

**Religion Curriculum
Student Outcomes
Grade Eight**

I Content Theme

Our faith causes us to examine and appreciate Church history and our role within the Church community now and in the future.

CCC Reference
748-953
I believe in the Holy Catholic Church

II Instructional Focus:

A To learn about the history of the Church.

CCC Reference
758-69
The Church's Origin, Foundation and Mission

B To understand one's role in the Church's community.

871-933
Christ's Faithful – Hierarchy, Laity, Consecrated Life

C To recognize that all people are called to further the kingdom by living the Good News of the Gospel.

849-56, 871-73
The Mission of the Church

III Student Performance Outcomes

A Church/Doctrine

Students will:

1. Recognize that Jesus formed a community of disciples/church to share in and continue God's saving presence;
2. Describe how the Holy Spirit inspires and guides the Church;
3. Demonstrate a deeper knowledge of the Church as one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic;
4. Identify and interpret the rituals and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church;
5. Demonstrate that there are many ways to express one's faith within the Catholic Church;
6. Show how the Church is united as family;
7. Analyze how the Church is an institution within national and global communities;

CCC Reference
425, 763-66
737-39, 813, 852
811-65
857-65, 1066-75, 1667-76
832-35, 873
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831-835

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| 8. | Demonstrate that the Church is built on individual commitment; | 791, 814, 1937 |
| 9. | Chart the role of the various groups in the Church: pope, cardinals, bishops, priests, religious communities, laity, parish ministers and ministries; | 871-933 |
| 10. | Describe the history, work, and role of religious communities and the call the religious life today; | 914-33 |
| 11. | Compare and contrast the Roman Catholic Church in relationship to other Christian traditions; | 836-38 |
| 12. | Recognize and explain the role of Mary in the Church; | 963-72 |
| 13. | Distinguish the four functions of the Church – Body of Christ, Servant, Sacrament and institution; | 771, 774-76,
787-96, 871-73 |
| 14. | Chart the canonization process; | 28, 2030 |
| 15. | Identify the ways in which the Church as an institution communicates with the faithful through such means as councils and encyclicals; | 880-896 |
| 16. | Describe how the church began on Pentecost and how it grew through the errors and sacrifices of the apostles and those who made up the first Christian communities; | |
| 17. | Chronicle how the church grew throughout the different periods of history and social developments; | |
| 18. | Recognize the importance of missionary work in the growth of the Church throughout history; | |
| 19. | Evaluate the significance of the second Vatican Council; identify the years; | |
| 20. | Describe parent responsibilities in handing down the faith (as an intro to adult responsibility). | |

B Scripture

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| Students will: | <u>CCC Reference</u> |
| 1. Identify the authorship of Christian Scripture; | 76, 102-05, 126 |
| 2. Clarify the message of the Gospel as the Good News of Jesus; | 127, 571 |
| 3. Recognize the Bible as a collection of books that tells the story of God and His people; | 120-33 |

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| 4. | Explain that we can encounter God's word through reading the Bible; | 131-33 |
| 5. | Recognize fundamentalism and contrast it with Catholic approach to scripture; | |

C Worship

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| 1. | Demonstrate how the Sacraments celebrate the presence of Christ in our most important life experiences. | 1088, 1116, 1118 |
| 2. | Recognize that the Eucharist is the central celebration of our church; | 1211, 1324, 2177-79 |
| 3. | Demonstrate how the Sacraments can express and intensify values important to teenagers; | 774, 950 |
| 4. | Clarify why prayer is an important part of the daily life of a Catholic; | 2725, 2744 |
| 5. | Identify, prepare, and participate in a variety of prayer forms such as spontaneous prayer, petitions, guided meditation, gestures, song; | 2700-19, 2626-43 |
| 6. | Name the specific parts and order of the Mass and be able to partake in all the common responses; | 1345-55 |
| 7. | Identify liturgies associated with feasts and seasons of the Church year; | 2042-43, 2187-88 |
| 8. | Demonstrate ability to participate in school and parish liturgies in a ministerial role – reader, usher, greeter, choir, etc. | |
| 9. | Name the main forms of prayer: blessing and adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, prayer of praise; | |
| 10. | Name three major expressions of prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, contemplative; | |

D Christian Living

- | Students will: | | <u>CCC Reference</u> |
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| 1. | Assess how Christian values help us make social, economic, and political choices; | 2044-46 |
| 2. | Recall that some sins are collective, the wrongful acts of a group; | 1853, 1868-69 |
| 3. | Explain how the quality of our eternal life depends upon how we live now; | 1003-4, 1020, 1720-24 |
| 4. | Clarify that the Beatitudes are the summary of Christian morality; | 1716-24 |

5. Illustrate how to apply the values of the Gospel towards others;
6. Recognize that Gospel justice can be in conflict with the secular world; 1723, 1971-74
7. Show how to build the kingdom of God with our brothers and sisters throughout the world; 1939-42
8. Recognize the needs of others, both in our community and throughout the world; 1905-12
9. Plan and execute parish, school and class service projects;
10. Discuss appropriate decision-making within the family; 2204-5
11. List and evaluate current issues that relate to a teenager's life;
12. Evaluate Christian values and lack of values in media;
13. Express a deepening relationship with God through prayer;

IV Key Scripture References

Genesis 12:1-2	God's promise to Abraham; beginning to gather the people of God.
Exodus 19:1-8	God initiates the Covenant with Israel, a further preparation for the Church
Isaiah 2:2-5	The Church is part of this fulfillment
Isaiah 53:3, Jeremiah 31:31-34	Promise of a new covenant, instituted by Jesus
Isaiah 65:17-25	Image of the Kingdom (inaugurated by Jesus, proclaimed by the Church).
Isaiah 66:18-21	God will gather all nations.
Mark 16:14-18	
Matthew 28:16-20	The Commissioning of the Apostles
Acts 9:1-9	The Vision of Saul
1Corinthians 12:4-13	The Variety of Gifts
John 13:34-36	The New Law of Love
John 6:35-40	The Way, the Truth and the Life
Luke 22:14-20	The Holy Eucharist
Acts 2:42-47	The Fervor of the Early Church

V Vocabulary

Abba	Father in Aramaic
Abraham	Father of God's chosen people
Ark of the Covenant	The special box that contained the tablets with the Ten Commandments

Ascension	The feast that celebrates the time when Jesus was taken into Heaven
Beatitudes	Eight ways God wants us to live our life, given to us by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount
Canon Law	The law of the Catholic Church
Canonization	The process by which a person is officially recognized as a saint by the Church
Capital Sins	The seven deadly or most feared sins- pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth
Cardinal Virtues	Spiritual habits that support us in our relationships with others – prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude
Catacombs	Underground sacred place of Christians
Catechumenate	Period of preparation for those desiring to receive the Sacrament of Baptism
Catholic	A baptized follower of Jesus who belongs to the Catholic church
Central Christian Mystery	Refer to “Trinity”
Chosen People	God’s special friends, descendants of the ancient Hebrews
Christ	Name derived from a Greek word meaning “anointed one”
Christian Scriptures/New Testament	The second part of the Bible that focuses on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus
Communion of Saints	The union of believers, living and dead, who form on body in Christ
Conclave	The closed room or hall specially set aside and prepared for the cardinals when electing a pope; also the assembly of the cardinals for the canonical execution of this purpose
Concordat	An agreement between the Church and a government allowing the Church to exist in a country
Confirmation	The sacrament in which we receive the gift of grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit in a special way. It is one of the three sacraments that welcome us into the Catholic church
Conscience	The ability to choose between right and wrong
Corporal Works of Mercy	Seven ways identified by Jesus to care for physical needs: 1) Feed the hungry; 2) Give drink to the thirsty; 3) Shelter the homeless; 4) Cloth the naked; 5) Visit the sick; 6) Visit the imprisoned; 7) Bury the dead

Covenant	The promise of God made with Moses and His people in the Old Testament
Crusade	The attempts to free Palestine from the Muslims by force
Doctrine	An official statement of belief by the Church
Ecumenical Councils	Legally convened assemblies of church dignitaries and theological experts to discuss and regulate church doctrine and discipline
Ecumenism	The movement toward unity among all Christians
Epistles	Letters written to communities in the early church explaining Christian beliefs
Evangelists	The writers of the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
Evangelize	To preach the good news of Jesus
Exodus	The Hebrews escape from slavery in Egypt which is recorded in the Old Testament, in the Book of Exodus
Genesis	The first book of the Bible which contains an account of creation
Gentile	A non-Jewish person
Grace	Sharing in the Divine Life
Hebrew	Ancient people who were selected by God to be the "chosen people"
Hebrew Scriptures/ Old Testament	The first part of the Bible that tells about God's relationship with the Hebrews
Heresy	A denial or contradiction of a truth of the Catholic Church
Incarnation	The miracle of God becoming human in Jesus
Inspiration	The guidance of the Holy Spirit that the writers of scripture received
Israelites	The name given to the Hebrew people descended from Jacob
Jew	Descendant of the ancient Hebrews
Laity	All baptized Catholics other than those who have been ordained
Last Supper	Jesus' last meal before He died. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us His Body and Blood for the first time
Life Everlasting	Life without end
Magisterium	The official teaching office of the Church
Marks of the Church	The four identifying characteristics of the church – one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic
Martyr	A person who dies for his/her faith
Meditation	Prayerful reflection

Messiah	Anointed by God, Jesus was the Messiah promised in the Old Testament
Ministry	A way to serve others
Miracle	Something that seems to defy the laws of nature and suggests divine intervention
Morality	The rightness or wrongness of an action
Mystical Body	An image to describe all those who are part of Christ's Church
Myth	A story used to explain some mystery or custom
Occasion of Sin	Any person, place, or thing that could lead you to sin
Parable	A story used to teach a spiritual lesson
Paschal Mystery	Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension
Passover	A special Jewish feast that marks God's deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt
Pentateuch	The first five books of the Bible
Pentecost	The birthday of the church, the day on which we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples
Prayer	Communication with God
Prophet	Someone called by God to speak in His name
Psalms	Collection of songs/prayers found in the Old Testament, Book of Psalms
Resurrection	Jesus rising from death to new life
Revelation	God making himself known to man
Ritual	A formal religious ceremony
Sacrament	Supernatural sign of God's grace and love for us
Sacramentals	Objects, actions, and blessings that help us grow in holiness
Sacraments of Initiation	Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the three sacraments which welcome us fully into the church
Schism	A split or separation in the Church coming from a refusal to obey lawful authority
Scripture	The word of God
Seder meal	The meal celebrating the Passover
Sin	Choosing to turn from God and do what we know is wrong; words, utterances, actions, or desires contrary to God's law
Spiritual Works of Mercy	1) Help the sinner; 2) Teach the ignorant; 3) Counsel the doubtful; 4) Comfort the sorrowful; 5) Bear wrongs patiently; 6) Forgive injuries; 7) Pray for the living and the dead
Spirituality	Growing, loving relationship with God
Stewardship	Show a deeper respect for our environment as stewards of the earth
Temptation	Feeling or desire to do something we know is wrong

Theological Virtues	The three virtues that will strengthen our relationship with God – faith, hope and charity
Theology	The study of God
Thomas Aquinas	Saint in the 1200's whose scholastic work, <i>Summa Theologie</i> , organized and clarified thinking on many religion topics
Tradition	Beliefs and practices in the Church that are passed down from one generation to the next under the guidance of the Holy Spirit
Transfiguration	The occasion when Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the mountain and they experienced a miraculous change in His appearance
Transubstantiation	The mystery of the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ
Trinity	The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as three persons in one God; central mystery of Christian life
Virtue	Habit of doing good
Way of the Cross	Traditional Christian practice of reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus
Worship	Adoration of God expressed publicly in word, action, and sign
Yahweh	"I am who am", the name of God from the Old Testament