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DOMAIN 1 - KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH

The learner will be able to:

- understand that God knows us and calls us by name.
- understand that God is revealed to us through Jesus.
- understand that the Christian faith is a personal response to Jesus and requires a relationship with Jesus.
- understand that the Bible is a collection of many books written under God's inspiration.
- understand that the Scriptures teach us about the person of Jesus and the meaning of following Jesus and living the Good News.
- understand that key themes of the Good News are found in Scripture.
- understand that reading Scripture can be prayer.
- illustrate a basic understanding of doctrine and dogma in light of the creed.
- understand that as Catholics, we can recall and explain the Nicene Creed.
- understand that Jesus' dying, rising and sending the Spirit to live forever with God's people is called the Paschal Mystery.
- understand that we celebrate Jesus returning to God the Father on the Feast of the Ascension.
- understand that the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as one God is called the Holy Trinity.
- understand that God came into our world to save us.
- understand that we celebrate the Holy Spirit's coming to the disciples on Pentecost Sunday.
- understand that our beliefs are sound and rooted in Scripture and Tradition.

DOMAIN 2 - LITURGICAL LIFE

The learner will be able to:

- understand that Jesus' dying, rising and sending the Spirit to live forever with God's people is called the Paschal Mystery.
- understand that some Catholics are called to liturgical ministries.
- understand that new adult members are welcomed into the Church through a faith-formation process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
- understand that Sacraments signify and make present God's grace.
- understand that Catholics gather in the Eucharist to hear God's Word and celebrate God's presence with us.
- understand that Catholics confess their sins and celebrate God's forgiveness in the sacrament of penance/reconciliation.
- understand that the Eucharistic celebration (Mass) in part reminds us of the Last Supper.
- understand that the Eucharist is the sacrifice of the body and blood of the Lord.
- know and participate in the Rite of Reconciliation.

DOMAIN 3 - MORAL FORMATION

The learner will be able to understand that:

- we care for the world and all that is in it by respecting and protecting it.

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- as Christians we examine the distribution and use of resources in light of the theology of stewardship.
- we promise stewardship.
- life is sacred from conception to natural death.
- injustices are caused by discrimination and prejudice.
- our Church is enriched through diverse cultural expressions.
- pro-life activities are encouraged and fostered in the Church.

- Jesus told us that the greatest commandments of all are to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- we develop skills for being a friend and for handling peer pressure and specific problems.
- we learn to develop responsible relationships with an emphasis on honesty, love, and respect.
- sexuality is integral to one's personal identity.
- Catholic Christians have specific sexual moral values.
- the Scriptures teach us the importance of working for justice, peace, equality, and stewardship in our lives.
- Beatitudes challenge us to continual conversion in our personal and social lives.
- the dignity of the human person is the foundation of Catholic Christian morality.
- we identify moral values in the teachings of Jesus.
- the context of moral decision-making within the Catholic Christian tradition is human dignity, God's grace, the virtues and the Holy Spirit.
- skills such as listening, self-disclosure, and compromise are necessary for communication with adults and peers.

DOMAIN 4 - PRAYER

The learner will be able to:

- understand that Jesus teaches about God, prayer, justice and peace, service, and moral life.
- understand that reading Scripture can be prayer.
- understand that we develop our relationship with God through personal prayer.
- understand that we pray for openness and generous response to God's call in our lives.
- understand that we reflect on how the Gospel affirms and challenges our thoughts and actions.
- understand that prayer of imagination, especially in the context of meditation, is part of our prayer life.
- know and participate in Catholic devotions such as Eucharistic adoration.
- understand that we pray for vocations.

DOMAIN 5 - COMMUNAL LIFE

The learner will be able to understand that:

- the Christian faith is a personal response to Jesus and requires a relationship with Jesus.
- Catholics honor Mary as the Mother of God.

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- Church is the People of God and the Body of Christ.
- Catholics are involved in the life, mission, and work of the parish community and family.
- Catholics support the Church financially.
- we come to know God through the faith community.
- as Christians we examine the distribution and use of resources in light of the theology of stewardship.
- we promise stewardship.
- we develop skills for being a friend and for handling peer pressure and specific problems.
- skills such as listening, self-disclosure, and compromise are necessary for communication with adults and peers.
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- as we grow in faith we build a strong and realistic concept of self with an emphasis on growing autonomy and self-determination.
- we can habitually know and do what is good with the help of the theological and cardinal virtues.

DOMAIN 6 - MISSIONARY SPIRIT

The learner will be able to understand that:

- Jesus' mission and ministry are continued today through the ministries of the word, worship, community-building, and service.
- there are a variety of Christian vocations that reflect our baptismal call to discipleship.
- priesthood is a unique role in the Church.
- religious life is a special type of discipleship.
- Jesus taught us that relationships should be based on a life of service to others.
- Jesus taught us about carrying a cross and living a life of loving service.
- service is an essential element of discipleship.
- service is action rooted in and flowing from prayer.
- Christ invites us to deny self and take up the cross.
- we pray for openness and generous response to God's call in our lives.
- we pray for vocations.