

Catechetical Guidelines Approved Texts **2011-2012**

The Office of Lifelong Catholic Formation/Education is not designating one series to be used throughout the diocese, because we recognize that there is great diversity in parish Religious Education Programs. Because of this it is important for parishes to determine which of the series best fits their needs. The series listed alphabetically below are from the major publishing companies and have been approved by the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, “to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*”. The Office of Lifelong Catholic Formation/Education has also designated them as approved for use by parish Religious Education Programs because they best reflect the norms of these *Guidelines for Curriculum* and the *Guidelines for Catechesis*, in both content and number of sessions provided.

Below are the approved texts for the following:

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Instead of sending out replacement pages and or requiring you to go to each set of guidelines for the approved texts, we have put them into one document that can be downloaded and printed.

New series or resources added 2011-2012 year are marked: ✓

Approved Publishers

Ave Maria Press (www.avemariapress.com)

The Center for Learning (www.centerforlearning.org/religion)

Channing L. Bete (www.channing-bete.com)

Concordia Publishing House (www.cph.org)

Liguori Publications (www.liguori.org)

Living the Good News (www.livingthegoodnews.com)

Loyola Press (www.loyolapress.com)

Our Sunday Visitor (www.osv.com)

- Formerly Harcourt Religion

Pflaum Publishing Group (www.pflaum.com)

RCLBenziger (www.rclbenziger.com)

- Formerly Resources for Christian Living and Silver Burdette Ginn

Resource Publications (www.resourcepublications.com)

William H. Sadlier (www.sadlier.com)

Saint Mary's Press (www.smp.org)

St. Anthony Messenger Press (catalog.americancatholic.org)

Twenty-Third Publications (www.23rdpublications.com)

Approved Texts for Grades 1 – 6

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church

(6-8) published 2010

Fusión en la fe: Conocer, amar y servir a Cristo en la Iglesia Católica,

published 2011

Call to Faith, published 2009

Un llamado a la Fe (Level A-F), published 2005 (A-D), published 2008 (E-F)

Walking by Faith, 1999

Loyola Press

Christ Our Life, (K-8) published 2009

Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts, (1-6) published 2005

Conociendo nuestra fe católica (1-3), published 2011

RCL Benziger

Blest Are We Faith and Word Edition, (1-6) published 2008, 2010

Blest Are We, (1-6) published 2004

Bendecidos/Blest Are We, (1-6) published 2008

Faith First, (K-6) published 2001

Faith First Legacy Edition/Parish, (K-8) published 2007

Christ Jesus, the Way, 2003

Cristo Jesús, el Camino, (K-6) published 2003

Nuestra Identidad Católica, (1-6) published 1998

William H. Sadlier, Inc.

✓ *Creemos/We Believe,* (K-6) published 2004, 2005, 2011

Nuestra fe católica (4-6) published 2009

We Believe (K-6) published 2011

Our Catholic Faith (4-6) published 2009

Acercandote a La Fe, (K-6) published 1999

Coming to Faith, 1999

Alternative Approved Program for Parishes/Mission with Combined Grades 1 – 6

The Office of Lifelong Catholic Formation/Education recognizes that some parishes and missions do not have enough children in each grade to use the traditional series in their Religious Education Program. Therefore, we suggest an alternate approach in order to meet the need of covering the material in these guidelines in an appropriate manner. This approach would combine a lectionary-based program with grade level workbooks on the basics of our Catholic faith that would provide for learning together as a larger group, and small group work by grade level. Since the programs are lectionary-based, different material would be covered for each year of the three-year cycle (Cycles A, B, and C.)

The approved lectionary-based programs, listed in alphabetical order, are:

Pflaum Publishing Group

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches, (K-8)
published 2010

Promise (K and 1)

Good News (Grades 2 and 3)

Venture (Grades 4, 5, and 6)

Combining this material with the following workbooks would insure that the basic elements of our Catholic faith are covered each year:

RCL Benziger:

Our Catholic Identity: Catechism Workbook, 1997 (Grades 1-6)

Approved Text for Grades 7 and 8

For the most effective and consistent catechesis for these grade levels, the same series should be used in both grades seven and eight. Publishing companies with qualified consultants and authors have created these programs for young adolescents to meet their needs in both theological content and educational learning styles.

Loyola Press

Finding God, published 2007

Christ Our Life, (K-8) published 2009

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church

(6-8) published 2010

Call to Faith (Thematic Booklets-published 2008)

- Jesus Christ
- Morality
- Sacraments
- The Church
- The Trinity
- Revelation
- Kingdom of God

Call to Faith (Single Volume Edition-published 2007) Grade 7, Grade 8

Crossroads Series (published 1999)

Series Titles:

- *Apostle's Creed*
- *Church History*
- *Commandments*
- *Discipleship*
- *Jesus in the New Testament*
- *Morality*
- *Old Testament*
- *Prayer*
- *Sacraments*

Living Our Faith (published 2002)

Series Titles:

- *Church: A Community of Faith*
 - *Church History: Our Christian Story*
 - *God: Revelation and Relationship*
 - *Jesus: Word Made Flesh*
 - *Morality: Challenges and Choices*
 - *Sacraments: Signs of Our Faith*
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RCL Benziger

Blest Are We (7-8), published 2010
Faith First Legacy Edition, (K- 8) published 2007
Faith First Legacy Edition, published 2007
Christ Jesus, the Way, published 2004
Nuestra Identidad Católica (1-8) published 1998

William H. Sadlier

We Believe Series, We Live Our Faith, published 2007
Vivimos nuestra fe, como discipulos de Jesús, published 2010
Una sola fe un solo Señor (7-8) published 2003, 2009
One Faith, One Lord, (7-8) published 2009

Faith and Witness (published 1999)

Series Titles:

- *Church History: A Course on the People of God*
 - *Creed: A Course on Catholic Belief – Part I*
 - *Creed: A Course on Catholic Belief – Part II*
 - *Liturgy and Worship: A Course on Prayer and Sacraments*
 - *Morality: A Course on Catholic Worship*
 - *New Testament: An Introduction*
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Saint Mary's Press

The Catholic Connections Handbook for Middle Schoolers, published 2009

Discovering (published 1999)

Series Titles:

- *Becoming Friends*
 - *Being Catholic*
 - *Celebrating the Eucharist*
 - *Dealing with Tough Times*
 - *Exploring the Bible*
 - *Exploring the Story of Israel*
 - *Gathering to Celebrate*
 - *Growing Up Sexually*
 - *Learning to Communicate*
 - *Making Decisions*
 - *Meeting Jesus*
 - *Praying*
 - *Seeking Justice*
 - *Understanding Myself*
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Alternative Approved Programs for Parishes/Missions for Grades 7-8

Living the Good News

On the Edge for Young Teens (Published in three seasons yearly)

Pflaum Publishing Group

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: VISIONS (Published yearly)

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches, (K-8)
published 2010

Combining lectionary-based material with the following workbooks/worktexts would ensure that the basic elements of our Catholic faith are covered each year:

RCL Benziger

Our Catholic Identity: Catechism Workbook (1998)

Remedial Texts for Students in Grades 7-8

Some students who have been away from a formal catechetical program for more than a year may require some remedial (or catch up) work to effectively participate with the other students in the program. The Office of Lifelong Catholic Formation/Education recommends a separate catechist or parent do this outside of the traditional class time. This would allow students the opportunity to also participate with their peers in the regularly scheduled classes.

The approved texts for remedial student work are:

RCL Benziger

The Catholic Faith: An Introduction (1997)

William H. Sadlier, Inc.

One Faith, One Lord: A Study of Basic Catholic Beliefs (1994)

Approved Texts for High School

The following texts have been reviewed by the Office of Lifelong Catholic Formation/Education and approved for use in parishes in the Diocese of Beaumont. These texts deal with the faith themes listed on pages 5 and 6 of the guidelines in an adequate and appropriate manner for use with older adolescents.

Ave Maria Press

- ✓ *Sacred Scripture*, published 2012
 - ✓ *Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation*, published 2011
 - Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World*, published 2010
 - Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments*, published 2010
 - Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry*, published 2011
 - This is Our Church* (Michael Pennock) published 2007
 - Marriage and Holy Orders* (Mike Amodei) published 2007
 - The Old Testament Call to Faith and Justice* (Daniel Smith-Christopher) published 2005
 - Encountering Jesus in the New Testament* (Michael Pennock) published 2009
 - Catholic Essentials: An Overview of the Faith* (Michael Amodei) published 2009
 - Catholic Social Teaching: Learning & Living Justice* (Michael Pennock) published 2007
 - The Church: Our Story* (Patricia Morrison Driedger) published 2006
 - Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality* (Michael Pennock) published 2008
 - Exploring the Religions of the World* (Nancy Clemmons, S.N.J.M.) published 1999
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The Center for Learning

Discipleship in the Catholic Tradition, published 2000

- *Discipleship*
 - *Personhood*
 - *Hebrew Scriptures*
 - *Christian Scriptures*
 - *Jesus*
 - *Church*
 - *Sacraments*
 - *Conscience*
 - *Social Justice*
 - *Life Commitments*
 - *Faith*
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Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

- ✓ *The Word*, published 2011
- ✓ *Son of the Living God*, published 2011
- Sacraments: Celebrating, Living, Believing*, Grades 11 & 12, published 2008
- Vocation: Our Response to God's Call*, Grade 12, published 2008
- The Church Through History*, Grades 10 & 11 (Msgr. Maurice O'Connell and Joseph Stoutzenberger) published 2007
- Justice and Peace: Our Faith in Action*, Grades 11 & 12 (Joseph Stoutzenberger) published 2007
- Journey Through the Old Testament*, Grades 9 & 10, published 2006
- Journey Through the New Testament*, Grades 9 & 10, (Teresa LeCompte) published 2006
- Morality*, Grade 11 (Joseph Stoutzenberger) published 2005
- The Light of Faith: An Overview of Catholicism*, Grade 9 (Jane Gustafson) published 2006
- Believing: Exploring the Catholic Faith* (Michele McCarty)
- Catholics Believe* (Rev. Michael Savelesky, Ph.D., and Rev. Dwayne Thoman)
- Deciding* (Michele McCarty)
- Religions of North America* (Rev. Dwayne Thoman and Robert Santos)
- Sacraments: Celebrations of God's Life* (Joseph Martos)
- The Mystery of Suffering and Death* (Janie Gustafson, Ph.D.)

RCL Benziger

Catholic and Capable – Skills for Spiritual Growth (Michael Carrotta)

- *How to Live Our Catholic Faith*
 - *How to Handle Emotions*
 - *How to Live a Moral Life*
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Saint Mary's Press

✓ ***The Bible: The Living Word of God***, published 2011

✓ ***The Church: Christ in the World Today***, published 2011

✓ ***Jesus Christ: God's Love Made Visible***, published 2011

✓ ***The Paschal Mystery: Christ's Mission of Salvation***, published 2011

The Living Justice and Peace, published 2008

The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, published 2008

Total Faith Initiative

- *Catechetical Sessions on Christian Morality*
- *Catechetical Sessions on Christian Prayer*
- *Catechetical Sessions on the Creed*
- *Catechetical Sessions on Liturgy and the Sacraments*
- *Ministry Resources for Community Life*
- *Ministry Resources for Evangelization*
- *Ministry Resources for Justice and Service*
- *Ministry Resources for Pastoral Care*
- *Ministry Resources for Prayer and Worship*
- *Ministry Resources for Youth Leadership Development*

Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament), published 2009

A Promise in the Storm: Grieving and Dying with Hope (Nancy Marrocco)

Celebrating Sacraments (Joseph Stoutzenberger)

Creating a Christian Lifestyle (Carl Koch)

Growing in Christian Morality (Julia Ahlers, Barbara Allaire, and Carl Koch)

Jesus of History, Christ of Faith (Thomas Zanzig)

Prayer Ways (Carl Koch and contributors)

The Catholic Church: Journey, Wisdom, and Mission (Carl Koch)

Understanding Catholic Christianity (Thomas Zanzig and Barbara Allaire)

World Religions: A Voyage of Discovery (Jeffrey Brodd)

Lectionary Based Alternative **for High School Catechesis**

Saint Mary's Press

Sharing the Sunday Scriptures with Youth – Lectionary-Based Resources for Youth Ministry (Cycles A, B & C)

The approved supplemental doctrinal texts to use with a lectionary-based catechetical approach are:

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Believing: Exploring the Catholic Faith (Michele McCarty) Barbara Allaire)
Catholics Believe (Rev. Michael Savelesky, Ph.D. and Rev. Dwayne Thoman)

Saint Mary's Press

Understanding Catholic Christianity (Thomas Zanzig and Barbara Allaire)

Resources used in Baptismal Preparation for Small Children (Ages 3-6)

Books:

- *About the Sacrament of Baptism* (Channing L. Bete)
- *God Makes Me His Child In Baptism*, Janet Wittenback (Concordia Publishing House).
- *Walking by Faith* (Our Sunday Visitor - formerly Harcourt) Kindergarten Textbook Chapter 22 - "God Created Water"
- *Faith First* (RCLBenziger) First Grade Textbook Chapter 11 - "The Church's Celebrations"
- *Coming to God's World* (Sadlier) Kindergarten Textbook Chapter 22 - "We Belong to God's Family"
- *Discovering God's Love* (Sadlier) Five Year Old Program Lesson 25 - "Loving God"
- *Discovering God's Love* (Sadlier) Four Year Old Program Lesson 25 - "Belonging to God's Special Family"
- *Our Catholic Faith* (Sadlier) A Summary of Basic Beliefs Chapter 7 - "Becoming Catholic"
- *This Is Our Faith* (RCLBenziger) Heritage Program I - Baptism - Pages 72-75

Booklets:

- *Your Baby's Baptism* (Liguori Publications, 1985)
- *El Bautismo de Su Bebé* (Liguori Publications, 1985)
- *Parent Letters From Your Parish* (Our Sunday Visitor)

Resources for Parents/Guardians Baptism

- *About the Sacrament of Baptism* (Channing L. Bete)
- *Handing on the Faith, Your Child's Baptism* St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2000 (A series of handbooks for parents to use in helping prepare themselves for their child's reception of the sacraments), 2000
- *Sharing the Faith with Your Child - From Birth to Age Six: A Handbook for Catholic Parents*, Phyllis Chandler and Joan Burney (Liguori Press, 1984). A comprehensive handbook that addresses a wide range of topics from day care to family prayer for parents of children under six.

Recommended Resources for Reconciliation Parent Sessions

Publications:

- *Parent Meeting Models* (Center for Learning)

Recommended Resources for Reconciliation Children

Loyola Press

La Reconciliación don de Dios, published 2009

God's Gift – Reconciliation, published 2009

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation, published 2007

Call to Celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist (intermediate) published 2007

Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation and Eucharist, published 2002

Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation, 2000

Celebrar nuestra fe: La Reconciliación, 2000

Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation/Eucharist – Level II, 2002

Celebrar nuestra fe: Reconciliación/Eucaristía – Nivel II, 2002

This program (English and Spanish) is designed for older children in grades 4-6.

Pflaum Publishing Group

Together in Jesus – First Reconciliation, published 2004, 2011

Unidos en Jesús Primera Reconciliación, published 2004, 2011

RCL Benziger

Reconciliation, published 2003

Reconciliación, published 2003

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (primary), published 2006

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (intermediate), published 2006

The Gift of Reconciliation, 2000

El Regalo de la Reconciliación, 2000

We Celebrate Reconciliation: The Good Shepherd, 1990. (Primary Grades, 2 and 3)

We Celebrate Reconciliation: The Lord Forgives, 1990. (Middle Grades, 4-6)

William H. Sadlier

We Believe and Celebrate First Penance, published 2006

Creemos y celebramos Primera Reconciliación, published 2006

Saint Anthony Messenger Press

Experience Christ Present, 2000 (A video formation program for parents of children who are planning to receive Eucharist and Reconciliation and for their children. May be used in conjunction with *Catholic Updates*.)

Saint Mary's Press

✓ *Celebrate and Remember: Reconciliation*, published 2011

Recommended Resources for the Eucharist Parent Sessions

Publications:

- *Parent Meeting Models* (Center for Learning, 1997)

Approved Texts for the Eucharist

Loyola Press

God's Gift – Eucharist, published 2009

La Eucaristía, don de Dios, published 2009

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Call to Celebrate: Eucharist, published 2007

Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation and Eucharist, published 2002

Call to Celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist (intermediate) published 2007

Un llamado a celebrar: la Eucaristía, published 2007

Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía, (intermediario),
published 2007

Celebrating Our Faith – Eucharist, 2000

Celebrar nuestra fe – La Eucaristía, 2000 (Bilingual)

Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation/Eucharist – Level II, 2002

Celebrar nuestra fe: Reconciliación/Eucaristía – Nivel II, 2002

This program (English and Spanish) is designed for older children in grades 4-6.

Pflaum Publishing Group

Together in Jesus – First Eucharist, published 2004, 2011

Unidos en Jesús Primera Eucaristía, published 2004, 2011

Together in Jesus – Confirmation & First Eucharist Preparation, published 2001

RCL Benziger

Eucharist, published 2003

Eucaristía, published 2003

Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (primary), published 2006

Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (intermediate), published 2006

Eucaristía: Damos gracias y alabanza, published 2006

The Gift of Eucharist, published 2000

El Regalo de la Eucaristía, published 2000

We Celebrate the Eucharist, published 1990

William H. Sadlier

We Believe and Celebrate First Communion, published 2006

Creemos y celebramos Primera Comunión, published 2006

Saint Anthony Messenger Press

Experience Christ Present, 2000 (A video formation program for parents of children who are planning to receive Eucharist and Reconciliation and for their children.)

Saint Mary's Press

✓ *Celebrate and Remember: Eucharist*, published 2011

Approved Texts for Proximate Catechesis on the Sacrament of Confirmation

By using the texts listed below all of the material contained in the Curriculum for Candidates (Appendix, pages 11-13) will be covered.

Ave Maria Press

Send Out Your Spirit: A Confirmation Candidate's Handbook for Faith,
published 2003, 2010

Living the Good News

Confirmation – Anointed and Sealed with the Spirit

Loyola Press

Confirmed in the Spirit (7-9) published 2007
Confirmados en el Espiritu (7-9) published 2007

Our Sunday Visitor (formerly Harcourt)

Celebrating Our Faith (This series is designed for grades 8/9)
Sealed with the Spirit (This series is designed for grades 10/11)
Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Older Adolescents), published 2008
Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Younger Adolescents), published 2008
Un llamado a celebrar: la Confirmación, published 2008

Pflaum Publishing Group

Confirmation: Gifted with the Spirit (7-8), published 2010
Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit (9-12), published 2010

RCL Benziger

The Gift of the Spirit (2003)
Confirmation, published 2007

Saint Mary's Press

✓ *Anointed in the Spirit - A Middle School Confirmation Program*, published 2010
✓ *Anointed in the Spirit – A High School Confirmation Program*, published 2011
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidate's Handbook, published 2006
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidates Handbook (Immediate Preparation),
published 2006

William H. Sadlier, Inc.

The Spirit Sets Us Free – Confirmation Preparation for Youth

Remedial Instruction for Confirmation

At times students come forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation who have not been attending religious instruction on a regular basis, or who have not attended since they received their First Eucharist. Since proximate (immediate) preparation for Confirmation focuses on the sacrament, it is important to provide remedial instruction for such students before they enter the Confirmation Program. The amount and kind of remedial work needed is a pastoral decision based upon previous attendance and what would be best to bring the student up to where his or her classmates are concerning an understanding of the Catholic Faith.

Remedial instruction can be done in a variety of ways, depending upon the situation. Where there are several students of a similar age and lack of religious instruction, a remedial class can be created for them, or if only one or two students come forward, you may involve the parents in working with the student at home and bringing him or her in for a quarterly evaluation. The books listed below are overviews of our Catholic Faith that can be used in either format, a special class or individual study, and guidance is available from the Office of Lifelong Catholic Formation/Education if there are questions concerning this issue.

William H. Sadlier, Inc

- *One Faith, One Lord: A Study of Basic Catholic Belief* (Appropriate for Grades 7 & 8)

RCLBenziger

- *Path Through Catholicism* (Appropriate for High School)
- *The Catholic Faith: An Introduction* (Appropriate for High School)

Texts and Resource Material for Confirmation for Parents/Sponsors

Books:

- Luebering, Carol, *Handing on the Faith: Your Child's Confirmation* (St. Anthony Messenger Press), 2000
- Moore, Joseph J., *When a Teenager Chooses You – as Friend, Confidante, Confirmation Sponsor* (St. Anthony Messenger Press), 2000
- Bowman, Peg, *At Home with the Sacraments – Confirmation* (Twenty-Third Publications), 1991
- Bausch, William J., *A New Look at the Sacraments* (Twenty-Third Publications), 1996

Resources for the Christian Initiation of Adults

Essential Texts

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The U.S. edition (1988) is available from many publishers, including the United States Catholic Conference, Liturgy Training Publications, The Catholic Book Publishing Company and The Liturgical Press. It is available in study and sanctuary editions, the latter for use during the actual celebrations of the rites.

Rito de la Iniciacion Cristiana de Adultos Edicion de Estudio, The U.S. edition (1991) is copublished by The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN; Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago; United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, Washington, D.C. It is also available in a hard cover version of the rites for liturgical use.

Catechism of the Catholic Church. Washington, DC: USCC and many other publishers, 1994

New American Bible