

ELEVENTH OR TWELFTH GRADE

IMMEDIATE PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION CURRICULUM STANDARDS

As the Creed is the story of the Church, it is also the faith story of each member. The following themes have been chosen from the Creed as topics for the immediate preparation for the sacrament of confirmation. The topic could be covered in a regular class session, a day of reflection, a parent/child evening session, etc.

- God the Creator
- Jesus and the Paschal Mystery
- Holy Spirit the Sanctifier
- Church as Community of Life
- Practice of Virtue
- Sacrament and Sacraments of Initiation (History of Confirmation)
- Symbols of the Spirit: Rite of Confirmation

AT THE END OF THIS GRADE LEVEL STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS AND APPRECIATION OF THE EXPERIENCES INDICATED.

[Note about symbols: Of the six tasks of catechesis (knowledge of the faith; liturgy & sacraments; moral formation; prayer; community; missionary spirit) five have a symbol assigned to them. Knowledge of the Faith is the organizing task]

Symbol Key:


 = Liturgy & Sacraments  = Moral Formation  = Prayer  = Community  = Missionary Spirit


Reference Code: CCC = *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
Compendium = *Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*
USCCA = *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH

GOD THE CREATOR

1. **God is the creator who creates all things good.**
CCC #290, 299; Compendium #59-72; USCCA pp. 55
2. **All of creation is the result of God’s unconditional love.**
CCC #293; Compendium #50-51; USCCA pp. 53-55
3. **Happiness depends upon understanding who God created us to be.**
CCC #282, 301; Compendium # 53; USCCA pp. 55-56
4. **Through personal prayer and the community of believers, we are part of salvation history.**
CCC #1092, 1095; Compendium #56; USCCA pp. 59, 68, 327
5. **We play a role in keeping all God’s creation sacred.**
CCC #307; Compendium #55-56; USCCA pp.67-68

 - Students will identify and appreciate special gifts and talents which can be used for oneself and others. Understand their story in light of the story of salvation.

 - Students will experience various forms of prayer, such as silent meditation, prayer with Scripture, centering prayer, spontaneous prayer, formal prayer, prayer with song, and liturgy of the hours.

Genesis 2:4-3:24... Life According to God’s Will Luke 10:38-42... Mary and Martha

Psalms 8: Dignity and Power of the Person

Vocabulary: covenant, free will

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JESUS AND THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

6. God so loved the world that Jesus entered the human experience.

CCC #422; Compendium #85-86; USCCA pp. 81-83

7. The humanity of Jesus is the standard for our own humanity.

CCC #459, 521; Compendium #85-87; USCCA pp. 81, 86



- Students will appreciate that all individual moral decisions affect one's relationships with self, others, and God.



- Students will experience prayer as a deepening of personal relationship with Jesus.



- Students will realize how persons give witness to their faith through their work.

Psalm 139:13-15... All-knowing God Luke 1:26-28... Mary Says "Yes"
John 19:25-27... Mary as Mother of the Church

Vocabulary: commitment, dogma, incarnation

8. Our daily life journey is related to the Paschal Mystery.

CCC #556, 618; Compendium #110; USCCA pp. 80, 167, 224

9. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is the Paschal Mystery.

CCC #512, 571; Compendium #101, 112; USCCA pp.165-179



- Appreciate that belonging to the Church means participating in its mission.

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- Students will develop a habit of daily prayer to seek guidance and discern one's vocation.



- Students will experience days of reflection and retreats as opportunities for personal spiritual growth. Appreciate the need for the frequent reception of the sacraments of penance and Eucharist as ways to participate in the worship of the Church and to grow in God's grace.

Acts 1:12-14; 2:42-27... Accounts of the Early Church

Vocabulary: apostles, laity, ministry, vocation

10. Baptism is immersion into the life of Christ.

CCC #537, 1214; SIP #102.2; Compendium #105, 252; USCCA pp.181-199



- Students will recognize that in baptism all Christians receive a call to service.



- Students will understand the sacraments of initiation as a source of identity.

John 4:14-26... Woman at the Well

Vocabulary: free will, grace, rites

11. In the Eucharist we are offered the real presence of Christ.

CCC #1374; Compendium #282; USCCA pp. 223-229




- Students will appreciate the need for the frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist as ways to participate in the worship of the Church and to grow in God's grace.


Matthew 26:26-28; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26... Jesus Institutes the Eucharist

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12. We are called to become the living presence of Christ in the world.

CCC #521; Compendium #101; USCCA pp. 111-123

 - Students will perceive themselves as part of the Church: the People of God, the Body of Christ. Appreciate that belonging to the Church means participating in its mission.

 - Students will reflect on and participate in service opportunities for oneself Within the parish and local community. Become involved in service outreach projects,

Luke 10:1-12; Matthew 5:13-16... Mission of the Disciples

Matthew 5:3-10... Beatitudes; 1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:11-42... Friendship of David and Jonathan

Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:16-20... Command to Preach the Good News to All People

Vocabulary: apostles, beatitudes, evangelization, messiah

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HOLY SPIRIT THE SANCTIFIER

13. The Holy Spirit is a distinct person of the Blessed Trinity sent by the Father and Son to live within us and unite us.

CCC #686; Compendium #136; USCCA pp. 101-110

14. We are called to membership within the community of believers through the Spirit.

CCC #747; SIP #102.2; Compendium # 145; USCCA pp. 116, 120-122



- Students will perceive themselves as part of the Church: the People of God, the Body of Christ. Accept the invitation and responsibility to become part of parish community experiences. Discern the different kinds of levels of commitment determined by different relationships in the community.

Acts 2:1-41; John 20:19-23... Pentecost Account

John 16:7, 13... Promise of the Spirit

15. The Spirit strengthens our relationship with Jesus and empowers us to continue His mission through the gifts of the Spirit.

CCC #737, 768; SIP #102.2; Compendium #150; USCCA pp. 101-110, 513

16. The Spirit empowers us to proclaim Jesus, the person and message, “to the ends of the earth.”

CCC #739, 1285; SIP #102.2; Compendium #145, 146, 265; USCCA pp. 101-110



- Students will appreciate that belonging to the Church means participating in its mission. Develop the skills necessary for building relationships and community life, such as trust, self-disclosure, and communication.

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- Students will develop ways to put into practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Reflect on and participate in service opportunities for oneself within the parish and local community.



- Students will develop a habit of daily prayer to seek guidance and discern one's vocation.

Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:16-20... Command to Preach the Good News to All Nations

17. The Holy Spirit enlightens our choices so that we come to recognize the will of God in our lives.

CCC #1742, 1788; Compendium #374; USCCA pp.314



- Students will appreciate that all individual moral decisions affect one's relationships with self, others, and God.

Genesis 2:4-3:24... Life According to God's Will

Prayer – Novena to the Holy Spirit

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CHURCH AS COMMUNITY OF LIFE

18. The Church is a family of faith called to holiness through baptism.

CCC #753, 1267; SIP #102.2; Compendium #148, 264; USCCA pp. 181-199

19. The faith family, Church, offers support guidance and care for its members throughout life.

CCC #794, 1269; Compendium #157, 263; USCCA pp.119-120



- Students will create a family and classroom environment where each person is accepted as unique and treated justly. Discuss the future of the Church and what the adolescent role in the Church might be.

1 Peter 2:9-10... Church as God's People Matthew 16:13-19... Authority of Peter

Vocabulary: communion of saints, diocese, ministry, papacy, precepts of the Church, Vatican Council II, ecumenical council, encyclical

20. Godparents and sponsors represent the Christian community and are to be models of faith.

CCC #125; Compendium #22; USCCA pp. 189, 194



- Students will develop the skills necessary for building relationships and community life, such as trust, self-disclosure, and communication.



- Students will experience prayer as a deepening of personal relationship with Jesus.



- Students will realize how persons give witness to their faith through their work. Interpret the importance of modern witnesses in the Catholic Church.

Acts 1:12-14; 2:42-47... Accounts of the Early Church
1 Corinthians 13:5-7... Love is

Vocabulary: commandments, integrity, laity, virtue

21. The communion of saints is the community of all believers, living and dead.

CCC #957, 958; Compendium #195; USCCA pp. 160-161



- Students will interpret the importance of modern witnesses in the Catholic Church. Identify traditional Catholic saints whose lives were dedicated to service.



- Students will perceive themselves as part of the Church: the People of God, the Body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:9-10... Church as God's People Luke 6:12-16... Selection of the Apostles

Acts 6:1-6... Appointment of Deacons John 11:1-27... Lazarus


Genesis 12:1-2, 22:1-19... Abraham, Person of Faith


Vocabulary: communion of saints, relics

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22. Liturgy is a celebration of the community whose life and faith is nurtured by the word and the Eucharist and by the presence of each individual.

CCC #752; Compendium #147; USCCA pp.170-175

 - Students will appreciate the need for the frequent reception of the sacraments of penance and Eucharist as ways to participate in the worship of the Church and to grow in God's grace.


 - Students will experience various forms of prayer, such as silent meditation, prayer with Scripture, centering prayer, spontaneous prayer, formal prayer, prayer with song, and liturgy of the hours.

Matthew 26:26-28; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26... Jesus Institutes the Eucharist John 21:25... Tradition

Vocabulary: communion of saints, grace, laity, ministry

23. The Church is at once human and divine.

CCC #827; Compendium #165; USCCA pp. 166-168

 - Students will perceive themselves as part of the Church: the People of God, the Body of Christ. Discern the different kinds of levels of commitment determined by different relationships in the community.

1 Peter 2:9-10... Church as God's People
Acts 2:1-41; John 20:19-23... Pentecost Account


Vocabulary: communion of saints, infallibility, laity, papacy


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PRACTICE OF VIRTUE

24. There is power in and responsibility for God's gift of free will.

CCC #1731; Compendium #363, 364; USCCA pp. 310, 319, 332

 - Students will appreciate that all individual moral decisions affect one's relationships with self, others, and God.

 - Students will examine how social ills and injustices affect the lives of all people as well as their responsibility for others even when suffering is perceived as a global experience.

 - Students will develop a habit of daily prayer to seek guidance and discern one's vocation.

Matthew 5:17-20; 5:38-48; 5:3-12... Laws

Vocabulary: canon law, covenant, free will, grace, providence

25. Personal and social sins exist in our own life experience.

CCC #401, 1868, 1869; Compendium #75, 399, 400; USCCA pp. 314-315, 331, 528

26. We need to take ownership for our personal choices.

CCC 1745; Compendium #364; USCCA pp. 314-315

27. The Christian virtue of hope is based on the belief that Jesus triumphed over evil.

CCC #420, 617; Compendium #78, 122; USCCA pp. 316-317, 333, 343

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28. Our ability to choose good is empowered by the Spirit.

CCC #1788, 1811; Compendium #374; USCCA pp. 314-315

♥ - Students will appreciate that all individual moral decisions affect one's relationships with self, others, and God.

Genesis 2:4-3:24... Life According to God's Will Luke 10:38-42... Mary and Martha

Vocabulary: commandments, integrity, virtue

SACRAMENT AND SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (History of Confirmation)

29. The “seven sacraments touch all stages and important moments of a Christian’s life.”

CCC #1210; Compendium #250; USCCA pp. 168-169

30. The sacraments of initiation “lay the foundations of every Christian’s life.”

CCC #1212, 1533; Compendium #251, 321; USCCA pp. 183

31. The reception of the sacrament of confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. CCC #1285, 1304; Compendium #265, 268; USCCA pp. 207

32. In the sacrament of confirmation the confirmed are “enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit.”

CCC #1285; Compendium #265; USCCA pp. 207

33. The history of the sacrament of confirmation should be understood.

CCC #1290-1292; Compendium #267; USCCA pp. 203-204

✠ - Students will appreciate the need for the frequent reception of the sacraments of penance and Eucharist as ways to participate in the worship of the Church and to grow in God’s grace. Understand the sacraments of initiation as a source of identity.

Acts 2:1-41; John 20:19-23... Pentecost Account John 16:7, 13... Promise of the Spirit

Vocabulary: Confirmation, grace, Holy Spirit, sacraments of initiation

SYMBOLS OF THE SPIRIT: RITE OF CONFIRMATION

- 34. The renewal of baptismal vows in the Rite of Confirmation affirms the connection between the initiation sacraments.**
CCC #1298; Compendium #267; USCCA pp. 205-207

- 35. The Christian life is one of continual conversion from sin to a life of grace.**
CCC #1426; Compendium #297; USCCA pp.236-237

- 36. The Paschal Mystery triumphs over sin and through personal conversion we become “other Christs” to the world.**
CCC #739, 1067, 1068; Compendium #145, 218; USCCA pp. 183-184

- 37. The ancient liturgical gesture of imposing hands symbolizes the confirming of the divine power of the Holy Spirit.**
CCC #1288; Compendium #265; USCCA pp. 205-206

- 38. Each confirmed person is empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share their faith with others as they continue the mission of Jesus.**
CCC #1303, 1831; Compendium #268; USCCA pp. 207-209

- 39. The anointing with oil in the Rite of Confirmation symbolizes selection and strength as it did in biblical times.**
CCC #1293; Compendium #267; USCCA pp. 203-205


- 40. Being marked with the sign of the cross is a reminder that we share in the life of Christ.**
CCC #265; USCCA pp. 295-296


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41. The Amen is the candidate's personal affirmation of their desire to be a spiritual witness of Christ in the world.

CCC #1062, 1064; Compendium #217; USCCA pp. 503

 - Students will understand the sacraments of initiation as a source of identity.

 - Students will appreciate that belonging to the Church means participating in its mission.

 - Students will reflect on and participate in service opportunities for oneself within the parish and local community. Become involved in service outreach projects, clothing and food collections, and fund-raising drives.

John 16:7, 13... Promise of the Spirit; Acts 2:1-41; John 20:19-23... Pentecost
Account

Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:16-20... Command to Preach the Good News to All
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