

Religious Education Standards  
**General Standards for Grade 6**

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Dear Catechist,

In 2013, Bishop Folda requested that a committee be formed to evaluate and publish updated standards for our Catholic schools and parish Religious Education programs. The result of the committee's work are standards for Kindergarten through eighth grade.

There are two formats of the standards for each grade:

1. **General Standards:** This is a "master list" of all the aspects of the Faith which should be covered in each specific grade. Each grade is divided into the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: Profession of Faith, Sacraments, Moral Life and Prayer.
2. **Standards Corresponding to Textbook:** This document shows where the General Standards are covered in the textbook. It lists each chapter of the textbook. This document will be more useful for teaching.

The standards were also used as part of the selection process of the textbook series that was recommended to Bishop Folda.

The committee also suggested that the standards be a working tool for catechists, that is, not only insuring that the essential elements of the Faith are presented, but also as a way for catechists to share ideas with one another. The web page [www.fargodiocese.org/curriculum](http://www.fargodiocese.org/curriculum) has been created for this purpose. At the bottom of the page is the form "Submit an Activity or Idea". I encourage you to submit something to share with other catechists. Perhaps you have a great craft that works well with a lesson or some other activity that engages the children while helping to solidify what they just learned. I will use your ideas to build the sections in the standards entitled "Mission and Community" and "Teacher Notes". I will create links in these areas so that catechists will be able to see activities that others have submitted.

My hope is that these documents will be a great resource for you.

Peace in Christ,

Mary Hanbury  
Director of Catechesis

Essential Questions	Standards and Basic Understandings	Resources	Mission & Community Life	Teaching Notes
<p>Why do we seek God?</p> <p>How do we come to know God?</p>	<p><b>PF 6.1 The desire for God is written in the human heart</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know we are made for happiness and only in God will we find the happiness that truly satisfies</li> <li>b. Understand God never ceases to call us to himself</li> <li>c. Understand our free-will enables us to choose God</li> <li>d. Recognize beauty, truth and goodness of the world point to God.</li> <li>e. Understand the human person is open to and attracted by what is beautiful, true and good.</li> <li>f. Understand that sin and its effects can get in the way of coming to know God</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 27</p> <p>CCC 1731</p> <p>CCC 2500-2502</p> <p>CCC 1849-1850</p>		
<p>What is Divine Revelation?</p>	<p><b>PF 6.2 Divine Revelation are the truths about God, that God revealed to us over time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand God communicates himself to us gradually</li> <li>b. Understand God made a series of covenants which bind God to his people, e.g. creation, Noah, Abraham, Moses</li> <li>c. Begin to understand how God revealed himself through the Patriarchs of the Old Testament</li> <li>d. Know how God used the Prophets of the Old Testament to proclaim redemption, purification, and salvation</li> <li>e. Know that Jesus as the “new Adam” makes amends for the Original Holiness that was lost due to Original Sin</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 50-52</p> <p>CCC 53</p> <p>CCC 56-67</p> <p>CCC 707-716</p> <p>CCC 411</p>		

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How is the bible organized?	<p><b>PF 6.3 The bible is a collection of sacred scriptures, those writings inspired by God for our salvation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know the principle divisions of the scriptures               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Old Testament (46 books): Torah/Pentateuch, Historical books, Prophets, Wisdom books</li> <li>2. New Testament (27 books): Gospels, Acts, Epistles, Revelation</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Begin to recognize the various literary forms found in the bible:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Letters</li> <li>2. Short stories</li> <li>3. Apocalyptic</li> <li>4. Psalms/canticles</li> <li>5. Historical accounts</li> <li>6. Parables</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>CCC 105-107</p> <p>CCC 105 CCC 120, 138</p> <p>CCC 110</p>		
What is the relationship between the Old and New Testament?	<p><b>PF 6.4 The two Testaments are united in the person of Jesus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Begin to understand that Christians read the Old Testament in the light of Jesus Christ               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The New Testament lies hidden in the Old Testament</li> <li>2. The Old Testament is unveiled in the New Testament</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Know that without the Old Testament we could not fully understand the mission of Jesus</li> <li>c. Begin to understand that the New Testament completes God's revelation through Jesus Christ's word and work</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 128-130</p> <p>CCC 125-128</p> <p>YOUCAT 17-18</p>		

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<p>How are we to live out the mission of the Church?</p> <p>How can you be a good witness for Jesus?</p>	<p><b>PF 6.5 Christ gave the Church a mission and authority</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know Jesus gave the Apostles authority which continues to be handed down to the bishops through apostolic succession</li> <li>b. Know that our mission as the Church, is to evangelize (announce the Gospel)</li> <li>c. Know when the Father sends his Son, he always sends his Spirit: in their mission they are distinct but inseparable</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 849-852</p> <p>CCC 857-862</p> <p>CCC 91, 785</p> <p>CCC 689-690</p>		
<p>What happens to us when we die?</p>	<p><b>PF 6.6 God desires eternal life in heaven for each of us</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Recognize that Christ conquered death and opened the gates of heaven</li> <li>b. Know those who die in God's friendship, but not yet completely sinless are purified in purgatory before entering heaven</li> <li>c. Understand we have a relationship with the souls in purgatory and saints in heaven</li> <li>d. Know that each of us will be judged on how we loved God, neighbor, and self</li> <li>e. Know that our body and soul are created to be one and will be reunited on the last day</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1023-1025</p> <p>CCC 1009-1012</p> <p>CCC 1030, 1032</p> <p>CCC 1032, 1029</p> <p>CCC 1021-1022</p> <p>CCC 1038, 1045</p>	<p>During the month of November it is tradition to pray for the souls in purgatory.</p>	

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Why are the sacraments an essential part of my life?	<p><b>S 6.1 We receive sanctifying grace, a share in God's divine life, through the sacraments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand that the sacraments give the graces needed to grow in holiness throughout our lives</li> <li>b. Know that the seven sacraments are ways of expressing and experiencing our faith through all of our senses</li> <li>c. Understand the sacraments as efficacious signs (efficacious is something that causes the desired effect- sacraments do what they say; they do because of God's power even though we don't see the effect)</li> <li>d. The sacraments are entrusted to the Church to administer</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1999-2000</p> <p>CCC 1116, 1123</p> <p>CCC 1146</p> <p>CCC 1127</p> <p>CCC 1117</p>		
How does the Old Testament foreshadow the sacraments?	<p><b>S 6.2 The sacraments are evident throughout sacred scripture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Begin to understand in the Old Testament stories of Noah's Ark, Israelites crossing of the Red Sea, and crossing of the Jordan into the Promised Land point to the Sacrament of Baptism (foreshadows)</li> <li>b. Begin to understand the Old Testament stories about the anointing of Prophets, Priests, and Kings; the special charisms given to Moses; and Isaiah's prophesy of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit point to the Sacrament of Confirmation</li> <li>c. Begin to understand the Old Testament stories of Melchizedek; the Passover; and the manna in the desert point to the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist</li> <li>d. Begin to understand the Old Testament Priests offered sacrifices for the atonement of sins point to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Leviticus)</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1217-1222</p> <p>CCC 1286-1289</p> <p>CCC 1337-1344, 1350</p> <p>CCC 433</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Begin to understand in the Old Testament Psalms man cries out to God for healing and strength point to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick</li> <li>f. Begin to understand the Old Testament stories of Melchizedek and the Levites point to the sacraments of Holy Orders</li> <li>g. Begin to understand the Old Testament stories of Adam and Eve and the Law of Moses (Sixth Commandment) point to the sacrament of Marriage</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1502</p> <p>CCC 1541, 1544</p> <p>CCC 1604-1605, 1610-1611</p>		
What is a vocation?	<p><b>S 6.3 God has a plan for our lives and calls us to live out a particular vocation in his service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand some men are called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders</li> <li>b. Understand some men and women are called to Religious consecrate life</li> <li>c. Understand a man and a woman maybe called to the Sacrament of Matrimony</li> <li>d. Understand some people are called to live out their life in the single state</li> </ul>	CCC 358, 873, 931		

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How can we respond to God's love in order to be with him forever?	<p><b>ML 6.1 God reveals to us how to live our lives in order to be with him in heaven</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand natural law is the law of God written in our hearts</li> <li>b. Understand God gave us the Ten Commandments as the foundation of the moral life</li> <li>c. Know Jesus identified the two greatest commandments: love God and love others</li> <li>d. Know Jesus gave us the beatitudes to help us follow his example</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1694</p> <p>CCC 1954-1956</p> <p>CCC 1961-1962</p> <p>CCC 2055</p> <p>CCC 1716-1782</p>		
How do we make moral decisions?	<p><b>ML 6.2 Our actions can be evaluated as good or evil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know the difference between mortal sin and venial sin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mortal sin: breaks our relationship with God</li> <li>2. Venial sin: weakens our relationship with God</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. The Church is there to guide us in evaluating whether an action is good or evil</li> <li>c. Understand regular reading of the scriptures helps us to know the good and God's desire for us to be holy</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1749</p> <p>CCC 1855-1863</p> <p>CCC 1785</p>		
Why do we serve others in words and actions?	<p><b>ML 6.3 We are made for communion with God and others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand the need for peace and justice in our families, communities, and the world</li> <li>b. Understand injustices and the importance of defending the dignity of the human person</li> <li>c. Know service is a way to love and know God by loving our neighbor who he created</li> <li>d. Understand the importance of asking for forgiveness and forgiving others in daily life</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 1878</p> <p>CCC 1878-1880, 1882</p> <p>CCC 1928-1933</p> <p>CCC 1657</p>		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. Know through our baptism we have a responsibility to tell others about Jesus</li> <li>f. Understand how to tell others about Jesus and his family, the Church, by sharing the Gospel (evangelization)</li> </ul>	CCC 1122		
How do we show respect for our bodies?	<p><b>ML 6.4 Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand that we communicate through our bodies (body language)</li> <li>b. Know purity means being without sin in our mind, heart, and body</li> <li>c. Know chastity lets us love with an upright and undivided heart</li> <li>d. Know modesty protects the intimate center of the person</li> </ul>	CCC 364, 2519  CCC 2337-2345 YOUCAT 404-405 CCC 2520-2521  CCC 2522-2527		
How do the lives of saints influence us?	<p><b>ML 6.5 The saints are role models for our journey to heaven</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know saints are holy, but it does not mean that their entire life was holy</li> <li>b. Understand, through God's grace, all sinners can become saints</li> <li>c. Understand how the lives of the saints inspire us to grow and live a holy life</li> <li>d. Know the lives of saints are examples of virtue, evangelization, and holiness</li> <li>e. Recognize the Church has a process called canonization to formally declare that a person is a saint in heaven and worthy of imitation</li> </ul>	CCC 957  CCC 956-957  CCC 2683		

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Why do I help poor and vulnerable people?	<p><b>ML 6.6 Social teaching of the Church: we are called to respect and assist the poor and vulnerable of society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Understand we give of ourselves to those in need because it is Jesus we serve and Jesus who calls us to serve</li> <li>b. Understand serving the poor and vulnerable is not an option but a responsibility as Christians</li> <li>c. Understand this begins in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and communities</li> </ul>	<p>CCC 2443-2447</p> <p>CCC 2448-2449</p> <p>CCC 2462</p>		
Why is it important to develop healthy relationships?	<p><b>ML 6.7 Safe environment: God desires us to be safe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know God calls us to a loving relationship with himself and with others</li> <li>b. Understand God has made each person unique with different gifts and talents</li> <li>c. Know we have the responsibility to foster healthy relationships with God, self, and others</li> <li>d. Know there are positive elements that make our relationships with others healthy. For example: honesty, trust, kindness, respect, empathy etc.</li> <li>e. Understand there are boundaries within relationships and we are to respect them. For example: not forcing someone to do something harmful</li> <li>f. Identify when a boundary has been violated and how to respond</li> </ul>			

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How do we pray with Jesus through scripture?	<p><b>P 6.1 Lectio Divina is a way to prayerfully encounter God through scripture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Know that Lectio Divina means “divine/spiritual reading”</li> <li>b. Understand Lectio Divina is a particular ancient method of praying with the scriptures:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Begin with Introductory prayer recognizing the loving presence of the Trinity and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you</li> <li>2. Reading: Slowly read the passage</li> <li>3. Mediation: Use your imagination to enter into the Gospel story (meditation)</li> <li>4. Praying: What do I say to God in response to his Word?</li> <li>5. Contemplation: Rest quietly with the passage; what conversion of heart is God asking of me?</li> <li>6. Concluding prayer: Praise and thank God</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	CCC 2708		