearranges the teaching of Jesus into five discourses to highlight Jesus as bringing to fulfillment the five books of the Torah.</i>				
6.02.21	<i>Give examples in the narrative of the Gospel of Matthew that show the literary device of conflict to tell the story.</i>				
6.02.22	<i>State that Jesus is the central figure of the Gospel of Matthew whose genealogy is traced through Abraham and King David.</i>				

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6.02.23	<i>Identify the main characters in the Gospel of Matthew and their purpose.</i>				
6.02.24	Identify the Gospel of Matthew as a synoptic Gospel containing most of the Gospel of Mark, along with other material.				
6.02.25	<i>Show understanding that Matthew's infancy narrative (Mt 1:18-25; 2:1-23) identifies Jesus as Emmanuel as prophesied by the Book of Isaiah.</i>				
6.02.26	<i>Identify the use of conflict and discourse in the temptation story to identify Jesus as the Son of God who seeks no power for himself. (Mt 4:1-11)</i>				
6.02.27	Describe the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Capernaum, the call of the first disciples and the beginning of his ministry. (Mt 4:12-25)				
6.02.28	State how Jesus challenges his disciples to be salt and light. (Mt 5:13-16)				
6.02.29	<i>Distinguish the teachings of Jesus from the Jewish regulations. (Mt.5:17-46)</i>				
6.02.30	<i>Identify the purpose of the healing ministry of Jesus as written in Mt 8: 1- 9:36.</i>				
6.02.31	<i>State how Matthew views the conditions of discipleship in Mt 10-11, 13-14.</i>				
6.02.32	State how Matthew 15 - 20 uses conflict to enhance the difference between Jesus' understanding of his ministry and the Jewish leaders' and the disciples' understanding.				

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6.02.33	State the heightening conflict between Jesus’ use of authority and the Jewish leaders’ use in Matthew 21-25 through the use of events and predictions.				
6.02.34	Show understanding that the use of conflict in the story of Jesus’ death creates opportunities for understanding Jesus’ true identity in Matthew 26-27.				
6.02.35	<i>State who witnesses the Resurrection of Jesus and what they do in Mt. 28:1-15.</i>				
6.02.36	<i>Identify Matthew’s understanding of the mission to the Gentiles in Mt 28:19-20.</i>				
6.02.37	State the importance of Matthew’s use of the Old Testament as a prefiguring device.				



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Key Element II: Liturgy and Sacraments

How We Celebrate

“Faith and worship are as closely related to one another as they were in the early Church: faith gathers the community for worship, and worship renews the faith of the community... In her Liturgy, the Church celebrates what she professes and lives above all the Paschal Mystery, by which Christ accomplished the work of our salvation.” (NDC no. 32)

Key Element II: Liturgy and Sacraments

Promoting knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and Sacraments

In the Church's Liturgy, in her prayer, in the living community of believers, we experience the love of God, we perceive his presence and we thus learn to recognize that presence in our daily lives. He has loved us first and he continues to do so; we too, then, can respond with love. God does not demand of us a feeling which we ourselves are incapable of producing. He loves us, he makes us see and experience his love, and since he has "loved us first", love can also blossom as a response within us. (Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est, no. 17)

Since Christ is present in the sacraments, the believer comes to know Christ in the liturgical celebrations of the Church and is drawn into communion with him. Christ's saving action in the Paschal Mystery is celebrated in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, where the closest communion with Jesus on earth is possible as Catholics are able to receive his living Flesh and his Precious Blood in Holy Communion. Catechesis should promote "an active, conscious genuine participation in the liturgy of the Church, not merely by explaining the meaning of the ceremonies, but also by forming the minds of the faithful for prayer, for thanksgiving, for repentance, for praying with confidence, for a community spirit, and for understanding correctly the meaning of the creeds." (NDC no. 2)

Christ is always present in his Church, especially in 'liturgical celebrations'. Communion with Jesus Christ leads to the celebration of his salvific presence in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist. The Church ardently desires that all the Christian faithful be brought to that full, conscious and active participation which is required by the very nature of the liturgy. (GDC no. 85)

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	Standard 3				
	SACRAMENTS: Understand and participate in the sacraments of the Church as effective signs of God's grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.03.01	Describe the sacraments as efficacious signs of God's grace .		1127-1128, 1131	229-231	169
6.03.02	Describe each of the seven sacraments as instituted by Christ with references from Sacred Scripture.				166-169
6.03.03	Explain how the seven sacraments are entrusted to the Church and accompany a person from life to death.		1680-1683	354	169
6.03.04	State the sacraments that have an indelible character and describe elements of this character.		698, 1121	227	271, See <i>Sacramental Character,</i> 526
6.03.05	Identify the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders as sacraments at the service of communion and mission.		1533-1535	321	262-263
6.03.06	Describe meaning of sacramental and give examples.		1667-1672 1674-1678, 1679	351, 353	293-298

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	<i>Standard 4</i>				
	LITURGY: Understand and celebrate the liturgical rites of the Church as expressed in the church year and epitomized in the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.04.01	<i>Identify the origin of sacramental actions as originating in Jewish rituals.</i>		1146-1152, 1189	237	215-217
6.04.02	Identify the functions of ordained and non-ordained ministers at Mass and explain the difference in roles.		1562-1568, 1595	328-329	264-265
6.04.03	<i>State how lay parishioners can minister to the sick and elderly through praying with them, proclaiming the Scripture and giving Holy Communion.</i>		897-913	188	134-135
6.04.04	<i>State conditions that must be present for an emergency Baptism.</i>		1256-1284	260	188, 198
6.04.05	Identify Scripture readings for Sundays in the liturgical year and trace the life of Christ through these readings.		1194	242	178
6.04.06	Name all of the holy days of obligation in the United States.		1389, 2177	289	See <i>Holy Days of Obligation</i> , 514
6.04.07	<i>Describe and practice how Sacred Scripture is to be read during Mass.</i>		109-119 137	19	171-172, 175, 177



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Key Element III: Morality

How We Live

“Christ is the norm of morality. ‘ Christian morality consists in following Jesus Christ, in abandoning oneself to him, in letting oneself be transformed by his grace and renewed by his mercy, gifts which come to us in the living communion of his Church.’ (NDC no. 42)

Key Element III: Morality

Promoting moral formation in Jesus Christ

Only if we live in the right way, with one another and for one another, can freedom develop...If we live in opposition to the love and against the truth – in opposition to God – then we destroy one another and destroy the world. (Pope Benedict XVI, homily, December 8, 2005, marking the 40th Anniversary of the closure of the Second Vatican Council)

Jesus' moral teaching is an integral part of his message. Catechesis must transmit both the content of Christ's moral teachings as well as their implications for Christian living. Moral Catechesis aims to conform the believer to Christ – to bring about personal transformation and conversion. It should encourage the faithful to give witness – both in their private lives and in the public arena – to Christ's teaching in everyday life. Such testimony demonstrates the social consequences of the demands of the Gospel. (NDC no. 3)

Conversion to Jesus Christ implies walking in his footsteps. Catechesis must, therefore, transmit to the disciples the attitudes of the Master himself. The disciples thus undertake a journey of interior transformation, in which, by participating in the paschal mystery of the Lord, "they pass from the old man to the new man who has been made perfect in Christ." (GDC no. 85)

Truly, matters in the world are in a bad state: but if you and I begin in earnest to reform ourselves, a really good beginning will have been made. (St. Peter of Alcantara)

Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourself whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. (Pope St. Gregory the Great)

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	Standard 5				
	Conscience: Develop a moral conscience informed by church teachings.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.05.01	Describe and define the <u>covenant</u> God established with his people.		54-64, 68-72	7-8	17-18
6.05.02	<i>Explain that we receive a heritage of faith from those who have gone before us.</i>		54-65	7, 8	31-32, 39-41
6.05.03	<i>Explain that we receive wisdom and understanding from God's Spirit in the Church which helps us to know how to act.</i>		1830-1831, 1845	389	207-209
6.05.04	Relate living a Christ-like life with keeping God's covenant.		1716-1717	360	318
6.05.05	Identify that we learn how to live good lives through the teachings of Scripture.		120-133	20-24	327-328
6.05.06	State how Original Sin makes Christian living more difficult, but that Christ overcame sin and also helps us to do so.		396-412, 418-420	75-78	68-69
6.05.07	Identify scriptural examples of being called to be faithful to the love, justice and mercy of God's reign (Rom 5:20, Jn 3:17).				312-313
6.05.08	<i>Identify the moral values in the teachings of Christ.</i>		2030-2051	429-433	307-309
6.05.09	<i>Define the three sources of a <u>moral act</u> (object, intention, and circumstances).</i>		1749-1754	367	311-312
6.05.10	<i>State that all people are called to be faithful to God's love.</i>		1822-1829, 1844	388	312-313

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	Standard 6				
	Christian Living: Understand and live the moral teachings of the Church through a life of discipleship in Jesus Christ expressed in love for God, conversion, positive self-image, personal integrity, social justice, the dignity of the human person and love of neighbor.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.06.01	Show understanding that Christian living is the gift of active discipleship in Jesus Christ.		1814-1829	386-388	450-455
6.06.02	State the meaning of natural law and give examples.		1954-1960, 1978-1979	416	327-328, 335
6.06.03	<i>Give examples of how we can respect the rights that individuals and families have: rights to their human dignity, freedom, property, and possessions.</i>		2404-2407	505-506	420-424, 426-427
6.06.04	Recognize that the state must protect the rights of its citizens through socially just laws.		1928-1933, 1943-44	411-414	419
6.06.05	State that we are obligated to keep promises, oaths, contracts and covenants (such as marriage).		2142-2155, 2160-2164	447-449	419
6.06.06	<i>Compare and contrast contract and covenant.</i>		56, 62-66, See <i>Covenant</i> , 873, 2411	506	281
6.06.07	Show understanding that the Christian virtues of purity of heart and chastity help us to respect others.		2337-2341	488-490	405-406
6.06.08	<i>State how the family is the foundation of human society.</i>		2207-2208	457	379-380, 383

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6.06.09	Show an understanding that we have a responsibility to work for the <u>common good</u> of society, and illustrate ways that we each can work for the common good.		1910-1912	409	325-327
6.06.10	<i>Connect environmental stewardship with respect for God's creation.</i>		342, 354	64	424-427
6.06.11	<i>Give examples of the ways in which the Church is rooted in many signs and symbols of the Old Testament.</i>		1145-1152	236	26-31
6.06.12	<i>Understand that God dwells within the Church, the Body of Christ.</i>		787-796	156-158	115-116
6.06.13	<i>Acknowledge and affirm the dignity of the human person and community.</i>		1699-1715	358	325-327, 335
6.06.14	<i>Discuss how we are all children of the covenant God made with Abraham.</i>		59-64, 72	8	113
6.06.15	Understand that in Baptism we are all made brothers and sisters in Christ, and give examples of how the varied ethnic cultures make significant contributions to the Church.		774-776, 780, 814	152	127, 193-198
6.06.16	<i>Explain that the key themes or principals of <u>Catholic Social Teaching</u> should be applied in how we make decisions in our lives and in our society.</i>		1886-1889 1895-1899	404	325-327
6.06.17	Compare/contrast free will and freedom.		1730-1737	363-364	310-311
6.06.18	<i>Give examples of how the Bible explores the mysteries of life: suffering, injustice, and death.</i>		405-409, 418, 1368- 1372, 1414	77, 281, 314	2-8
6.06.19	Illustrate how, like the prophets, we are called to speak out against injustice and suffering.		1895-1896	404	325-327
6.06.20	<i>Describe how the way to the reign of God is a way of justice and peace.</i>		2046	433	325-327
6.06.21	<i>Engage in service to the community (family, parish, local, national, and global) in response to the Gospel call.</i>		2443-2449	520	450-455
6.06.22	<i>Understand that Jesus is the center of God's plan for the world.</i>		2055	435	279-285



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Key Element IV: Prayer

How We Pray

“God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer” (CCC no. 1075). His initiative comes first; the human response to his initiative is itself prompted by the grace of the Holy Spirit... In prayer, the Holy Spirit not only reveals the identity of the Triune God to human persons but also reveals the identity of human persons to themselves. (NDC no. 34)

Key Element IV: Prayer

Teaching the disciple how to pray with Christ

The issue is the primacy of God... If a man's heart is not good, then nothing else can turn out good either. (Pope Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth, New York: Doubleday, 2007, 33-34)

Catechesis teaches the Christian how to pray with Christ. Conversion to Christ and communion with him lead the faithful to adopt his disposition of prayer and reflection. (NDC no. 20:4)

Communion with Jesus Christ leads the disciples to assume the attitude of prayer and contemplation which the Master himself had. To learn to pray with Jesus is to pray with the same sentiments with which he turned to the Father: adoration, praise, thanksgiving, filial confidence, supplication and awe for his glory. (GDC no. 85)

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	Standard 7				
	PRAYER: Know and participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer and acknowledge prayer as the primary way we deepen our knowledge of God in the community.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.07.01	<i>Recognize that Catholic Christians pray daily to talk to God and to listen to God's will.</i>		2624-2625, 2742-2745	534, 576	476
6.07.02	Identify psalms as prayers found in the Old Testament that Jesus liked to pray.		2579, 2585- 2589, 2596- 2597	540	465-466
6.07.03	<i>Affirm that worship belongs to God alone.</i>		2095-2105, 2135-2136	443	341-343
6.07.04	Recognize the Eucharistic Liturgy as the community's central act of worship.		1378-1381, 1418	286	220-222
6.07.05	<i>Recognize that prayer deepens our awareness of our Covenant relationship with God.</i>		2558-2564	534	484-485
6.07.06	Identify the elements of the Lord's Prayer.		2803-2806	587-598	493-494
6.07.07	Recognize that the prayer of Christians is grounded in the Word of God in Scripture and Tradition.		2759-2760, 2773	578	473
6.07.08	Identify the Gospels, wisdom books and other books in Sacred Scripture as helpful for meditative prayer.		121-127, 2652-2662, 2705-2708, 2723	22, 558, 570	473-474

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6.07.09	<i>Compare and contrast personal prayer and communal prayer.</i>		2691, 2696	566	300-301
6.07.10	<i>Recognize the humility and faith of Mary as our model for prayer.</i>		967-973, 2673-2679, 2682	562-563	173
6.07.11	Identify and list the four types of mysteries of the Rosary (Joyful, Mysteries of Light [Luminous], Sorrowful, and Glorious).		1674, 2678, 2708	See <i>The Rosary</i> , p. 189	See <i>How to Pray the Rosary</i> , 539
6.07.12	Identify and define the five types of prayer: blessing, adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise.		2626-2649	550-556	467-468
6.07.13	Participate in the church community’s celebration of the Mass, especially on Sunday.		2177-2185, 2192-2193	453	166-168, 172-173, 225-227



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Key Element V: Education for Living in the Christian Community

How We Live in the Community, the Church

“We were created as social beings who find fulfillment only in love – for God and for our neighbor. If we are truly to gaze upon him who is the source of our joy, we need to do so as members of the people of God (cf. Spe Salvi no. 14). If this seems counter-cultural, that is simply further evidence of the urgent need for a renewed evangelization of culture.” (Benedict XVI – 16 April 2008 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception)”

Key Element V: Education for Living in the Christian Community

Preparing Christians to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church

*Nor has the Lord been absent from subsequent Church history: he encounters us ever anew, in the men and women who reflect his presence, in his word, in the sacraments, and especially in the Eucharist. In the Church's Liturgy, in her prayer, in the living community of believers, we experience the love of God, we perceive his presence and we thus learn to recognize that presence in our daily lives. He has loved us first and he continues to do so; we too, then, can respond with love. God does not demand of us a feeling which we ourselves are incapable of producing. He loves us, he makes us see and experience his love, and since he has "loved us first" love can also blossom as a response within us. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 17)*

Catechesis prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church. (NDC, no. 5)

Christian community life is not realized spontaneously. It is necessary to educate it carefully. In this apprenticeship, the teaching of Christ on community life, recounted in the Gospel of St Matthew, calls for attitudes which it is for catechesis to inculcate: the spirit of simplicity and humility ("unless you turn and become like little children..." Mt 18:3); solicitude for the least among the brethren ("but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin..." Mt 18:6); particular care for those who are alienated ("Go and search of the one that went astray..." Mt 18:12); fraternal correction ("Go and tell him his fault..." Mt 18:15); common prayer ("if two of you agree on earth to ask about anything..." Mt 18:19); mutual forgiveness ("but seventy times seven..." Mt 18:22). Fraternal love embraces all these attitudes ("love one another; even as I have loved you..." Jn 13:34). (GDC, no. 86A)

In developing this community sense, catechesis takes special note of the ecumenical dimension and encourages fraternal attitudes toward members of other Christian churches and ecclesial communities. Thus catechesis in pursuing this objective should give a clear exposition of all the Church's doctrine and avoid formulations or expressions that might give rise to error. It also implies "a suitable knowledge of other confessions", with which there are shared elements of faith: "the written word of God, the life of grace, faith, hope and charity, and the other interior gifts of the Holy Spirit". Catechesis will possess an ecumenical dimension in the measure in which it arouses and nourishes "a true desire for unity", not easy irenicism, but perfect unity, when the Lord himself wills it and by those means by which he wishes that it should be brought about. (GDC, no. 86B)

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	<i>Key Element V: Education for Living in the Christian Community</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>CCC</i>	<i>Compendium</i>	<i>USCCA</i>
	<i>Standard 8</i>				
	CATHOLIC CHURCH: Understand and appreciate the mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ, the community of believers, as expressed in the Church's origin, mission of evangelization, hierarchical structure, marks, charisms, members and the communion of saints				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.08.01	Realize that the mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ; the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, continues Christ's saving work, especially through the Sacraments.		738-741, 1135-1137	146, 233	168-171
6.08.02	Discuss the Church's visible bonds of unity: one origin, one baptism, and an unbroken line of apostolic succession beginning with Peter.		813-816, 866, 870	161-162	127-129
6.08.03	<i>Show understanding that we are in communion with all the baptized persons on earth and in heaven and purgatory.</i>		946-959, 960-962	194-195	160-161
6.08.04	<i>Illustrate how the Church is a sign of unity and peace to the world.</i>		758-776, 778-780	149-152	118-123
6.08.05	Explain and celebrate the Pope as the leader of the Catholic Church throughout the world.		880-896, 939-940	182-187	113, 129-131
6.08.06	Relate that the Church is a community of God's people called to continual reform and renewal.		821, 827, 1427-1428	165, 299	121, 403-404
6.08.07	Describe the Magisterium as the teaching office of the bishops in communion with the Pope.		85-90, 95, 100	16-17	23-33, 132-134

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6.08.08	State evangelization as central to the mission of the Church in which all Catholics have a role.		425-429	80	134-137
6.08.09	<i>Identify the Catholic Church as a universal church.</i>		830-831, 868	166	129-131
6.08.10	Identify the Church as the beginning seed of the kingdom of God on earth.		767-769	150	117
	Standard 9				
	ECUMENISM: Understand and participate in the call of the Church to be a sign of unity in the world through knowledge of and collaboration with other Catholic (Eastern), Orthodox, and Christian churches.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.09.01	Explain that the Pope is the successor of the Apostle Peter and thus the leader of the Roman Catholic Church and a sign of our unity.		881-882, 936-937	182	130, 265-266, See <i>Pope</i> , 523
6.09.02	Review how our friendship with other Christians means that we can both recognize what we share in common but also be honest about how we differ.		813-822, 866, 870	161-164	22, 129-130
6.09.03	Identify where in the New Testament that Jesus prayed "that they all may be one" (Jn 17:20-23) and recite that prayer.		820-822, 866	164	127-129
6.09.04	<i>Recognize the Orthodox Churches as the Eastern churches resulting from the Great Schism that do not therefore accept the role of the Pope as the successor of Peter and head of the universal Church.</i>		838, 1399	168, 293	232, See <i>Orthodox Churches</i> , 890

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6.09.05	Understand that Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Roman Catholic Church have their own church laws, ways to celebrate the liturgy and sacraments, and forms of prayer – all approved by and recognized by the Pope as different cultural expression of the same faith.		1182, 1240, 1318, 1320-1321, 1623	266 -267, 334	129-130, See <i>Eastern Churches</i> , 510
	Standard 10	-			
	CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES AND RELATIONSHIPS: Apply Catholic principles to interpersonal relations.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.10.01	Identify one's self as being made in the image and likeness of God.		355-358, 374-379, 1699-1715	66, 72, 358	7, 66-68, 71
6.10.02	Acknowledge that the Holy Spirit calls all people to conversion and faithfulness.		733-741, 747	145-146	102-110
6.10.03	Identify human sexuality as a gift from God that is expressed only in marriage of a man and woman for the good of the spouses and the procreation of children.		1601-1648, 2360-2367	337-350	408-416
6.10.04	<i>Describe how we respect human sexuality.</i>		2331-2377	487-499	404-410
6.10.05	Demonstrate understanding that Christian virtues of purity of heart and chastity help us to respect others.		2331-2361	488-495	405-407

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	<i>Key Element V: Education for Living in the Christian Community</i>	6	CCC	Compendium	USCCA
6.10.06	<i>State causes and effects of separation and divorce on families.</i>		1645-1651, 2380-2391	502, 347-349	410-411
6.10.07	Recognize that the Church teaches the right use of God's gift of human sexuality.		2331-2367, 2392-2398	487-493, 495- 496	408-410
	Standard 11				
	VOCATION: Understand and undertake discipleship in Christ responding in faith by participating in the mission of the Church through living a specific call in the life of the Church.				452, 137, 126, 269
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.11.01	Outline how Christian discipleship is an essential part of being Catholic.		618, 849- 851, 1814- 1816, 2544- 2547, 2556	123, 172, 386, 532	181-199, See <i>Disciple</i> , p 509-510
6.11.02	Show understanding that a vocation is a call from God that each one receives based on God's plan for us and that we learn of his plan for us through prayer and listening to his call.				
6.11.03	<i>Recognize the types of vocations in the Church.</i>		944-945, 1601-1605, 1546-1553	192-193, 337- 338, 321-324	139, 265-267, 279, See <i>Vocation</i> , 531
6.11.04	<i>Explain how the vocation of single life is special to the life of the Church.</i>		1658, 2231	350, 460	452, 135-136

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6.11.05	Describe how both the vocations of Marriage and Holy Orders are important to the life of the Church.		1547-1548, 1603-1604	322-350	263-267, 283-285
6.11.06	<i>Describe how Marriage unites a man and a woman in a union that is faithful, permanent, exclusive and open to children. This union is so important that Christ made it one of the seven sacraments.</i>		1601		279-285, 375-377
6.11.07	<i>Identify the priesthood as a special gift to the Church to which God calls men as a way of service.</i>		1533-1535, 1546-1547	322-336	269-275
6.11.08	State that a man receives the sacrament of Holy Orders from the bishop who calls him to a life of service to the Church.		1562-1568	337-350, 322-336	401, 126, 269, 271, 531
6.11.09	Identify the promise of obedience to the bishop and the vow of celibacy as special to the life of the priesthood in the Catholic Church.		1562-1568	337-350, 322-336	126, 269, 271
6.11.10	<i>List the two types of priests: diocesan priest and religious priest.</i>		1562-1568	337-350, 322-336	519-20 266-273
6.11.11	<i>Report how a man prepares to become a priest in a seminary.</i>		1562-1568	322-336	262-273
6.11.12	Describe the deacon as a special vocation of service for both married and unmarried men.		1569-1571	179, 330	266
6.11.13	<i>Outline the ways in which we can answer the vocation to religious life.</i>		916, 925-927	337-350, 322-336	126, 273
6.11.14	Show understanding that God calls us to love and serve others in whatever vocation we live.				452
6.11.15	<i>Examine a variety of Christian vocations as a response to the baptismal call.</i>		900	337-350, 322-336	279, 375, 452
6.11.16	Give examples of how Christians are to be missionaries, bringing the Good News to the ends of the Earth.		849-850	172-173	452, 279, 375



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Key Element VI: Evangelization and Apostolic Life

How we, as Individuals and Community, Live in Service to the World

*“Only if we are aware of our calling, as individuals and as a community, to be part of God’s family as his sons and daughters, will we be able to generate a new vision and muster new energy in the service of a truly integral humanism. The greatest service to development, then, is a Christian humanism that enkindles charity and takes its lead from truth, accepting both as a lasting gift from God.”
(Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, no. 78)*

Key Element VI: Evangelization and Apostolic Life

Promoting a missionary spirit and vocation that prepares disciples to be present as Christians in society

"[S]alvation has always been considered a "social" reality. Indeed, the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of a "city" (cf. 11:10, 16; 12:22; 13:14) and therefore of communal salvation. Consistently with this view, sin is understood by the Fathers as the destruction of the unity of the human race, as fragmentation and division. Babel, the place where languages were confused, the place of separation, is seen to be an expression of what sin fundamentally is. Hence "redemption" appears as the reestablishment of unity, in which we come together once more in a union that begins to take shape in the world community of believers. (Pope Benedict XVI, Spe Salvi no.14)

Evangelization means bringing the Good News of Jesus into human situations and seeking to transform individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself (Go and Make Disciples no.15). When Baptized, you have received the Spirit of Christ Jesus, which brings salvation and hope; your lives are a witness of faith. As sharers through Baptism in the priestly mission of Jesus, we are called to live our faith fully, share our faith freely and transform the world through the power of the Gospel. We have a story of faith to share.

Catechesis promotes a missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in society. The 'world' thus becomes the place and the means for the lay faithful to fulfill their Christian vocation. Catechesis seeks to help the disciples of Christ to be present in society precisely as believing Christians who are able and willing to bear witness to their faith in words and deeds. In fostering this spirit of evangelization, catechesis nourishes the evangelical attitudes of Jesus Christ in the faithful: to be poor in spirit, to be compassionate, to be meek, to bear the cry of injustice, to be merciful, to be pure of heart, to make peace, and to accept rejection and persecution. Catechesis recognizes that other religious traditions reflect the "seeds of the Word" that can constitute a true "preparation for the Gospel." It encourages adherents of the world's religions to share what they hold in common, never minimizing the real differences between and among them. "Dialogue is not in opposition to the mission ad gentes." (NDC no. 20:6)

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Catechesis is also open to the missionary dimension. This seeks to equip the disciples of Jesus to be present as Christians in society through their professional, cultural and social lives. It also prepares them to lend their cooperation to the different ecclesial services, according to their proper vocation. (GDC no. 86A)

In educating for this missionary sense, catechesis is also necessary for interreligious dialogue, if it renders the faithful capable of meaningful communication with men and women of other religions. Catechesis shows that the link between the Church and non-Christian religions is, in the first place, the common origin and end of the human race, as well as the "many seeds of the word which God has sown in these religions". Catechesis too helps to reconcile and, at the same time, to distinguish between "the proclamation of Christ" and "inter-religious dialogue". These two elements, while closely connected, must not be confused or identified. Indeed, "dialogue does not dispense from evangelization." (GDC no. 86B)

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	<i>Key Element VI: Evangelization and Apostolic Life</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>CCC</i>	<i>Compendium</i>	<i>USCCA</i>
	Standard 12				
	CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Know, critique, and apply social justice and stewardship principles to societal situations in a way that acknowledges and affirms the dignity of the human person and community.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.12.01	Explain what is meant by saying that our God is a God of Freedom.		781-786, 802-804	154	56-57, 316, 319-320
6.12.02	<i>Understand that the Bible explores the mysteries of life: suffering, injustice, and death.</i>				
6.12.03	<i>Know that the prophets spoke out against injustice and suffering.</i>		64, 702-706, 2581-2484	59-64, 72, 140, 539	117-118, 336, 355, See <i>Prophet</i> , 895
6.12.04	Understand that the way to the Reign of God is a way of justice and peace.		2816-2821	590	449-450
6.12.05	Identify that sin can destroy God's good creation.		405-409, 418	77	69-70
6.12.06	<i>State that we are called to overcome evil and to be responsible stewards of all that God has given us.</i>		2401-2402, 2406, 2450- 2451	503, 506	424-427, 450- 455

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	Key Element VI: Evangelization and Apostolic Life	6	CCC	Compendium	USCCA
	Standard 13				
	INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE: Understand and participate in the call of the Church to be a sign of unity in the world through knowledge of and collaboration with Jews, Muslims, and all faith traditions.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.13.01	Identify Jewish holy days in the lunar calendar and how they are celebrated.				
6.13.02	Recognize that the Torah is divinely inspired and includes the first five books of the Christian Bible.				
6.13.03	<i>State Rosh Hashanah, the Ten Days of Awe, and Yom Kippur as the high holy days of Judaism.</i>				
6.13.04	State that to the Jewish people, whom God first chose to hear his Word, "belong the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ." (Rom 9:4-5)		839-840	169	13, 130-131, See <i>Meditation</i> , 139
6.13.05	<i>Retell the story associated with the celebration of Hanukkah and the use of the menorah.</i>				
6.13.06	<i>Identify the celebration of Pesach as the celebration of liberation in which the Jews retell the story of God's deliverance of them from slavery.</i>				
6.13.07	Identify the Qur'an as the sacred scripture of the Muslim faith written in Arabic.				
6.13.08	<i>State that the word Qur'an means "recitation".</i>				

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	Key Element VI: Evangelization and Apostolic Life	6	CCC	Compendium	USCCA
6.13.09	<i>Describe the mosque as a center of gathering for prayer, religious instruction, and community celebration.</i>				
6.13.10	Characterize Judaism, Christianity, and Islam as monotheistic religions.		840-841	169	131
	<i>Standard 14</i>				
	MISSIONARY VOCATION: Demonstrate an appreciation for Catholic missionary and evangelization efforts through our parish community, its culture, worship, sacramental life, and service.				
	<u>Indicators</u>				
6.14.01	Illustrate that individuals – as well as society and culture – are called to continual change and reform in light of the teaching of Jesus.		1936-1946	413	15-17, 41-43
6.14.02	Give an example of a cultural value that differs from the values of the Gospel and how you might defend the gospel value to those who may disagree.				
6.14.03	<i>Recognize that Jesus gave us the Catholic Church to teach and help us continue his mission from God the Father.</i>		2030-2040, 2049-2051	429-430	330-331, 487
6.14.04	Cite examples of how Jesus sent his disciples out to evangelize. (For example, see Mt 28:19, Mk 16:15, Acts 1:8)				
6.14.05	State how the universal call to holiness is linked to the universal call to mission.		820-829, 866-867	172-173	195-197

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	Key Element VI: Evangelization and Apostolic Life	6	CCC	Compendium	USCCA
6.14.06	Explain how we are called to foster world peace, human rights, sacredness of life and the alleviation of world hunger.		908-913, 943, 1699- 1715, 1928- 1942, 1945- 1948	191, 358, 411- 414	387-390
6.14.07	<i>List ways in which charity can be practiced in the parish, school, and family.</i>		901-913, 942-943, 1716	189-191	308-309, 499- 502
6.14.08	<i>State how the parish community and family are involved in mission work.</i>		2179	453	134-135
6.14.09	<i>Show that all believers are united in Christ Jesus.</i>		2030-2031, 2047	429	126-129
6.14.10	Describe the church as a sign of unity and peace to the world.		774-832	152	115-116, 122- 123
6.14.11	<i>State evangelization as central to the mission of the Church in which all Christians have a role.</i>		849-856	172-173	502