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KERYGMA	My Life in Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salvation comes from God alone During Holy Week we remember Jesus' Death and Resurrection and celebrate his victory over sin and death. Personal Sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission that acts against God's desire for eternal communion. The covenant unfolds God's invitation and humanity's response of love through the law. Jesus, the New Covenant, shares his divine life with us in Baptism. Because of the Resurrection, we know that God can bring life from death, light from darkness. 	People Were Created in God's Image Genesis 1:26-27; God gave his only Son to Save Us John 3:16-17	169, 460, 654, 657-658, 1487, 1962	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	personal sin, covenant	Blessed José Ollado Valdéz	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
REVELATION 1	The Mystery of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can come to know God in many different ways: through all he has created, through the voice of conscience, and through human intellect and reason. Although God reveals himself in many ways, we will not fully understand the mystery of God until we know him completely in Heaven. God planned from the beginning to give his only Son, Jesus Christ, to reconcile all of creation to himself. Many Old Testament accounts speak of God's faithfulness to his promise of salvation. From the Genesis creation accounts and the world around us, we get a sense of the attributes of God—eternal, truth, love, merciful, and holy. 	Praise of God the Creator Wisdom of Ben Sira (Sirach) 39:16-21; The Story of Creation Genesis 1:1-2	31-35, 46, 1027, 1, 422, 652, 212-221	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Divine Revelation, mystery, image of God, eternal	Our Lady of Fátima	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Care for God's Creation
	The Word of God in Sacred Scripture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is the author and inspiration of the Sacred Scripture that humans have recorded under his guidance and direction. Scripture can be read and interpreted in a literal sense and a spiritual sense, providing a richness to the living reading of Scripture in the Church. The Gospels are the center of the Bible because they record the truth of the life and ministry of Jesus. God continues to speak to us through the Scriptures, as we proclaim them at Mass, reflect on them personally, and study them to learn more about Jesus. Moral conscience is present at the heart of every person, but we must assimilate it through the Word of God. 	The Sabbath Rest Hebrews 4:12; The Similes of Salt and Light Matthew 5:14-16	105, 106, 115-117, 75-76, 81, 1153, 1776-1782, 1802	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Sacred Scripture, Divine Inspiration, canon of Scripture, Gospel, Evangelists	St. Matthew	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
	Jesus, Sign of God's Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law; he perfectly reveals God the Father to us. God showed the depth of his love when he made a new covenant in Jesus Christ. This covenant is made present in the world today through the Eucharist. Being baptized in Christ gives us a share in his Divine life as sisters and brothers of Christ. Natural moral law and God's revealed law in the Ten Commandments direct us to live in right relationship with him and with one another. 	The Servant of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-3, 6-7	73, 240, 66, 1113, 1213, 1271, 1954-1960	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	covenant, <i>abba</i> , natural moral law, Ten Commandments, New Commandment	St. Maria Goretti	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person
TRINITY 2	God Is Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trusting in God's presence leads us to look for guidance in his Word. God the Father sent his Son and the Holy Spirit to help us know him and guide us to him. The love among members of the Trinity is a model for human affection and bonds and is the source of God's loving plan. The total union of the Trinity is a mystery that can never be totally understood by the human mind, but can be approached through faith. Grace is a loving gift from God and a sharing in his Divine life. 	The Prayer of Jesus John 17:24-26	215-216, 238-248, 261, 221, 255-260, 253-254, 263, 759, 1999	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	faith, Holy Trinity, grace	St. Frances of Rome	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Solidarity of the Human Family
	Jesus, Word of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Son of God has existed for all time, and through the Incarnation, became fully man while remaining fully God. Through the Incarnation, God the Father speaks directly to us through his Son. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the Son of God was born to Mary; her trust and discipleship serves as a model for our own journey of faith. Jesus showed that he was Divine in many ways, particularly through the working of miracles, which also gave us a glimpse into his human nature and emotions. 	Plea for Unity and Humility Philippians 2:9-11; In the Beginning Was the Word John 1:1-2	461, 464, 480, 51-53, 238-242, 967, 2030, 547-550, 1503	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith	Incarnation, Emmanuel, Annunciation, miracle	Sts. Maria, Rosa, and Mary Zhao	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Care for God's Creation
	Holy Spirit, Comforter and Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to be our Guide and Comforter and the source of our gifts and talents. The members of the Catholic Church are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus; we are the Body of Christ in the world. Just as the Saints often prayed to God for help, we call on the Saints to pray or intercede for us. The Holy Spirit guides the Church in her Sacred Tradition and her prayer. The Holy Spirit helps us pray in different ways and in different circumstances. 	Faith, Hope, and Love Romans 5:1-5; The Advocate John 14:15-17	243, 1830-1832, 776-780, 956, 2683, 2625-2649, 2661	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith Teaching Prayer	Advocate, Saints, intercession	St. Rafqa (Rebecca)	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person

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JESUS CHRIST 3	7 The Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus, the Son of God, became man to show us how to live and to share his divinity with us. Because he is true God and true man, Jesus Christ is “the way” to the Father. Jesus is the Substantial Image of the Father because he is a visible image of the true nature of God. When we seek the Lord and live as disciples of Christ, following his example, we will experience the fullness of life. Happiness comes from becoming the people God created us to be. 		<p>Plea for Unity and Humility Philippians 2:5–8; Last Supper Discourses John 14:6; Prayer and Conduct 1 Timothy 2:5–6</p>	456–460, 480, 467, 604, 605, 27–30	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith Forming for Life in Christ	Visitation, Mediator, discipleship	St. Maximilian Kolbe	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
	8 Model of Wisdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus’ wisdom came from being the Son of God; he looked at the world with that perspective and challenged some of the commonly accepted understandings of his time. Jesus taught through his words and actions. He used parables to teach us about the coming of God’s Kingdom. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave specific directions for living, honoring God, and making our actions reflect our beliefs. The Beatitudes challenge us to live by the values of God’s Kingdom and to understand that true happiness comes from the hope of eternal life with God. 		<p>The Boy Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:46–52; Nicodemus John 3:2</p>	574–576, 546, 1966–1971, 1716–1719	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	wisdom, Kingdom of God, parable, Sermon on the Mount, Beatitudes	St. Gerard Majella	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
	9 Christ Our Savior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sin and suffering came into the world because of human action, but God sent leaders, prophets, and, ultimately, his Son to guide us back to him. Jesus is sometimes called the new Adam, because his saving action is the only means by which we are saved from the Original Sin of Adam and Eve and our own personal sin. The Paschal Mystery is Christ’s work of Redemption through his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Jesus’ saving actions continue through his Church. We can experience new life in Christ in the Seven Sacraments. 		<p>The Preeminence of Christ Colossians 1:15, 19–22; God’s Love and Christian Life John 4:10–11</p>	218, 402–406, 410, 411, 430–431, 517, 1708, 738–740, 1136–1139	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Original Holiness, Original Sin, personal sin, salvation, Paschal Mystery	St. Madeleine Sophie Barat	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person
THE CHURCH 4	10 Disciples in Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint John the Baptist proclaimed the coming of Christ and led people to Jesus. The Apostles played a critical role in the continuation of Jesus’ work and ministry. Just as Jesus sent the first disciples out to spread the Good News, he wants us to be a sign of the Kingdom of God and to follow Church teachings. We must have a personal relationship with God nourished by prayer in order to answer our call to bring his love and truth to others. 		<p>Counsel to Timothy 1 Timothy 4:6, 12; The First Disciples John 1:45–46; The Light of the World John 8:12</p>	523, 719, 75–77, 935, 942, 3	Introduction to Community Life	disciples; Apostles; Church; apostolic, as a Mark of the Church; doctrine	St. Théodora (Anne-Thérèse Guérin)	The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, Solidarity of the Human Family
	11 Christ Present Among Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church is both visible and spiritual. We call the spiritual part the Mystical Body of Christ. The Church is the Body of Christ; she is one because she acknowledges one Lord, confesses one faith, and is born of one Baptism. Each individual member is united with all members as part of Christ’s Body. When members of the Church live in communion with the Holy Spirit and with one another, harmony results. The Church needs the diverse gifts of all members to be a sign of God’s Kingdom here on Earth. 		<p>One Body, Many Parts 1 Corinthians 12:12–18; Saul’s Conversion Acts 9:1–5; The Vine and the Branches John 15:4–5</p>	771, 779, 813–816, 866, 341, 752, 791, 814	Introduction to Community life	Mystical Body of Christ; hierarchy; one, as a Mark of the Church	St. John Bosco	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Solidarity of the Human Family
	12 Source of Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created us with free will. He helps us learn to use it to choose that which is good. We receive new life in the gift of salvation that Jesus, the Mediator, offers us in Baptism. The Church is catholic—for all people at all times and in all places, and, through the actions of her members, people come to know God and share in his life. Purgatory is the process of purification we experience after death, before we enter complete communion with the Holy Trinity. Prayer is an important means of communion with God, and an important part of the call to live a life of love and truth. 		<p>The Coming of the Spirit Acts 2:1–7; The Commissioning of the Disciples Matthew 28:19–20</p>	302, 1730, 771, 1257, 831, 1030, 1031, 3, 2559	Teaching Prayer, Introduction to Community life	free will; Baptism; eternal life; catholic, as a Mark of the Church	St. Lorenzo Ruiz	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

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MORALITY 5	13	Freedom and Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God made us with a free will, an intellect, and a soul; our conscience works with these gifts to help us choose good and avoid sin. The distinction between mortal and venial sin is part of the tradition of the Church. Mortal sin and venial sin both affect a sinner's relationship with God, but in different ways. Morally good actions require that their object, intention, and circumstance be good; the end does not justify the means. A well-formed conscience—and the help of Christ's teachings, the Church, the Holy Spirit, prayer, and wise people—will guide us to do what is right and good. 	<p>Free Will The Wisdom of Ben Sira (Sirach) 15:14–17; The Golden Rule Matthew 7:12</p>	1705, 1706, 1711, 1854–1863, 1750–1754, 1783–1785	Forming for Life in Christ	soul, intellect, conscience, mortal sin, venial sin	Bl. Aloysius Stepinac	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
	14	Respecting Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All human life is sacred and a gift from God. All people possess the human dignity that comes from being made in God's image. The Fifth Commandment forbids direct and intentional killing as gravely sinful. If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is a mortal sin. The Church teaches about and advocates the right to life of every person. We have a responsibility to honor and protect life at all stages, from conception to old age. We respect the dignity of the human person by respecting the rights of others, taking care of ourselves physically and emotionally, not abusing ourselves or others, and by not leading others into sin. 	<p>The Choice Before Israel Deuteronomy 30:19–20</p>	2258, 2268, 2302, 2270, 2319, 2288–2290	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	human dignity, murder, abortion, euthanasia, scandal	St. Martin de Tours	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person
	15	Being Virtuous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtues are strong habits of doing good that help us make moral decisions and contribute to how we become the people God created us to be. The Theological Virtues are gifts from God that help us believe in him, trust in his plan for us, and love him as he loves us. The Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance can help us respect ourselves and others and act with integrity. The Eighth Commandment forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relationships with others. This sin damages our integrity and character, but by practicing the virtues and avoiding sin, we can live truthful and faith-filled lives. 	<p>Renunciation of Vice Colossians 3:12–15; Joy and Peace Philippians 4:8</p>	1803–1804, 1812–1813, 1805–1809, 2464, 2468	Forming for Life in Christ	virtue, Theological Virtues, Cardinal Virtues	St. Margaret Ward	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
SACRAMENTS 6	16	God's Masterworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every sacramental celebration is a meeting between God's children and their Father, a dialogue in the form of actions and words, a celebration woven from signs and symbols. Jesus himself is a Sacrament because he makes God known to us; he is a visible sign of the mystery of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit works with the Church in making Jesus' saving work present in the Sacraments. The Catholic teaching that Jesus is really and truly with us in the Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—is called Real Presence. 	<p>Prayer for the Readers Ephesians 3:14–21</p>	1145, 1153, 1114–1115, 2812, 1116–1118, 1380, 1381	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Seven Sacraments, Sacraments of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing, Sacraments at the Service of Communion, Real Presence	St. Ludmilla	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
	17	Sacraments of Initiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are welcomed to the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation. Confirmation is the Sacrament of Initiation through which the spiritual life, received in Baptism, is strengthened and the person is sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Transubstantiation is the process by which, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words and actions of the priest, the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. In the Eucharist, we are fed with the Body and Blood of Christ and are brought closer to Christ and one another. 	<p>Freedom from Sin; Life in God Romans 6:1–4, 8</p>	1275, 1121, 1285, 1376, 1377, 1382, 1416	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Confirmation, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Eucharist, transubstantiation	St. Catherine of Genoa	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Care for God's Creation
	18	Sacraments of Healing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus shows us that God is compassionate, always willing to forgive and care for those who turn to him and believe. God heals us spiritually, emotionally, and sometimes physically in the Sacraments of Healing. Conversion happens when we desire to change and are open to God's help. In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, those who are truly sorry for their sins receive God's forgiveness and are reconciled with him and the Church. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, those who are seriously ill or suffering from old age receive God's grace to be strong, courageous, and hopeful in their trials. 	<p>The Ministry of Reconciliation 2 Corinthians 5:17–21; The Compassion of Jesus Matthew 9:35–36</p>	1421, 1503–1508, 1989, 1424, 1440–1445, 1520–1522	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	contrition, Penance and Reconciliation, penance, absolution, Anointing of the Sick	Bl. Carlos Manuel Cecilio Rodriguez Santiago	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family

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KINGDOM OF GOD 7	19	Called by God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Catholic family is a domestic Church—a holy community of love, grace, and prayer. Our families help teach us to hear God's call and respond to him in faith and love. Whether married, single, ordained, or consecrated, we are called to share our time, talent, and treasure through our vocation in order to serve the Church. Discernment is the process by which we reflect, discuss, pray, and are ultimately drawn toward our vocation. Whether we choose to be ordained, enter consecrated religious life, or remain a member of the laity, we are all called to faith and to continue the mission of Jesus. 		The Call of Samuel 1 Samuel 3:4–10; The Mission of the Seventy-Two Luke 10:2	1656–1657, 2685, 871–873, 2226, 2232, 1, 542–543	Introduction to Community Life	domestic Church, laity, vocation, discernment, consecrated religious life	St. Anthony of Padua	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
	20	Act with Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can work together with God as he builds his Kingdom by choosing to believe, having faith, and making the necessary changes in our lives to work toward what is just, peaceful, and loving. Justice is giving what is due to God and what is due to others as children of God made in his image and possessing equal human dignity. The Tenth Commandment focuses on the intentions of our heart. To live right, we must rely on God, trust in his care, and have the right attitude toward money and things. Society does not always support the values of God's Kingdom, so we must stand together in solidarity with those who need our help. 		Thanksgiving for Victory and Prayer for Justice Psalm 9:8–11, 10:14, 18; Parable of the Mustard Seed Matthew 13:31–32	2819–2820, 1929–1931, 2534–2536, 2548, 1939–1942	Forming for Life in Christ	justice, peace, solidarity	Pope Leo XIII	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
	21	Our Reason for Hope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The raising of Lazarus showed that Jesus had power over death. Jesus' Resurrection makes it possible for us to have a life with God forever and gives us hope for our future. We will be judged at our death based upon the ways we have accepted and acted on God's grace in our lives. At the end of time, Jesus will come to judge both the living and the dead and to bring the Kingdom of God in its full glory. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions that are expected of us as members of the Church and disciples of Christ. 		Destiny of Glory Romans 8:22–25, 28, The Raising of Lazarus John 11:1–44	988–991, 1021, 1051, 1036, 1038–1042, 1473, 2447	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Heaven, Hell, Particular Judgment, Purgatory, Last Judgment, Works of Mercy	St. Francis de Sales	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Care for God's Creation
CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY		Living in God's Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God, who is love, created us in his image and calls us to love. The human person is both body and spirit. All of the baptized are members of the mystical Body of Christ, united with him and diverse in its members. 		People Were Created in God's Image Genesis 1:27; The Spirit is Willing, But the Flesh is Weak Matthew 26:40–45	362, 790–791, 1604	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	chastity	Saint Margaret of Castello	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person