

Religious Education Standards
General Standards for Kindergarten

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Dear Catechist,

Three years ago, Bishop Folda requested that a committee be formed to evaluate and update standards for our Catholic schools and parish Religious Education programs. The result of this committee's work are standards for Kindergarten through eighth grade. At this time, the standards are drafts and will be a working document in the 2017-2018 school year.

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 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 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.

Finally, because the standards are a working document this year, I would like your feedback on how well they work in the classroom. Please send feedback to me, Mary Hanbury, 5201 Bishops Blvd, Suite A, Fargo, ND 58104 or email mary.hanbury@fargodiocese.org.

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
Who is God?	<p>PF K.1 God loves us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know God is our loving Father who cares for us b. Know God is the Creator of everything c. Begin to understand that God created angels and gave each of us a guardian angel d. Begin to understand that God is a family - One God in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit 	<p>CCC 27 CCC 301,305</p> <p>YOUCAT 54-55 CCC 350</p> <p>CCC 261</p>		
Who is Jesus?	<p>PF K.2 Jesus is God’s Son</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know Jesus wants us to be His friend b. Begin to understand Jesus is always with us c. Begin to understand Jesus teaches us to know and love God d. Know Jesus teaches us to love others e. Begin to understand that Jesus lived, died, and rose from the dead 	<p>CCC 422</p> <p>CCC 571, 599, 601</p>		
What was Jesus’ family like?	<p>PF K.3 Jesus grew up in a family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know the members of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, his foster-father b. Know Mary is the mother of Jesus and she helps us get to heaven c. Know Jesus obeyed his parents 	<p>CCC 525</p> <p>CCC 495, 963</p> <p>CCC 564</p>		
Who are the saints?	<p>PF K.4 Saints are people or angels in heaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand how the saints loved Jesus b. Begin to understand how the saints become special friends of Jesus 	<p>CCC 956,1173, 828</p>		

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<p>What is the Bible?</p>	<p>PF K.5 The Bible is God’s written word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand the Bible is a special book that tells us about God’s love b. Begin to understand the stories in the Bible teach us about God 	<p>CCC 105-108</p> <p>CCC 125, 129</p>		

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How does God give us his love through the Church?	<p>S K.1 The sacraments are signs of God’s love for us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know Baptism is the first sacrament you receive b. Begin to understand that we receive God’s life (grace) in the sacraments 	CCC 1113-21 CCC 1213		
Why are we baptized?	<p>S K.2 We become members of God’s Family through Baptism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know Jesus tells us to baptize with the words: “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” b. Begin to recognize the symbols of Baptism: water, oil, white garment, candle, godparents 	CCC 1271 CCC 1213 CCC 1278		
Why do we go to church (Mass)?	<p>S K.3 Jesus feeds his family at Mass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know God wants his family, the Church, to gather each Sunday in prayer (worship) b. Understand Jesus is with us in a special way at Mass c. Begin to understand the Mass helps us to love God and others 	CCC 1384		
How do we celebrate the life of Jesus throughout the year?	<p>S K.4 We celebrate the seasons of the Church (liturgical year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand the liturgical calendar by the liturgical colors and celebrations throughout the year b. Know Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus’ birthday c. Know Easter is when we celebrate when Jesus rose from the dead (resurrection) 	CCC 1163-1173		

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<p>How does God love us?</p> <p>How do we show our love for God?</p>	<p>ML K.1 We are created in the image and likeness of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Know that God created you to be unique and special to him b. Begin to understand that you are created to know, love, and serve God c. Know that God wants you to love yourself d. Begin to understand that we thank God for the gift of life e. Begin to understand that making good choices strengthens your relationship with God f. Begin to understand that we need to forgive others and/or ask for forgiveness from God and others 	<p>CCC 1700</p> <p>CCC 1934-1935</p>		
<p>How do we treat others?</p>	<p>ML K.2 We are made for relationship with God and others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Begin to understand God sent his son, Jesus, to show us his love and how to live b. Know that God wants you to love everyone c. Begin to understand that God shows love for me through people who care for me including family, friends, and neighbors d. Begin to understand ways our own behavior affects others in a good ways and in bad ways e. Begin to understand we need to forgive others and/or ask for forgiveness from God and others 	<p>CCC 299</p> <p>CCC 422-429</p> <p>CCC 1877</p> <p>CCC 2840</p>		
<p>How do we live and follow God?</p>	<p>ML K.3 God gave us the Ten Commandments so we know how to live a good and holy life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify that God has rules called the Ten Commandments that help us make good choices to be happy and good <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some examples in simple language include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Go to church b) Pray to God c) Tell the truth d) Love your parents e) Obey your parents f) Don't take something that is not yours 	<p>CCC 62</p>		

<p>How can we love God?</p>	<p>ML K.4 We show our love for God by sharing what we have with others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Begin to recognize the needs of othersb. Begin to understand we can help others by praying for them	<p>CCC 1878, 2443</p>		
<p>How do saints show us how to be like Jesus?</p>	<p>ML K.5 Through their lives, saints show us how to love Jesus and others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Begin to know the stories about the Saintsb. Begin to understand how we can be like the Saints	<p>CCC 2683</p>		
<p>What is a human right?</p>	<p>ML K.6 Social teaching of the Church: Every person has human rights and is responsible for them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Begin to understand every person has a right to life, worship God, live in safety, learn, to have clean water, food, love, and appropriate clothingb. Begin to understand how we all have responsibilities, that come with those rights, to ourselves and others	<p>CCC 1930-1933</p>		
<p>Why does God give us grace?</p>	<p>ML K.7 Safe environment: God desires us to be safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Understand God’s grace helps usb. Begin to understand how to treat and respect others because they too are children of God	<p>Circle of Grace Grade K</p>		

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What is prayer?	<p>PK.1 Prayer is listening and talking with God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Understand we should pray every dayb. Begin to understand in prayer we thank God and ask him for good things	CCC 2559 YOUCAT 469		
Why do we pray?	<p>PK.2 God loves us and wants to form a relationship with us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">d. Understand we have relationships with others, our family and friendse. Begin to understand the Church is God’s family and the church building is a place to worship as his familyf. Begin to understand how God speaks to us<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. God speaks to us in prayer2. God speaks to us through the words in the bible3. God speaks to us through other people, like the priest	CCC 2565 CCC 2567		
How do we pray?	<p>PK.3 There are many ways to pray</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Begin to understand there are different ways to pray: memorized prayers, spontaneous prayer, gesture (Sign of the Cross, genuflect, folding hands in prayer), song, and silenceb. Begin to know the following basic prayers<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Sign of the Cross2. Our Father3. Hail Mary4. Angel of God5. Grace before Mealsc. Begin to know Mass responses: Alleluia, Amen, Lord hear our prayerd. Begin to know spontaneous prayer: I love you God/Father/Jesus/Holy Spirit, thank you God, etc.e. Know we should attend Mass on Sunday and other special days (holy days of obligation)	CCC 2688 CCC 2700-2704		