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KERYGMA	God Loves Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God tells us about himself in the Bible. My life is a part of God's story. God's love is a free gift. God will never take away his love, even when I sin. Jesus tells the story of God's love by the way he lives and dies. 	My Law Jeremiah 31:33; Disobeying God Genesis 3:1-7; God So Loved the World John 3:16	51-53, 283	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Bible, Original Sin, Jesus	St. Thomas the Apostle	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation	
	REVELATION 1	CHAPTER 1 Created By God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bible is God's Word written by humans. We learn about God from the Bible. God made humans to be his friends, to know and love him. God made everything. All of his creation is good. 	You Created Me Psalm 139:13-15; The Garden of Eden Genesis 2:7-22	105-106, 355, 299	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	creation	Bl. Fra Angelico	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
		CHAPTER 2 God's Gifts for Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created the world to show his love. All of creation is God's gift to us, and his Son, Jesus, is his greatest gift. People use God's gifts in the world to make things we need. Thanksgiving is showing God we are grateful for all that he's given us. 	God Was Pleased Genesis 1:11-31; The Story of Creation Genesis 1:6-25	293-294, 299, 312, 2402, 2637	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Teaching Prayer	praise, thanksgiving	St. Nicholas	Dignity of Work, Care for Creation
CHAPTER 3 Made to Care		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The image of God is the likeness of God that is in all human beings because we are created by him. Humans are the most special part of creation. God gave us the ability to think and make choices. God gave Adam and Eve the responsibility to be caretakers of his creation. Each of us is responsible for treating all of creation with care and respect. 	Humans in Charge Genesis 1:27-31; Take Care of What I've Given You Genesis 1:26-30	357, 356, 373, 2415	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	image of God	St. Albert the Great	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation	
TRINITY 2	CHAPTER 4 The Holy Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God asks us to be friends with one another, to be nice, and to help each other when in need. Jesus is the Son of God who shows us the way to his Father. God the Father loves us so much he sent his only Son to be with us. The Holy Trinity is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, the one God in three Divine Persons. 	Go and Make Disciples Matthew 28:19-20; The Way to the Father John 14:8-9	1822, 1844, 426, 1698, 422, 253-254	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	God the Father, Son of God, Holy Trinity	St. Patrick	Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities	
	CHAPTER 5 The Holy Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs of love are expressed in families. Jesus is the Son of God and a human being. The Holy Family is the name of the human family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Jesus grew up with Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, praying and learning. 	Joseph's Dream Matthew 2:19-23; The Boy Jesus Luke 2:51-52	1656-1657, 423, 1655, 532-533	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Mary, Holy Family	Sts. Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John	Life and Dignity, Call to Community	
	CHAPTER 6 About the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus told stories like the Lost Sheep to show us how God watches over and guides us, always welcoming us back. A parable is a short story Jesus told about everyday life to teach something about God. The Bible is the Church's holy book. The two parts of the Bible are the Old Testament and the New Testament. 	Jesus' Parables Matthew 13:34-35; The Parable of the Lost Sheep Luke 15:3-6; The Good Shepherd John 10:14-15	605, 546, 104, 138, 120	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Old Testament, New Testament	St. Paul of the Cross	Life and Dignity, Option for the Poor	
JESUS CHRIST 3	CHAPTER 7 Jesus the Healer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Teresa of Calcutta is an example of how we are to share God's love by caring for the sick. Jesus' healings showed God the Father's power and love. Faith is the gift of believing and trusting in God so much that we do what he asks us to do. 	Jesus Preached and Healed Matthew 9:35; Have Faith Luke 8:40-56	2447, 1503, 1814	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	faith	St. Louise de Marillac	Option for the Poor, Human Solidarity	
	CHAPTER 8 Jesus Teaches Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Commandment is a law that God made for people to obey. Jesus taught the Great Commandment to love God above all else and to love others the way you love yourself. 	The Most Important Commandment Mark 12:28-31; The Greatest Commandment Luke 10:25-28	2056, 2055	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Commandment, Great Commandment	St. Thomas of Villanova	Life and Dignity, Dignity of Work	
	CHAPTER 9 Jesus Teaches Us to Pray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prayer is talking to and listening to God. We need prayer to get close to God. The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught his followers to pray to God the Father. 	When You Pray Matthew 6:6-8; How to Pray Ephesians 5:18-20	2559, 2565, 2759	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Teaching Prayer	prayer, Lord's Prayer	St. Ephrem the Hymnist	Life and Dignity, Call to Community	



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THE CHURCH 4	CHAPTER 10 Responding to God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noah said “yes” to God, and God promised to always keep him safe. The rainbow is a sign of that promise. Jesus invites everyone to God’s Kingdom—the world of love, peace, and justice that is in Heaven and is still being built on Earth. The Church shares Jesus’ message about God’s love. The Church is a community of baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus. 	Noah Built an Ark Hebrews 11:7; Noah Says “Yes” Genesis 6:14–22, 7:1–10, 9:17; The Parable of the Great Feast Luke 14:16–23	2569, 543, 737, 782	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Kingdom of God, Church	Bl. Mary Theresa of Jesus	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
	CHAPTER 11 The Church’s Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A guide helps us and shows us the way. The Holy Spirit is the Third Divine Person of the Holy Trinity. Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit would guide the Church. Saint Thérèse loved God very much and worked for him through her little jobs. She called this “The Little Way.” 	Live in and Follow the Spirit Galatians 5:22–23, 25; Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit John 14:26	729, 243, 747, 1477	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Holy Spirit	St. Rose of Lima	Rights and Responsibilities, Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 12 Friends of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saints are heroes of the Church who loved God very much, did his work on Earth, and are now with him in Heaven. Holy means unique and pure; set apart for God and his purposes. We are part of the family of Saints, connected to the Saints who lived before us and to those who believe in Jesus now. 	Love Your Enemies Matthew 5:44–45; Martha and Mary Luke 10:38–42	823, 228, 825, 946–948	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Saint, angel, holy	St. Dominic	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
MORALITY 5	CHAPTER 13 Disciples Serve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus washed his disciples’ feet to show us how to serve and love one another. Jesus asks us to have a kind, giving heart when we serve and help others. A disciple is a follower of Jesus who believes in him and lives by his teachings. Serving others is a way to serve God. 	The Greatest Among You Matthew 23:11–12; The Washing of the Disciples’ Feet John 13:2–17	1337, 1823, 618, 1816	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	serve, disciple	Bl. Solanus Casey	Option for the Poor, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 14 Making Choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ten Commandments are God’s laws that tell people how to love him and others. Free will is being able to choose whether to obey God or disobey God. God created us with free will because he wants us to make good choices. All choices have consequences, or results, that can show love and respect or hurt others. 	Do This and You Will Live Luke 10:25–28; God’s Commandments Deuteronomy 10:12–13	2067, 1731, 1743, 1739	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Ten Commandments, obey, free will	St. Frances Cabrini	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
	CHAPTER 15 Showing Sorrow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sin is the choice to disobey God on purpose and do what you know is wrong. It is not an accident or a mistake. The consequences of sin are hurting your friendship with God and others. God wants us to be close to him and will always forgive us when we say we are sorry. Jesus wants us to be sorry for our sins and turn to God our forgiving Father. 	Seventy-Seven Times Matthew 18:21–22; The Forgiving Father Luke 15:11–32	1850, 1849, 1431–1432, 1427	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	sin	St. Dismas	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor
SACRAMENTS 6	CHAPTER 16 Jesus the Savior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam and Eve chose to bring sin into the world. Their disobedience is called Original Sin. God did not stop loving people because of their sin. God sent his Son, Jesus, to be our Savior and bring people back to him. Jesus died for all people to save them, giving his life so that people could have new life with God. 	Do Not Be Afraid Matthew 28:5–6; Jesus Lives Luke 23–24	402–404, 410, 457, 613	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Original Sin, Resurrection	St. Josephine Bakhita	Option for the Poor, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 17 Holy Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Seven Sacraments are special signs and celebrations that Jesus gave his Church. The Sacraments celebrate that Jesus is still with us, sharing his life and love. Every Sacrament has words and actions we do and things God does that we can’t see that bring us life. 	I Am in My Father John 14:20; The Advocate John 14:18–19	1084, 1131, 1123	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Seven Sacraments	Mary	Human Solidarity, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 18 We Are Welcomed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baptism is the Sacrament that brings new life in God and makes the person a member of the Church. Grace is God’s gift of sharing in his life and help. In Baptism, a person is immersed, or has water poured over him or her in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The baptized person is anointed, receives a white garment, and is given the light of Christ. 	Go Into the Whole World Mark 16:15–16; People Everywhere Believe Acts 8:4–12	1213, 1996, 1239, 1241	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Baptism, grace, godparents	St. Moses the Black	Rights and Responsibilities, Human Solidarity



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KINGDOM OF GOD 7	CHAPTER 19 We Give Thanks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Last Supper is the meal Jesus shared with his disciples the night before he died. The Eucharist is the Sacrament in which Jesus shares himself, and the bread and wine become his Body and Blood. The Mass is the gathering of Catholics to worship God and celebrate the Eucharist. In the Mass we hear God's Word, give thanks for his gifts, and receive Jesus in Holy Communion. 	For the Forgiveness of Sins Matthew 26:26–28; The Last Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23–25	610, 1333, 1329–1330, 1346–1347	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Last Supper, Eucharist, Mass, Holy Communion	Pope Saint John XXIII	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 20 Forever with God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heaven is living and being happy with God forever. God desires for everyone to be happy with him forever. Following Jesus and obeying God's laws are how we live in love now and forever. 	God's Kingdom Is Not Something You Can See Luke 17:20–21; Together Always John 14:1–3	1024, 1045, 1693	Forming for Life in Christ, Teaching Prayer	Heaven	St. Emily de Vialar	Option for the Poor, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 21 God's Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom, working together with God as he builds his Kingdom. By being forgiving, treating others with respect, and helping those who are hungry and in need, Jesus showed us how to work for the Kingdom. When we are kind, share, play fair, and include others, we are spreading peace. 	Do Justice, Love Goodness, and Walk Humbly Micah 6:8; Starting Small Matthew 13:31–32	2818, 2831–2832, 2304	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	peace	St. Pedro Calungsod	Call to Community, Option for the Poor
THE HUMAN PERSON	Our Bodies Teach Us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The way our bodies are made helps us know what God wants us to do. Your body is a teacher. Our bodies are made so we can love one another. Jesus used his body to love others. 	The Peace of Christ Colossians 3:15; We Are His Handiwork Ephesians 2:10	456–463, 2093	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life		Ven. Antonietta Meo	Life and Dignity, Call to Community



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KERYGMA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God's love does not change because of our actions. God offers forgiveness. True sorrow and mercy are connected. A disciple strives to imitate Christ. Making good choices and growing deeper in friendship with Jesus are related. 	<p>Generous Love Titus 3:4–5; Two Criminals Luke 23: 32–33, 39–43</p>	605–608, 616, 620, 1473, 2007, 2196	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Unconditional Love, mercy, Good Friday	St. Angela of Folingo	Life and Dignity, Call to Community
REVELATION 1	CHAPTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created human beings in his own image. Humans have a special role in all of God's creation. Jesus is God's greatest gift, the Son of God who became man. He is always faithful to God the Father. 	<p>Handing Down the Stories Luke 1:1–2; The Creator and Humans Psalms 8:2, 7–9</p>	355, 373, 357, 464, 606	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	psalms, creation, sin, Son of God	Blessed Virgin Mary	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God gives all people the ability to choose. Original Sin is the first sin committed by Adam and Eve. Jesus is the Savior because he led people who were lost through sin back to God; Jesus is the Good Shepherd. 	<p>The Sinner Who Repents Luke 15:7; The Garden of Eden Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–6, 23; The Good Shepherd John 10:11–14</p>	1730–1731, 389, 397, 457, 754	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Original Sin, Savior	St. Cristóbal Magallanes Jara	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God tells us about himself through the Bible. The Bible is God's Word written down by humans. Jesus tells stories that help us know and love God the Father. The Old and New Testaments are the two parts of the Bible, also called Scripture. 	<p>Jesus Among the Crowds Luke 6:17–18; The Great Flood Genesis 6–9; Jesus Teaches Matthew 4:23–25</p>	104, 105, 546, 120	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Bible, Old Testament, New Testament	St. Luke	Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities
TRINITY 2	CHAPTER 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God the Father is the First Divine Person of the Holy Trinity. Jesus taught us that God the Father loves and cares for us. We rely on God the Father, praying to him and trusting he will provide what we need. 	<p>Trust in the Father Luke 12:29–31; Rely on God Matthew 6:25–32</p>	254, 322, 2779–2781, 2590	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Teaching Prayer	Saint, God the Father, prayer, trust	Bl. Julian of Norwich	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of the Son of God, the Savior, Jesus. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived in Nazareth where Jesus grew up, learning and praying. Jesus is both the Son of God and a human being. The Baptism of the adult Jesus by John the Baptist was the beginning of his public teaching. 	<p>My Beloved Son Luke 3:21–22; Announcing Jesus' Birth Luke 1:26–38; 2:1–11; The Boy Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:41–52; Baptism of Jesus Matthew 3:13–17</p>	430, 514–515, 723–724, 535	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Mary, angel, Holy Family	St. Peter	Life and Dignity, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Holy Trinity is one God in three Divine Persons. The Holy Spirit is the Third Divine Person of the Holy Trinity who helps and guides us as Jesus promised. Jesus is the Son of God who became man, the Second Divine Person of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit helped the Apostles understand and spread Jesus' teachings and he remains with the Church today. 	<p>Risen Jesus Appears to Disciples Luke 24:49; The Promise John 14: 15–26; The Spirit Comes Acts 1:4–5, 8; 2:2–3</p>	683–684, 258–259, 253–255, 767–768	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, disciples, Pentecost, Apostles	St. Arnold Janssen	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
JESUS CHRIST 3	CHAPTER 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ten Commandments are God's laws that teach us to love him and others. The Great Commandment sums up all of God's laws, telling us to love God above all else and others the way you love yourself. Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan to help us understand that loving God means loving our neighbor. Jesus gave us a New Commandment to teach us to love as he loves. 	<p>Moses on the Mountain Exodus 24:12; Love the Lord Your God Luke 10:27; The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:29–37</p>	1962, 2055, 1465, 546, 1970	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Ten Commandments, Great Commandment, parable, New Commandment	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When we make bad choices that hurt our relationship with God and others, God forgives us if we are truly sorry. Sin is a free choice to do what we know is wrong. Mistakes and accidents are not sins. Both venial and mortal sins harm our relationship with God, but in different ways. Conscience is an ability given to us by God that helps us make choices about right and wrong. 	<p>Peter Hears the Rooster Mark 14:69–72; Peter Denies Jesus John 18:17–18, 25–27</p>	1441, 1849, 1777–1778, 1854–1855	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	free will, mortal sin, venial sin, conscience	St. Thérèse of Lisieux	Rights and Responsibilities, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We learn about God's mercy in the story of the Prodigal Son. The virtues can help us say no to temptation and choose what is good. Mercy is kindness and concern for those who are suffering; God has mercy on us even though we are sinners. It's important to ask God and others for forgiveness, and to be forgiving. 	<p>Forgive Seventy-Seven Times Matthew 18:21–22; The Prodigal Son Luke 15:11–32</p>	1439, 270, 2447, 1810, 1459	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	virtues, temptation, mercy	St. Jane de Chantal	Call to Community, Human Solidarity



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THE CHURCH 4	CHAPTER 10 The Sacraments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Seven Sacraments are special signs and celebrations that Jesus gave his Church that allow us to share in God's life and work. Jesus continues to share his life and love with us in the Sacraments. Baptism, the first Sacrament received, makes a person a child of God and member of the Church, taking away Original Sin and all personal sin. The Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist—celebrate our membership into the Catholic Church. 	Jesus Heals a Blind Man Luke 18:35–43; The Commissioning of the Apostles Matthew 28:19–20	1113, 1116, 1127–1128, 1212, 1213	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Seven Sacraments, Baptism, grace, Sacraments of Initiation	St. Pius X	Option for the Poor, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 11 Seek Forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An examination of conscience is a prayerful way of thinking about how we have followed the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, and Church teachings. Contrition is being sorry for your sins and wanting to live better. In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, God's forgiveness for sin is given through the Church. The Sacrament includes confession, penance, contrition, and absolution. 	Whose Sins You Forgive John 20:21, 23; The Woman Who Was Forgiven Luke 7:36–39, 44–50	1779, 1432, 1422, 1423–1424	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	examination of conscience, contrition, Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, confession, penance, absolution	St. Benedict-Joseph Labre	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 12 The Church Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The liturgy is the public prayer of the Church. The Church year celebrates the life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus. The seasons of the Church year are Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, The Three Days (Triduum), and Easter. Easter celebrates Christ's Resurrection and is the greatest feast of the Church year. 	The Holy Family Celebrates Passover Luke 2:41–42	1069–1070, 1171, 1163–1164, 1169	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	liturgy, worship, Resurrection	Pope Saint Victor	Life and Dignity, Human Solidarity
MORALITY 5	CHAPTER 13 Welcome in the Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By the things he said and did, Jesus included those often left out and showed that God welcomes everyone. The story of Zacchaeus is an example of Jesus welcoming someone who had faith and was willing to repent. Jesus has a great love for children, and welcomed them along with all others into his Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is the world of love, peace, and justice that God has in Heaven and wants for us on Earth. 	Let the Children Come Luke 18:15–17; Zacchaeus the Tax Collector Luke 19:1–10; Blessing of the Children Matthew 19:13–15	542–543, 2412, 526, 559, 2818–2819	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	faith, peace, Kingdom of God	St. Brigid of Kildare	Option for the Poor, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 14 Share the Good News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gospel message is the Good News of God's Kingdom and his saving love. In his parable of the Vine and Branches, Jesus teaches us that we need to stay connected to him in order to have life. The Holy Spirit strengthened the Apostles to share what Jesus had taught them. Many people in our parish share Jesus' message and work together with God as he builds his Kingdom. 	Jesus' Disciples Receive a Mission Mark 16:15–16; The Vine and the Branches John 15:4–5	541, 787, 746–747, 941–942	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Gospel, proclaim, parish	St. Teresa of Calcutta	Rights and Responsibilities, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 15 Ways to Pray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer, which we also call the Our Father. There are five basic forms of prayer: blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise. Prayer is important to deepen our friendship with God, and we can pray in many ways and at different times. Sacramentals are blessings, objects, and actions that remind you of God and are made sacred through the prayers of the Church. 	The Lord's Prayer Luke 11:1–4; How to Pray Matthew 6:5–9	2759, 2644, 2565, 1668, 1671	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Teaching Prayer	Lord's Prayer, blessing, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, praise, sacramentals	St. Alphonsus Liguori	Human Solidarity, Care for Creation
SACRAMENTS 6	CHAPTER 16 Gather to Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Eucharist is the Sacrament in which Jesus Christ shares himself and the bread and wine become his Body and Blood. The Mass is another name for the celebration of the Eucharist. The assembly is all those gathered for Mass. We take part by praying, singing, and using actions to worship God. The Introductory Rites gather and unite us, preparing our hearts to hear God's Word. 	The Road to Emmaus Luke 24:30–32; The Community Gathers Acts 2:42–47	1323–1324, 1382, 1346, 1348–1349	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	Eucharist, Mass, assembly	St. Tarcisus	Call to Community, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 17 Listen to God's Word	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus used stories as a way to help us understand more about God and his Kingdom. The first main part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Word during which we hear readings from both the Old and New Testaments. We listen to the deacon or priest proclaim the Gospel reading and give a homily to help us understand and apply God's Word. This part of the Mass ends with the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful. 	The Parable of the Yeast Luke 13:18–21; The Mustard Seed Matthew 13:31–32	2613, 1154, 131–132, 1349, 1184, 1346	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Liturgy of the Word, homily, creed, Prayer of the Faithful	St. Paul	Call to Community, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 18 Remembering Jesus' Sacrifice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mass is a memorial celebration of Jesus' Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Jesus' Death on the Cross is a sacrifice and gift that saves all people from the power of sin and everlasting death. The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the second main part of the Mass in which Jesus Christ gives us the gift of himself, and we receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion. In the consecration, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the words and actions of the priest, the gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. 	Give God His Due Matthew 6:24; The Rich Young Man Matthew 19:21–22	1330, 616–617, 1408, 1142, 1411	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	sacrifice, Last Supper, Liturgy of the Eucharist, consecration	Bl. Imelda Lambertini	Option for the Poor, Human Solidarity



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KINGDOM OF GOD 7	CHAPTER 19 Supper of the Lamb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The story of the Loaves and the Fish helps us understand what Jesus gives us in Holy Communion. Before receiving Communion, we pray together the Lord's Prayer and offer each other a sign of peace. Through the Eucharist, Jesus' followers are united with him and one another. Jesus Christ is really and truly present with us in the Eucharist, so we receive Holy Communion with reverence and adore him in the reserved Blessed Sacrament. 	The Bread of Life John 6:30–35; The Feeding of the Five Thousand Luke 9:10–17	1335, 1365, 1369–1370, 1374	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	Holy Communion, Real Presence, reverence, Blessed Sacrament, Tabernacle	V. Pierre Toussaint	Call to Community, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 20 Go Forth!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Concluding Rites of the Mass, we are blessed and sent out to proclaim the Good News and give honor to God by the way we live. As the Apostles were called to share the Good News, the Church's mission is to share Jesus' message of love and the Kingdom. All members of the Church share in her mission, and some serve as missionaries who travel far away to spread the Good News. 	Paul Proclaims the Kingdom Acts 28:30–31; Peter Preaches Acts 10:42–48	1332, 849, 851–852	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	mission, missionaries	St. Anthony Claret	Life and Dignity, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 21 A Feast for Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heaven is life and happiness forever with God. The story of the Wedding Feast is compared to God's invitation and our response. The Eucharist is spiritual food that helps us to live with Jesus forever. We are called to say "yes" daily to God. 	Jesus Knocks Revelation 3:20; The Wedding Feast Matthew 22:2–10 and Luke 14:16–23	326, 1329, 1391, 143	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Heaven	St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi	Option for the Poor, The Dignity of Work
THE HUMAN PERSON	Jesus, Our Gift	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus gave himself to us on the Cross as a great gift to save us from sin. Jesus wants to be close to us in the Eucharist. Our bodies allow us to give the gift of self to others. We can celebrate and appreciate ways that we can receive love from others. We can recognize that receiving gifts is a form of giving love to others. 	Jesus Bore Our Sins 1 Peter 2:24–35; This Is My Body Mark 14:22	621, 1339, 1347, 1397, 1426	Initiating Into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ		Bl. Carlo Acutis	Life and Dignity, Call to Community



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KERYGMA	Jesus Our Savior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All people have the ability to love God but often fail to do so. Scripture reveals that God's love is unconditional. Jesus sacrifices his life on the Cross to save us from suffering, death, and sin. God's love for us begins with Creation and finds its climax in Jesus' life, Death, and Resurrection. Following Jesus, the Way to eternal life, helps us live our daily life as disciples and make good choices. 	People Were Saved Through Water 1 Peter 3:20-22; God Made Them Garments of Leather Genesis 3:21-23a	412, 555	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Salvation History, eternal life	St. John of the Cross	Life and Dignity, Call to Community
REVELATION 1	CHAPTER 1 The Creator's Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created human beings in his image and likeness. Creation is a gift from God that shows his goodness; it is the work of the Holy Trinity. Humans have the responsibility to care for all of creation, especially each other. 	You Formed Me Psalm 139:13-15; The Creation of the World Genesis 1:1-23	355, 293, 292, 2415	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	creation, Holy Trinity, image of God	St. Rabanus Maurus	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 2 The Church Gathered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bible is the Word of God written in human words. It is the holy book of the Church. The Church is the community of all baptized people who believe in God and follow Jesus. The Church helps us understand God's Word, teaches us about God's love, and gathers us to honor and worship God. 	Jesus Prays John 17:20-23; Helping One Another Acts 2:42-47	105-106, 1213, 2030, 942, 1816	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Bible, Church, Sacred Tradition	St. Francis of Assisi	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 3 Families Teach Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families teach us how to care for, respect, and help one another. We honor Mary as the Mother of God, the greatest of Saints, and our Mother, too. The Hail Mary begins with the words Elizabeth used to greet Mary. The Catholic family is the domestic Church where we experience love and learn about God and how we pray and live as Catholics. 	Those Who Hear and Act on the Word of God Luke 8:19-21; Mary Visits Elizabeth Luke 1:39-56	1657, 2207, 963, 435, 2676, 2204	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Visitation, Mary, domestic Church	Bls. Luigi and Maria	Life and Dignity, Call to Community
TRINITY 2	CHAPTER 4 The Holy Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A mystery is a truth that is difficult to perceive or understand with our senses, but is known through faith and through signs. Jesus teaches us about God his Father and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are a perfect communion of love. The Creed is a statement of the Church's beliefs. 	This Is How We Know 1 John 4:13-14, 16; The Father and the Spirit John 14:6-7, 16-17	237, 240, 2780, 850, 187	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	mystery, Incarnation, creed, Apostles' Creed	St. John of Matha	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 5 The Church Celebrates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the Last Supper Jesus celebrated the Passover with his Apostles. Liturgy is the public prayer of the Church. It includes the Seven Sacraments and forms of daily prayer. Catholics are required to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. The Blessed Sacrament is the Holy Eucharist, especially the Body of Christ, which is kept in the Tabernacle. 	They Were Hungry Mark 6:34-42; The Last Supper Luke 22:14-20	2097, 1339-1340, 1069-1070, 1389, 1379	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Seven Sacraments, Last Supper, liturgy, Nicene Creed, Tabernacle, Blessed Sacrament	St. Mary MacKillop	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
	CHAPTER 6 Pray Always	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught his followers to pray to God the Father. Daily prayer is important. We can pray using traditional prayers and our own words, out loud or silently, and at any time. The five basic forms of prayer are blessing and adoration, praise, petition, intercession, and thanksgiving. 	Pray Quietly Matthew 6:5-6; The Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13; Praying Well Matthew 6:5-8	2765, 2659, 2644	Teaching Prayer, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	prayer, Lord's Prayer, blessing, adoration, praise, petition, intercession, thanksgiving	St. Gertrude the Great	Life and Dignity, Human Solidarity
JESUS CHRIST 3	CHAPTER 7 The Good News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gospel message is the Good News of God's Kingdom and his saving love. The four Gospel books in the New Testament are about Christ's life, teaching, Death, and Resurrection. The Kingdom of God is the world of love, peace, and justice that is in Heaven and is still being built on Earth. In his miracles and parables, Jesus shows us that God's Kingdom is here and yet to come fully. 	The Woman and the Lost Coin Luke 15:8-10; The Rejection at Nazareth Luke 4:16-21; The Mustard Seed Mark 4:30-32	125, 120, 127, 2818-2819, 546	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Gospel, Messiah, Kingdom of God, miracle, parable	St. Isaac Jogues	Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities
	CHAPTER 8 The Paschal Mystery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus offered the greatest sacrifice: he gave his life to save us from sin so that we could have new life with God in Heaven. The Resurrection is the event of Jesus being raised from Death to new life by God the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Paschal Mystery is the mystery of Jesus Christ's suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. The Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery in each of the Seven Sacraments. 	No Greater Love John 15:12-13; Mary Meets Jesus John 20:11-18	619, 623, 648, 571, 1113	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	sacrifice, Resurrection, Ascension, Paschal Mystery	St. Mary Magdalene	Life and Dignity, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 9 The Body of Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With the help of the Holy Spirit, members of the Church continue Jesus' work here on Earth. The Church is the Body of Christ of which Christ is the head. All the baptized use their gifts and talents to serve others. Stewardship is the way we appreciate and use God's gifts, including our time, talent, and treasure and the gift of creation. 	Gifts of the Spirit 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Those Who Helped Matthew 25:31-40	1287-1288, 792, 791, 1937, 2402	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	parish, Body of Christ, stewardship	Bl. Joseph Vaz	Call to Community, Option for the Poor



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THE CHURCH 4	CHAPTER 10 Church Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Apostles are the twelve disciples Jesus chose to be his closest followers to share in his work and mission in a special way. Peter was the leader of the Apostles and first Pope, head of the entire Church. The bishops are successors of the Apostles. The Pope, bishops, priests, and deacons lead, guide, and make the Church holy. 	Jesus Sent Out the Twelve Matthew 10:5–10; Peter and Jesus Matthew 16:15–19, 26:69–75, John 21:15–17	551, 552, 861–862, 939	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	Pope, bishop, Magisterium, Apostolic Succession	St. Gregory the Great	The Dignity of Work, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 11 One and Holy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Marks of the Church are the four characteristics that identify Christ's Church: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Pentecost is the feast that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit fifty days after Easter. The Holy Spirit continues to unify the Church and make her holy. The Communion of Saints is everyone who believes in and follows Jesus, people on Earth and in Purgatory and Heaven. 	Jesus Preached Peace Ephesians 2:19–21; The Coming of the Spirit Acts 2:1–12	811, 731, 2623–2625, 960–962	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	Marks of the Church, one, holy, catholic, apostolic, Pentecost, Saint, Communion of Saints	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 12 Catholic and Apostolic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saint Paul was one of the first to take the message of Jesus across many countries, establishing Church communities and writing them letters that became part of the New Testament. All Church members participate in her mission to announce the Good News of God's Kingdom to people of all nations. The Church is catholic because she is everywhere and welcomes everyone. The Church is apostolic because Jesus gave his Apostles the mission of sharing his Good News with people all over the world. 	Do Everything in the Name of Jesus Colossians 3:16–17; Doing God's Work 1 Corinthians 3:5–9	849, 856, 863, 830–831, 869	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	evangelization, mission, missionaries	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Option for the Poor, The Dignity of Work
MORALITY 5	CHAPTER 13 Choose Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Story of Joseph in the Old Testament shows us to forgive and love. Jesus teaches us to love our enemies. The Beatitudes are teachings of Jesus that show the way to true happiness and tell how to live in God's Kingdom. Jesus' New Commandment is for his disciples to love one another as he has loved us. 	Pray for Those Who Mistreat You Luke 6:27–28, 31; The Story of Joseph Genesis 37–45; Love of Enemies Matthew 5:43–47	312, 1825, 1716, 1970–1971	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Beatitudes, mercy, New Commandment	St. Peter Canisius	Life and Dignity, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 14 Live in the Light	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocation is God's plan for our lives, the purpose for which he made us. Virtues are good spiritual habits that make you stronger and help you do what is right and good. The Theological Virtues of faith, hope and charity are gifts from God that help us live in relationship with the Holy Trinity. Virtues grow over time with our practice and openness to God's grace. 	The Light of the World John 8:12; Your Light Must Shine Matthew 5:14–16	1877, 1803, 1813, 1830	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	vocation, virtues, Theological Virtues, faith, hope, charity	St. Genevieve	Rights and Responsibilities, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 15 Help With Choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conscience is an ability given to us by God that helps us make choices about right and wrong. The Precepts of the Church are some of the minimum requirements given by Church leaders for deepening our relationship with God and the Church. The Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Church help us to make good choices. In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we receive God's forgiveness and the grace to help us change. 	You Know My Thoughts Psalm 139:23–24; Saul and Jesus Acts 9:1–30	1777, 2041, 1783–1785, 1422–1423	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	grace, conscience, Precepts of the Church, sin	St. Pio of Pietrelcina	Rights and Responsibilities, The Dignity of Work
SACRAMENTS 6	CHAPTER 16 Sacraments of Initiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People of all ages can be baptized into the Church. The Sacraments of Initiation celebrate membership into the Catholic Church: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Baptism removes Original Sin, forgives personal sin, and gives new life in Christ. Confirmation seals and completes Baptism. In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ shares himself with us, giving us the gift of his Body and Blood. 	A People Chosen by God 1 Peter 2:9–10; Many Are Baptized Acts 2:38–41	1247, 1250, 1212, 1217, 1323	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Sacred Christ, Sacraments of Initiation, Real Presence, Eucharist	St. John the Baptist	Life and Dignity, Call to Community
	CHAPTER 17 Sacraments of Healing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Sacraments of Healing, God's forgiveness and healing are given to those suffering physical and spiritual sickness. In Penance and Reconciliation, we confess our sins to a priest who forgives in the name of Christ and his Church. In the Anointing of the Sick, the priest prays that God will send his healing love to the person who is being anointed. 	All Were Healed Matthew 14:34–36; Jesus Gives New Life Luke 8:40–42, 49–56	1421, 1424, 1517	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Sacraments of Healing	St. Marianne Cope	Rights and Responsibilities, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 18 Sacraments at the Service of Communion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacraments at the Service of Communion celebrate people's commitment to serve God and the community and help build up the People of God. Holy Orders is the Sacrament in which baptized men are ordained as deacons, priests, or bishops to lead and serve the Church. Matrimony joins a baptized man and a baptized woman in Christian marriage to serve God by loving and serving each other and any children God gives them. 	Called to Be Free Galatians 5:13–14; Servants of Christ 1 Corinthians 3:21–4:2	1534, 1536, 1601	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	vows, priest, deacon, Sacraments at the Service of Communion	St. Jean-Baptiste de La Salle	Call to Community, Human Solidarity



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KINGDOM OF GOD 7	CHAPTER 19 The Church Through Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A covenant is a sacred promise or agreement between God and humans. God established a covenant with Abraham, and from that came the beginning of God's People. As the Son of God, Jesus fulfills God's promise and his covenant extends to all people. The first Christians faced difficult times, but they tried to be faithful to him and to the covenant, and the Church grew. 	They Lived Together Acts 2:42; I Will Be Your God Genesis 17:1–19	56-58, 72, 73, 706, 2471–2472	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	covenant, proclaim, faithful	St. Clement of Rome	Rights and Responsibilities, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 20 The Work of the Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church continues Jesus' work on Earth through her worship, teaching, care for others, and work for peace and justice. The Church is a sign of God's Kingdom and helps people share in the love of the Holy Trinity. By our Baptism, we are called to participate in the Church's mission to share the Good News and serve God and others. 	Be Happy 2 Corinthians 13:11; The Commissioning of the Twelve Matthew 10:5–14	759, 763, 2044–2046	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	justice, peace	St. Peter Claver	Rights and Responsibilities, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 21 Everlasting Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus' Resurrection is proof of his promise of eternal life. The Particular Judgment is the individual judgment by God at the time of a person's death when God decides where that person will spend eternity according to his or her faith and works. The Last Judgment is God's final triumph over evil, when Christ will come again and bring the Kingdom of God to its fullness. The last book of the Bible, Revelation, ends with John's vision of a new creation, God's everlasting Kingdom. 	Whoever Knows Jesus Has Life 1 John 5:11–12; The New Heaven and the New Earth Revelation 21:1–4; Alpha and Omega Revelation 22:13	655, 1022, 1038–1040, 1044–1045	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, Last Judgment	St. Joseph	Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities
THE HUMAN PERSON	Created for Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We receive the gifts of unity and communion from Christ. The Holy Trinity is a communion of persons. Our bodies are a gift from God that allow us to give the gift of love to others. Sin separates us from God and others and the Sacrament of Reconciliation brings us back into communion with God and others. 	Christ's Body Has Many Parts 1 Corinthians 12:14, 18-21, 27; Baptized Into One Body 1 Corinthians 12:12-13	866, 2205	Initiating Into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	Communion of Persons	St. Tabitha	Life and Dignity, Call to Community



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KERYGMA	Love and Sacrifice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacrifice is an action that requires the desire for another's good and is rooted in love for others and the common good. In ancient times sacrifice was a means to worship God. Jesus sacrificed himself on the cross to show us God's love and atone for our sin. Salvation History is God's plan to save us from sin with the life, death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus being the high point. God is the source of all love and our choices should reflect this love. 	Right and Just Proverbs 21:2-3; Do Good Hebrews 13:16; Obedience Is Better 1 Samuel 15:22	280, 421, 518, 616, 618	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	sacrifice, atonement	St. Zita of Lucca	Life and Dignity, Call to Community
REVELATION	CHAPTER 1 God's Providence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first creation account teaches the goodness of all of God's creation. Providence is God's loving care for all things; his will and plan for creation. Divine Revelation is the way God tells humans about himself and makes his plan known. God reveals himself through Sacred Scripture and the Sacred Tradition of the Church. 	God's Plan Psalm 33:9, 11-12; The Story of Creation Genesis 1:1-31, 2:1-3; The Call of Jeremiah Jeremiah 1:4-8	299, 302-303, 50, 81-82	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith	providence, Sacred Scripture, Divine Revelation, Sacred Tradition	St. Kateri Tekakwitha	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 2 God Is Faithful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Death, suffering, ignorance and the inclination to sin all came into the world as a result of Original Sin. God always remains faithful and promises salvation, desiring humans to be free and faithful to him. A covenant is a sacred promise or agreement between God and humans. God called Abraham, and because of his belief and trust in God, God established a covenant with him. 	The Promise Hebrews 10:16-17, 23; In the Garden Genesis 3; Abram's Call and Journey Genesis 12:1-8; God's Promise 15:1-5, 18; 17:5-9, 15; 21:1-3	402-405, 55, 56-58, 59-60	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Original Sin, salvation, covenant, faithful	St. Bridget of Sweden	Rights and Responsibilities, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 3 God's Commandments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created people to be free and live as his People, and he called Moses to lead his People from slavery in Egypt. The Ten Commandments are the summary of laws that God gave Moses on Mount Sinai that tell us what is necessary in order to love God and others. God gave the Ten Commandments to help us be faithful to him and his covenant. 	Holy Ground Exodus 3:2b, 4-5; Joseph and His Brothers Genesis 37:1-4, 42:6-8, 44:1-12, 45:4-5; The Exodus from Egypt Exodus 2:1-10, 14:10-31, 15:19-21	2057, 2061, 2062-2063	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Ten Commandments, ark of the covenant	St. Raymond of Peñafort	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
TRINITY	CHAPTER 4 In God's Image	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human dignity comes from being made in God's image and likeness with the ability to love, think, and make choices. The soul is the spiritual part of a human that lives forever. Sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the law of God. Every person is worthy of respect because he or she is created in God's image and made to love. 	Worthy of the Lord Colossians 1:10, 12-15; In His Image Genesis 1:27	355-357, 366, 1849, 1440, 1700	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	human dignity, soul, sin, mortal sin, venial sin	St. Germaine Cousin	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 5 Living in Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mission of God the Son and the Holy Spirit is to bring all people into the love of the Holy Trinity. Morality is living in right relationship with God, yourself, and others. God created all people for one another and we must all work for the common good. Our love of our neighbor reflects the love of the Holy Trinity. 	Love One Another 1 John 4:9, 11-13, 16b; The Communal Life Acts 2:42-45	258-260, 1950-1951, 1905-1906, 1878	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Holy Trinity, morality, common good	St. Dominic	Call to Community, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 6 Making Good Choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free will is the God-given freedom and ability to make choices. God gives us grace, the Ten Commandments, and the Church to help us make good choices and deepen our relationship with him. We need to know God's laws and form, or strengthen, our conscience so it will help us make good decisions. Conscience is the God-given ability that helps us judge whether actions are morally good or wrong. 	The Lord's Judgment Isaiah 11:1-4a; The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-35	1704, 1785, 1783-1784, 1777	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	free will, grace, conscience	St. Charles Lwanga	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor
JESUS CHRIST	CHAPTER 7 The Beatitudes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Beatitudes guide us to show mercy and be a blessing to others. The word beatitude means "blessing" or "happiness." God put the desire for happiness inside each of us. The Beatitudes are Jesus' teachings about the way to true happiness and living in God's Kingdom now and always. God wants all of us to have eternal life—to live forever with him and all who die in his friendship. 	Hear and Observe the Word of God Luke 11:27-28; The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5:3-10	2444, 1718, 1716, 1720-1721	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	mercy, Beatitudes, eternal life, peace	St. Yi Sung-hun	Option for the Poor, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 8 Love God and Neighbor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Great Commandment is the two-fold command to love God above all and your neighbor as yourself. The Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity are gifts from God that help us to believe in him, trust his plan for us, and love him with all our heart, soul, and mind. Loving God leads to sharing his love with others, and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us in the ways to do so. 	Live as Jesus Commanded Ephesians 5:1-5; The Greatest Commandment Matthew 22:37-40; The Rich Young Man Matthew 19:16-22	2055, 1814, 1817, 1822, 2447-2448	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Great Commandment, Theological Virtues, faith, hope, charity, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy	St. Katharine Drexel	Life and Dignity, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 9 Honoring God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The First Commandment teaches us to worship and honor only God, and not to place things or other people before him. The Second Commandment calls us to always use the name of God with reverence and respect. Blasphemy is the sin of showing disrespect for the name of God, Jesus Christ, Mary, or the Saints in words or actions. We observe the Third Commandment through participation in the Sunday Eucharist, rest, time with family, and works of service. 	Worthy Are You, Lord Revelation 4:11; 7:12; The Golden Calf Exodus 32:1-20	2110, 2142-2143, 2148, 2176-2177	Liturgical Education, Moral Formation	worship, idolatry, blasphemy, Resurrection	St. Mary Ann of Quito	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation



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THE CHURCH 4	CHAPTER 10 Called to Serve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocation is God's plan for our lives; the purpose for which he made us. Priesthood, consecrated religious, committed single life, and married life are four distinct ways people respond to God's call. All baptized members of the Church are called to serve God and the Church using their gifts. 	Saul Is Chosen 1 Samuel 10:20–22; The Call of the First Disciples Matthew 4:18–22	1877, 871–873, 912–913	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	vocation, Kingdom of God, vows, laity	Bl. Frédéric Ozanam	Call to Community, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 11 Models of Virtue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Saint is a person who the Church declares has led a holy life and is enjoying eternal life with God in Heaven. Mary is the perfect model of holiness, accepting God's will throughout her life and remaining faithful to him. The Immaculate Conception is the truth that God kept Mary free from sin from the first moment of her life. Mary is called the Mother of the Church because she holds her Son's followers close to her heart. 	Light of the World Matthew 5:14–16; The Canticle of Mary Luke 1:46–50	828, 829, 491, 963	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Teaching Prayer	canonization, Saint, beatification, Mary, Immaculate Conception, patron Saint	St. Bernadette Soubirous	Call to Community, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 12 The Church Teaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus chose Peter to be the shepherd of his flock, leader of the Apostles, and head of his Church. Jesus gave Peter and the Apostles, and their successors the Pope and bishops, the authority to teach and lead in his name. The Magisterium is the teaching office of the Church, which is all of the bishops in union with the Pope. The Holy Spirit directs the Magisterium in teaching and guiding the People of God. The Precepts of the Church are some of the minimum requirements for deepening our relationship with God and Church. 	Building the Body of Christ Ephesians 4:11–13; You Are the Messiah! Mark 8:27–30	881, 85, 890–891, 892, 2041–2043	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Magisterium, Precepts of the Church	St. Mary Magdalen Postel	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
MORALITY 5	CHAPTER 13 Family Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created humans to live in families and wants family members to respect, love, and protect one another. The Fourth Commandment teaches children to honor and obey parents, who are to provide for, love, and share faith with them. The Sixth and Ninth Commandments are about faithful love and commitment between husband and wife, but require all of us to keep promises, be faithful, and act appropriately. The Cardinal Virtues help us to act wisely, use self-control, give God and others their due, and be disciplined. 	Obey Your Parents Colossians 3:20–21; The Boy Jesus and His Family Luke 2:41–52	2203, 2199, 2348–2350, 1804–1805	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Cardinal Virtues, temperance, fortitude, modesty, chastity	Sts. Louis Martin and Marie-Azélie Martin	Life and Dignity, Call to Community
	CHAPTER 14 Respect Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life comes from God. Every human life is sacred from the moment of conception until the time of natural death. All actions that respect and protect life uphold the Fifth Commandment. Actions that deliberately harm human life, including that of the unborn, the sick, and elderly, are grave sins. The Fifth Commandment calls us to respect and take care of our bodies. 	You Will Answer for Your Actions Matthew 5:21–22; The Choice Deuteronomy 30:19–20; Love of Enemies Matthew 5:43–45	2258, 2302, 2268–2269, 2288	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	sacred, murder	St. Gianna Molla	Life and Dignity, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 15 Live in the Truth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A martyr is a person who gives up his or her life to witness to the truth of Christ and the faith. God is the source of all truth. His Word and his law call people to live in the truth. The Eighth Commandment calls us to be honest in words and actions and forbids lying, gossip, and any acts against the truth. 	Keep Your Promises Matthew 5:33, 37; The Truth Will Set You Free John 8:31–32, 14:6	2473, 2465, 2464, 2487	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	martyr, reparation, prudence	St. Joan of Arc	Rights and Responsibilities, Human Solidarity
SACRAMENTS 6	CHAPTER 16 The Liturgical Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Paschal Mystery is the mystery of Jesus' suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension through which he saved all humans from the power of sin and everlasting death. The liturgical year is made up of the feasts and seasons of the Church calendar that celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ. The seasons of the Church year are Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Triduum, and Easter. 	Trust God Psalm 62:8–9; The Right Time Ecclesiastes 3:1–8	571, 1171, 1168–1169	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Ascension, Paschal Mystery, liturgical year	St. Juan Diego	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 17 The Seven Sacraments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God the Father sent his only Son, Jesus, as a sign of his love for all people. The Seven Sacraments are effective signs of God's life, instituted by Christ and given to the Church, so that Jesus can continue his saving work in the world. The visible signs and Divine actions in each celebration give grace and allow us to share in God's work. The Sacrament of the Eucharist, in which we receive the gift of Jesus Christ's Body and Blood, is at the heart of Catholic life. 	His Grace Ephesians 1:3, 7–8; The Last Supper Luke 22:17–20	458, 1127, 1128, 1131, 1322, 1324	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Incarnation, Seven Sacraments, Eucharist	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	Option for the Poor, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 18 Healing and Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conversion involves turning away from sin and responding to God's love and forgiveness. In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we receive God's forgiveness of sins through the Church and are strengthened by grace to make peace and avoid temptation. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick brings Jesus' healing touch to strengthen, comfort, and forgive the sins of those who are seriously ill or close to death. 	I Confess Psalm 32:1–3, 5; The Story of Zacchaeus Luke 19:1–10; The Man Born Blind John 9:1–38	1427–1428, 1468–1469, 1532	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	repent, Penance and Reconciliation, Confession, temptation, sacramental seal, penance, absolution, Anointing of the Sick	V. Matt Talbot	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor



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KINGDOM OF GOD 7	CHAPTER 19 A Generous Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being detached from our possessions enables us to work for peace and justice in God's Kingdom. The Seventh and Tenth Commandments teach about the right attitude toward material possessions and require generosity. Theft, greed, and envy are sins against these Commandments. God created the world for all creatures and called humans to stewardship. 	Give Luke 6:38; The Parable of the Rich Fool Luke 12:16–21; The Poor Widow's Contribution Mark 12:41–44	2545–2546, 2401, 2534, 2408, 2536, 2538, 2402	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	envy, greed, humility, justice, stewardship	St. Margaret of Scotland	Call to Community, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 20 The Church in the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mission of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel and work for the good of all people. Evangelization is sharing the Good News of Jesus through words and actions in a way that invites people to accept the Gospel. The Church is made up of people of many cultures and they are all united by their belief in Christ. Missionaries spread the Gospel message and Jesus' care for all people to countries all around the world. 	Be My Witnesses Acts of the Apostles 1:8; The Commissioning of the Disciples Matthew 28:18–20	849, 853–854, 849–851, 781	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Gospel, mission, evangelization	St. Junipero Serra	Option for the Poor, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 21 Eternal Life with God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heaven is a state of eternal happiness with God. To spend eternity with God, we must grow in friendship with God. Through the Holy Spirit, God helps us respond to his grace and grow in friendship with him. At the time of our death, we will be judged by God. This is called the Particular Judgment. The Last Judgment refers to Jesus' coming in glory at the end of time to judge all the living and the dead and the coming of God's Kingdom in its fullness. 	Whoever Has the Son Has Life 1 John 5:1–3, 11–12; The Judgment of the Nations Matthew 25:34–40	1024, 1039–1041, 1021–1022, 682, 1038	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Heaven, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Particular Judgment, Purgatory, Hell, Last Judgment	St. Martin de Porres	Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities
THE HUMAN PERSON	Temples of Holiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Holy Spirit becomes a part of our lives at Baptism and guides us in living as whole persons—body, mind, and spirit. The Transfiguration is a miraculous event revealing God as the Holy Trinity. Our bodies are a gift that help us live out our holiness in all our actions. We are designed so that living in holiness requires attention to the unity and health of body, mind, and spirit. 	Glorify God 1 Corinthians 6:14, 17, 19–20; He Was Transfigured Mark 9:2–8	901, 1266, 2013–2014	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ		St. Philomena	Life and Dignity, Call to Community



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KERYGMA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The most important part of a Christian's story is how we come to know and love Jesus. Jesus saves us from sin, death, and suffering by offering us eternal life. Celebrating Easter helps us experience God's love as life-giving. We are transformed in Baptism by being configured to Christ. Abundant life is a life led by the Holy Spirit, shown through the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and grown through spiritual disciplines. 	Remain in Me John 15: 4a, 5b, 8-9a; Where I Am John 12: 24, 26	272–274, 541–546	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Transformation, abundant life, Fruits of the Holy Spirit	Bl. Carlos Rodriguez	Life and Dignity, Call to Community
REVELATION 1	CHAPTER 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being made in his image and likeness, humans can praise God for his goodness and care for one another and creation. God revealed himself in a unique way through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Providence is God's loving care for all things, his will and plan for all creation. The gifts of the Earth used in the Seven Sacraments are signs of God's presence and power. 	Let Us Sing Joyfully Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7; The Coming of God Psalm 98:4–9	299, 81–82, 302, 1145	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Divine Revelation, Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, providence, stewardship	St. Hildegard	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our longings are part of the desire God put in our hearts to be truly happy with him. Grace is a free, loving gift of a participation in the life of the Holy Trinity. Faith is a belief and trust in God and the things that he has revealed to us, both a gift from God and a human choice. The Sacrament of Baptism is the beginning of the journey of faith. 	You Are My God Psalm 63:2, 4–5; Martha and Mary Luke 10:38–42; The Samaritan Woman John 4:7–29	27, 2652, 1997, 26, 153–154, 189	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	religion, grace, faith, Messiah	St. Augustine	Life and Dignity, Call to Community
	CHAPTER 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God uses signs, such as the Burning Bush speaking to Moses, to communicate that he is with us and acting in our lives. The Passover meal was a sign of the covenant between God and the People he saved. The Seven Sacraments are signs of the new covenant made through the life and sacrifice of Jesus. In each Sacrament, visible signs and divine actions give grace and allow us to share in God's work. 	Temple of the Living God 2 Corinthians 6:16; The Burning Bush Exodus 3:1–15	1146–1147, 204, 1334, 1122–1123	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	covenant, Seven Sacraments	St. Benedict	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
TRINITY 2	CHAPTER 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus invites us into a deeper understanding of the mystery of God whom we cannot see except through him. Those who are baptized enter into the very life of the Holy Trinity, who is love. The Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity help us obey the First Commandment and live in relationship with the Trinity. 	The Baptism of Jesus Mark 1:9-11; John the Baptist's Testimony to Jesus John 1:32–34	250, 426, 265, 1813	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	mystery, Holy Trinity, virtues	St. Athanasius	Rights and Responsibilities, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> King David and Jesus teach us that prayer and worship are ways to show reverence for God and to respond to his love. When we worship God, we adore and praise him, especially in prayer and in the liturgy of the Church. In the liturgy, we participate along with the whole Body of Christ in the saving work accomplished through Jesus' life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. The Holy Trinity is at work in the celebration of the liturgy. 	Rejoice in the Lord Philippians 4:4–7; The Ark Brought to Jerusalem 2 Samuel 6:1–15; The Early Church Gathers Acts 2:46–47a	2579, 2098–2100, 1082–1083, 2655	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Teaching Prayer	reverence, worship, liturgy	St. Cecilia	The Dignity of Work, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In his discussion on the Great Commandment, Jesus teaches that showing love for God and neighbor is an act of worship. The Cardinal Virtues are habits acquired by human effort in cooperation with grace that help us live as God's children. The virtues strengthen our ability to know right from wrong, helping us act for good and grow as God's children. 	Walk Humbly Micah 6:8; The Greatest Commandment Mark 12:28–34	2055, 2083, 1805, 1834, 1803	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Cardinal Virtues	St. Thomas More	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor
JESUS CHRIST 3	CHAPTER 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The word Incarnation means "coming into flesh." It is the mystery that the Son of God became man in order to save all people. Jesus is the Savior who came into the world to save all people lost through sin and lead them back to God his Father. God created all people in his image and likeness, with free will, a soul, and the ability to love. We are given God's very life and the help to be a living image of Christ every day. 	God Created Mankind Genesis 1:26–27; The Visit of the Magi Matthew 2:1–12	461, 430, 41, 355, 1877	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Incarnation, Savior, free will, soul	Bl. Maria Vicenta Rosal Vasquez	Life and Dignity, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kingdom of God is God's Reign of peace, justice, and love that exists in Heaven, but has not yet come in its fullness on Earth. Jesus' parables and miracles helped his followers experience and understand the meaning of the Kingdom, which Christ made present but is not yet complete until he comes again. Christ's words and actions, and his presence in the Seven Sacraments, teach about the need for conversion in our own lives. 	Around Galilee Matthew 4:23; The Parable of the Sower Luke 8:5–8	2816, 2819, 546, 547, 1127, 1129	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Kingdom of God, parable, miracles, conversion	St. Catherine of Siena	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By his sacrifice and Resurrection, Jesus is the Redeemer—bringing us back from the slavery of sin and everlasting death. The Paschal Mystery is Christ's work of Redemption through his suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Each of the Sacraments is a celebration of and participation in the Paschal Mystery. 	They Will Be His People Revelation 21:3–6; The Resurrection of Jesus Luke 24:5b–9	1173, 606–607, 1085, 1115	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Original Sin, sacrifice, Paschal Mystery	St. Paul Miki	Life and Dignity, Option for the Poor



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4 THE CHURCH	CHAPTER 10 The Church's Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The four Marks of the Church distinguish Christ's Church and her mission to bring Christ to the world. The Church is an assembly, a gathering of the People of God, the Body of Christ. The Church is one because the power of the Holy Spirit unites all the members in one faith, in the celebration of the Sacraments, and under the authority of the Pope. 	Live in a Manner Worthy Ephesians 4:1–6; God's House and People 1 Peter 2:4–5	775, 811, 804–805, 813	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Marks of the Church, Body of Christ	St. Robert Bellarmine	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 11 The Teaching Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus gave the Apostles a mission and the authority to spread the Good News of his Father's Kingdom. The bishops, in union with the Pope, are the successors of the Apostles and share in their authority to faithfully pass on what God has revealed through his Son, Jesus. The Magisterium is the teaching office of the Church, including all of the bishops in union with the Pope. The Pope and the bishops, guided by the Holy Spirit, protect and explain the Word of God. 	I Am with You Always Matthew 28:18–20; Peter's Confession about Jesus Matthew 16:15–19	858, 857, 86, 85	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Magisterium, infallibility	Pope Saint John Paul II	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
	CHAPTER 12 Lives of Holiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be holy is to be unique and pure, set apart for God and his purposes. Saints are models of heroic virtue who responded to the Holy Spirit's call, accepting God's grace and living in his friendship. The Church honors Mary, the Mother of God, as the Queen of Saints. The Annunciation and Assumption teach us about her obedience and faith. Canonization is a declaration by the Pope naming a person as a Saint whose life can be a model for all Christians. 	Every Spiritual Blessing Ephesians 1:3–5; The Handmaid of the Lord Luke 1:30–31, 38	2013–2015, 2030, 971, 828	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	salvation, Fruits of the Holy Spirit, Mother of God, Annunciation, Assumption, canonization, beatification	Queenship of Mary	Dignity of Work, Care for Creation
5 MORALITY	CHAPTER 13 Evil in the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The disobedience of our first parents and its effect for all humans is called Original Sin. Jesus' Death and Resurrection were God's plan for the Redemption he had promised his Chosen People. Mortal and venial sin are personal sins that break or weaken a person's relationship with God. 	God Proves His Love Romans 5:8, 19; Dependence on God Matthew 6:25–30a	375, 417, 571, 601, 1855–1856, 1862–1863	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Original Holiness, sin, mortal sin, venial sin	St. Gemma Galgani	Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities
	CHAPTER 14 New Life in Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the Sacraments of Initiation, we enter into a relationship with Christ and membership into the Catholic Church. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we participate in the role of Jesus as priest, prophet, and king. Confirmation seals us with a special outpouring of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, deepens baptismal grace, and strengthens us. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults, and some children, become members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation. 	We Too Might Live Romans 6:3–5; Freedom from Sin; Life in God Romans 6:10–11	1212, 1241, 1294–1296, 1232	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	Confirmation, Sacred Chrism, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), catechumen sponsor	St. Cyril of Jerusalem	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 15 Forgiveness and Healing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christ continues to share God's forgiving and healing love in the Sacraments of Healing. The Sacrament of Penance, called by different names, always has four parts: contrition, confession, penance, and absolution. In the Anointing of the Sick Christ strengthens, comforts, and forgives the sins of those who are seriously ill or close to death. 	Repentance for Sinners Luke 5:30–32; The Parable of the Lost Son Luke 15:11–32	1421, 1423, 1503, 1532	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	confession, reparation, contrition, absolution	St. John Vianney	Life and Dignity, Option for the Poor
6 SACRAMENTS	CHAPTER 16 Gathered as One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mass is central to Catholic life because it unites Christ's followers more closely to him and to one another. Real Presence is the teaching that Jesus Christ is really and truly with us in the Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In the Mass we are joined more closely to the Communion of Saints and remember in a special way those who have died. Participation in the Mass is a duty and privilege. We are led by the ordained ministers and others serve to help us worship. 	Gather the People Joel 2:15b–16; Communal Life Acts 2:46–47; Church Order 1 Thessalonians 5:14–18	2181–2182, 1378, 1090, 1411, 2180–2181	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	Real Presence, Communion of Saints	St. Louis Montfort	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 17 Liturgy of the Word	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Old Testament is the first part of the Bible about God's relationship with the Chosen People before Jesus was born. The New Testament is the second part of the Bible about the life and teaching of Jesus, his followers, and the early Church. Sacred Scripture is interpreted through the teaching of the Church. The Liturgy of the Word, the first main part of the Mass, begins with the first reading from the Old Testament and ends with the Prayer of the Faithful. 	True Blessedness Luke 11:27–28; Gratitude in Your Hearts Colossians 3:16	103, 120–121, 124–125, 132–133, 136	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Book of Gospels, psalms, creed	St. Jerome	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
	CHAPTER 18 Liturgy of the Eucharist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, received in the Eucharist, offers lasting spiritual nourishment and the promise of eternal life. Instituted at the Last Supper, the Eucharist is both a holy meal and a sacrifice during which we give thanks, remember Jesus' sacrifice, and receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The consecration is the part of the Eucharistic Prayer in which the priest prays the words of Jesus Christ over the bread and wine, and these elements become the Body and Blood of Christ. 	Participation in the Body of Christ 1 Corinthians 10:16; Feeding of the Five Thousand Luke 9:12–17; The Lord's Supper Matthew 26:26–28	1419, 1382, 1377	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	consecration, transubstantiation, Blessed Sacrament	St. Clare of Assisi	Call to Community, Human Solidarity



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KINGDOM OF GOD 7	CHAPTER 19 The Call to Serve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A vocation is a particular way to answer God's call to serve him and others, whether as a member of the ordained ministry, a consecrated religious, or a lay person (married or single). Each of us needs to learn to listen for God's call in our own lives. The Sacraments at the Service of Communion celebrate people's commitment to serve God and the Church. 	Whoever Serves Me Joú 12:26; 13:4-5, 12-15; The Compassion of Jesus Matthew 9:35-38	825, 897-899, 160, 1534	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	vocation, laity, consecrated religious life, vows	St. Francis Xavier	The Dignity of Work, Care for Creation
	CHAPTER 20 The Last Things	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Last Judgment is God's final triumph over evil at the end of time when Christ returns and judges all the living and the dead. At the time of death, each person will be judged and God will decide where he or she will spend eternity. We prepare for eternal life by accepting God's grace, growing in his friendship, and serving him and one another right now. The symbols used at a Mass of Christian Burial connect to our Baptism and Jesus' Resurrection. 	God of the Living Luke 20:37-38; The Judgment of the Nations Matthew 25:31-40	759, 1022, 2794-2795, 1681-1683	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Heaven, Hell, eternal life, Purgatory, Particular Judgment, viaticum	St. Stephen	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 21 Bring the Good News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By his words and actions, Jesus showed how the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled in him. Evangelization is giving witness to the faith by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus through words and deeds in a way that invites people to accept the Gospel. In the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are given grace to become more like Christ, to love God and others better. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions that address the physical and spiritual needs of others. 	Hope Is in the Lord Psalm 146:5-10; Fulfilled in Your Hearing Luke 4:16-21	2472, 436, 712-714, 905, 1392, 1394, 2447	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	missionaries, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, evangelization, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy	St. Vincent de Paul	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor
THE HUMAN PERSON	The Body Speaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A person of integrity matches their actions and words to their beliefs. We can use the language of the body to communicate through actions such as facial expressions or gestures. The body is like a sacrament because it is a visible sign of our mind and spirit that lets us understand the whole person. Our vocation is how we answer God's call to service. 	Do Everything In the Name of Jesus Colossians 3:15-17; Judas Betrays Jesus Mark 14:43-45	2093, 2099-2100	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Integrity, language of the body	Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman	Life and Dignity, Call to Community



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KERYGMA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are called to experience Christ and not only learn facts about him. The Kerygma is the most important parts of Jesus' life as proclaimed by the apostles. Experiencing Jesus in our lives calls us to conversion and to freely choose to respond to God's invitation to relationship. God continues his work of salvation in and through every Christian. Jesus' Resurrection gives life to us each day and teaches us that Christ can redeem any evil. 	Generous Love Titus 3:3-5; Orderly Sequence Luke 1:1-4	1427-1428, 1989, 2044	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	kerygma, conversion	St. Laura Montoya	Call to Community, Human Solidarity	
	REVELATION 1	CHAPTER 1 Divine Revelation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bible presents the story of God's presence and his saving plan for his People. Salvation is the loving action of God's forgiveness of sins and the restoration of friendship with him brought by Jesus. The Bible writers used different literary forms to tell stories of God's presence and action. God is faithful and wants all people to live with him forever. 	The Lord's Word Psalm 33:4-9; Ruth and Naomi Ruth 1:1-17	50, 51-55, 110, 205	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith	Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, Divine Revelation	St. Teresa of Ávila	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
		CHAPTER 2 The Creation Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two accounts of creation teach that God alone is the Creator and that humans are his creatures. The first man and woman were created by God in a state of original holiness, or grace. Humans are created in the image and likeness of God with a desire to seek his truth. Eternity is time without end and new life beyond death. 	Divine Majesty and Human Dignity Psalm 8:2-3a, 4-9; First Account of Creation Genesis 1:1-5; The Second Account Genesis 2:4-25	289, 355, 1015-1017, 375	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Old Testament, soul, human dignity, Original Holiness, providence	St. Fiacre	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
		CHAPTER 3 God's Faithfulness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faithfulness is the loyalty and steadfastness that God shows to all humans, even when they sin. The first man and woman brought sin and death into the world through free choice, and one of the effects of sin is separation from God. Jesus is the "new Adam" because he makes amends for the disobedience of Adam. Jesus is the fulfillment of the covenant. 	God is Faithful 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24; The First Sin Genesis 3:1-6; The Great Flood Genesis 3:1-24, 4:1-15, 7:1-4, 9:8-11; The Tower of Babel Genesis 11:1-9	214, 402-404, 411, 612-613	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	covenant, faithfulness, Original Sin, temptation, new Adam	Bl. Peter To Rot	Rights and Responsibilities, Human Solidarity
	TRINITY 2	CHAPTER 4 Journeys of Faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The faith stories of Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants teach us about trust in God. We need daily prayer in order to deepen faith. God guides our journey of faith through prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and the Church. 	The Lord Is With You Deuteronomy 31:7-8; Abram's Call Genesis 12:1-9; Abraham's Visitors Genesis 18:1-14; 21:1-6; Joseph Genesis 37-45	145-146, 2697-2698, 162	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Teaching Prayer	salvation, Seven Sacraments, faith	St. Monica	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
		CHAPTER 5 God's Saving Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God calls ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. Moses is a model of courage for us to choose good. The Exodus refers to the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom by God's action. Passover is the Jewish holy day that celebrates God's leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. 	His Mercy Endures Psalm 118:1-5, 14; Moses Exodus 1-3; The Exodus Exodus 7:1-11:10, 12:29	2566, 2575, 2056-2057, 1150	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Exodus, Passover, Savior	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Rights and Responsibilities, The Dignity of Work
		CHAPTER 6 Living the Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God satisfied the needs of the Israelites by giving them manna, water, and the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are laws meant to strengthen the relationship between God and his People. Jesus' New Commandment has a direct relationship to the Ten Commandments. Humans have a unique place in God's Kingdom as we walk by faith in God through Jesus. 	Jesus Fulfills the Law Matthew 5:17-19; The Quail and the Manna Exodus 16:11-15	1334, 2062, 2052-2053, 160	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Decalogue, natural moral law, Kingdom of God, New Commandment	St. Hilda of Whitby	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor
	JESUS CHRIST 3	CHAPTER 7 Leaders for God's People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anointing is the use of oil to mark someone as chosen for a special purpose. The Israelites requested an earthly king, such as David, to lead them as God's People, and Jesus can be compared to King David. Many of the Psalms, poems, and hymns first used in the worship of the Israelites are included in the Old Testament. Each of us possesses gifts that could be used for the good of the Church. 	The Lord Is My Shepherd Psalm 23; Samuel Anoints David 1 Samuel 16:13	695, 2579, 1177, 2003	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Teaching Prayer	anoint, Christ, psalms	St. Louis IX	Life and Dignity, Call to Community
		CHAPTER 8 The Wisdom of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wisdom is a gift from God that helps us understand the purpose and plan for our life. The Wisdom books in the Bible offer guidance for faithful and wise living. We are called to seek God's wisdom in our own lives. 	Give Me Wisdom 2 Chronicles 1:10-12; Solomon's Request 1 Kings 3:4-14; The Story of Job Job 42:2-6	321, 122, 1704-1706	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	wisdom	St. Thomas Aquinas	Rights and Responsibilities, Care for Creation
CHAPTER 9 Prophetic Promise		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A prophet is a messenger from God who speaks the truth and calls people to justice. The prophecies of Isaiah and Zechariah include titles that we apply to Jesus. The word <i>Messiah</i> means God's anointed or chosen one who would lead God's People. Jesus is the Messiah. 	Emmanuel Isaiah 7:14; 9:5b-6; The Chosen One Isaiah 9:5, Zechariah 9:9	64, 711-714, 601	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith	prophet, exile, Messiah, Incarnation	Bl. Jacinta Marto	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor	



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THE CHURCH 4	CHAPTER 10 The Gospel Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus shared through his teaching, healing, miracles, and sacrifice the Good News of salvation. The Gospels are called the Good News of Jesus because they proclaim his life and teaching. The Gospels, like all the books of the Bible, are divinely inspired and rooted in oral tradition. Biblical images such as People of God and Body of Christ describe the Church. 	The Boy Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:41–52; The Anointed One Luke 4:16–22	763, 125–127, 76, 753	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Redeemer, Sabbath, Gospel, New Testament, Church	St. John Neumann	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
	CHAPTER 11 The Early Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pentecost is the feast that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the early Church. Apostolic Succession is the passing down of authority and power to lead and teach the Church from the Apostles to the bishops. The Holy Spirit continues to animate the Church today. 	Make Disciples of All Nations Matthew 28:18–20; The Coming of the Spirit Acts 2:1–8	2624, 2623, 77, 2473, 1092	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Holy Trinity, mission, Apostolic Succession	St. Timothy	Call to Community, Rights and Responsibilities
	CHAPTER 12 The Body of Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Epistles are letters written by Paul and several other Apostles to the new Christian communities they established. There are two main creeds of the Church—Nicene and Apostles’. The Marks of the Church are the essential characteristics that distinguish Christ’s Church and her mission: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. 	The Communal Life Acts of the Apostles 2:42–44	106–107, 811, 750	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Epistles, Marks of the Church, Body of Christ	St. Jude	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
MORALITY 5	CHAPTER 13 The Great Commandment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Transfiguration is the revelation of Jesus in glory to the Apostles Peter, James, and John. The practice of charity is an important part of our faith journeys. The Precepts of the Church help the faithful to live holy and dutiful lives. 	The Greatest Commandments Mark 12:28–31; The Covenant Jeremiah 31:33–34; The Transfiguration of Jesus Matthew 17:1–8; The Greatest Commandment Matthew 22:37–40	2054–2055, 554, 1889, 2041	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	Transfiguration, morality, Beatitudes, charity, Precepts of the Church	Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati	Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 14 Justice and Peace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The prophets teach us about the relationship between peace and justice. Justice is giving what is due to God and others. Natural moral law is the understanding that God places in every human heart. Social sins are the unjust structures that can occur as the result of personal sin. 	Make Justice Your Aim Isaiah 1:17; The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3–10; What the Lord Requires Micah 6:8	2304–2305, 1807, 1956, 1869	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	justice, virtue, grace, peace, social sin, common good	Bl. Dorothy Chavez Orozco	Life and Dignity, Option for the Poor
	CHAPTER 15 Sin and Forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are three conditions necessary for a sin to be considered mortal. Venial sin weakens a person’s relationship with God, gets in the way of practicing virtue, and, unrepented, has other effects. We are required to obey the certain judgment of an informed conscience. Through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, God forgives us and restores us to his friendship. 	Forgive Seventy-Seven Times Matthew 18:21–22; The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant Matthew 18:23–35	1857, 1863, 1798, 1422	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	sin, venial sin, mortal sin, conscience, sacramental seal	St. Margaret of Cortona	Life and Dignity, Rights and Responsibilities
SACRAMENTS 6	CHAPTER 16 Baptized for Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evangelization is giving witness to the faith by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in a way that invites people to accept the Gospel. By our Baptism, we all share in the Church’s mission to announce the Good News of God’s Kingdom. Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism and seals us with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Eucharist unites us to Jesus Christ and one another, nourishing us to live out our faith. 	You Have Been Called 1 Peter 2:21; Philip and the Ethiopian Acts 8:26–39	905, 900, 1285, 1392	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	conversion, evangelization, Eucharist, transubstantiation, Real Presence, Tabernacle	St. Rose Philippine Duchesne	Option for the Poor, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 17 Lives of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus’ washing of his disciples’ feet was a sign of his love and a model for serving others. Vocation is the purpose for which God made us and the particular way a person answers his call. Holy Orders confers a sacred power for serving the faithful by teaching, leading people in worship, and pastoral governing. Consecrated religious life is a state of life lived in community and characterized by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. 	Serve One Another 1 Peter 4:10–11; The Washing of the Disciples’ Feet John 13:1–15	1337, 1533, 1877, 1552–1553, 915	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Introduction to Community Life	vocation, Holy Orders, Magisterium, consecrated religious life	St. Ignatius Loyola	Call to Community, The Dignity of Work
	CHAPTER 18 Sharing God’s Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Sacrament of Matrimony, a baptized man and a baptized woman make a permanent covenant of love with each other and with God. This Sacrament helps a couple grow in love and holiness and make a home for children. The Catholic family is called the domestic Church because it is the community of faith in the home. The virtues of temperance, chastity, and modesty help us follow the Ninth Commandment. 	One Flesh Matthew 19:4–6; The Wedding at Cana John 2:1–10	1601, 1641, 2204, 2521–2524	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	Matrimony, domestic Church, temperance, chastity, modesty	St. Henry II	Call to Community, The Dignity of Work



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KINGDOM OF GOD 7	CHAPTER 19 The Communion of Saints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Communion of Saints includes all holy persons both living and dead, those being purified in Purgatory and the blessed in Heaven, who are united in the Eucharist. Purgatory is a state of final cleansing and purification after death and before entering into Heaven. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions by which we address others' needs of the heart, mind, and soul. Intercessory prayer and personal reflection are a means to growing in holiness. 	Called to Be Holy Romans 1:7–8; Communal Life Acts 2:42–47	946–948, 961, 1030, 2447, 2634	Teaching Prayer, Introduction to Community Life	Communion of Saints, Purgatory, Corporal Works of Mercy, Spiritual Works of Mercy, intercession	St. Mary Faustina Kowalska	The Dignity of Work, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 20 Christian Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus desires unity among his believers. The ecumenical movement looks for ways to help Christians work toward unity. The Catholic Church desires to unite all Christians in the Body of Christ. The Protestant Reformation refers to the separation from the Church led by Martin Luther. 	Unity of the Spirit Ephesians 4:3–6; The Prayer of Jesus John 16:32–33, 17:11, 20–21	813, 817, 814–815, 820	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	schism, Protestant Reformation, ecumenism	St. Charles Borromeo	Call to Community, Human Solidarity
	CHAPTER 21 A New Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apocalyptic literature is a type of writing that claims to reveal what humans cannot see. God will triumph over evil when Christ comes again in glory. The resurrection of the body and life everlasting are central tenets of the Catholic faith. God promises us eternal life; virtues, Sacraments, prayers, and the Church can help us deepen our trust in his promise. 	Waiting for the Coming of the Day of God 2 Peter 3:11b–12a, 13, 18; The New Heaven and the New Earth Revelation 21:1–4	1027, 759, 988, 1810–1811, 671	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith	apocalyptic literature, Resurrection, new creation	St. John the Evangelist	Life and Dignity, Care for Creation
CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY	Communion of Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our purpose in life is loving union and communion with God and others. When we follow God's purpose for us we are on the path of discipleship. Jesus showed the language of love when he died for us on the Cross. Our gifts and talents are clues to God's plan for us. Communion is God's design for us as we give the gift of ourselves to others. 	Living Sacrifice Romans 12:1–2, 6–7; God's Purpose For Us Isaiah 46:10–11	357, 364, 850, 951	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	Four-fold union	Ven. Matteo Farina	Life and Dignity, Call to Community

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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 <i>Genesis 1:26-27</i> ; God gave his only Son to Save Us <i>John 3:16-17</i>	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 <i>Wisdom of Ben Sira (Sirach) 39:16-21</i> ; The Story of Creation <i>Genesis 1:1-2</i>	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 <i>Hebrews 4:12</i> ; The Similes of Salt and Light <i>Matthew 5:14-16</i>	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 <i>Isaiah 42:1-3, 6-7</i>	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 <i>John 17:24-26</i>	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 <i>Philippians 2:9-11</i> ; In the Beginning Was the Word <i>John 1:1-2</i>	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 <i>Romans 5:1-5</i> ; The Advocate <i>John 14:15-17</i>	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

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KERYGMA	The Face of Mercy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God, created humans for relationship and with the capacity to know God. Divine Revelation is God's gracious gift of sharing his own self and his divine plan with humanity in history. Mercy is God's patience with us which we can appreciate and experience through the gift of Jesus. The kerygma is the message that God loves us, sent his son Jesus to save us from sin and offer us new life in the Resurrection. Jesus' suffering, pain and sacrifice show us that we are never alone during our life as disciples. 	The Prayer of Jesus John 17:5-7; Created in God's Image Genesis 1:27, 31, 2:7	99, 156, 461, 1449, 2763	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith	Divine Revelation, Incarnation	Bl. Jilda Irwa	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community and Participation
REVELATION 1	1 In God's Image	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God made humans in his image and likeness so we could be in relationship with him. With a soul, reason, and free will, humans can set their priority and direction in life toward friendship with God. Jesus is the model for living out this relationship. Through the accounts of creation and the establishment of the covenant, we learn that God is faithful to all humans, even when they sin. Natural and revealed law helps us live out the covenant and grow closer to God. 	The Story of Creation Genesis 1:27-28, 31; Dependence on God Matthew 6:26-33	35, 45, 356, 357, 346, 1954-1974	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Forming for Life in Christ	soul, free will, covenant, Ten Commandments, Decalogue	St. Marcella	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
	2 Revelation and Faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God's revelation is contained in his written word of Scripture and in the Sacred Tradition of the Church passed down from Jesus; entrusted to the Apostles; and safeguarded by them and their successors, the bishops. Together, they make up one source of Divine Revelation. Faith is both a gift from God and a free human choice and action. It is an individual act and an act of the Church; the faith of the Church nourishes and strengthens the faith of each of us. The three Theological Virtues help us to believe in God, trust in his plan for us, and love him as he loves us. 	Faith and Works James 2:14-17; Prayer and Conduct 1 Timothy 2:3-4; Saying of Faith Luke 17:5-6	75-80, 84, 153, 176, 181, 1812-1813	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Sacred Tradition, faith, Church, councils, virtue, Theological Virtues	St. Thomas	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
	3 The Church Is Holy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God created humans to share in his glory, to be holy, and to be joined fully with him. Angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of salvation. They are spiritual beings that praise God and serve him as messengers to help people understand God's plan or to keep them safe from harm. As the perfect and complete revelation of God, Jesus shows God's holiness. It is in the Church that Christ fulfills and reveals his own mystery as the purpose of God's plan. The Church is the Body of Christ and a sign of the holiness of God. She helps us grow in holiness, especially through prayer and worship. 	Dependence on God Luke 12:22-23, 31-34; Divine Majesty and Human Dignity Psalm 8:4-7	357, 2013, 331-333, 772-773, 823-829	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	holiness, angel, holy, Marks of the Church	Bl. Miguel Pro	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person
TRINITY 2	4 The Trinity Made Known	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus' Transfiguration revealed his Divine glory as the Son of God, and shows us God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Church is part of God's plan for all people to come to know him, love him, and glorify him. The Holy Spirit is alive and active in the Church, uniting her and guiding her and each of us to help further God's work on Earth. Grace is the free, loving gift of God's own life, which he offers to us, his adopted sons and daughters. Our prayer reflects the way we understand and know God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 	Praise of the Father Luke 10:21-22	554-556, 824, 851, 747, 845, 1996-1999, 2564-2565	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Teaching Prayer	Transfiguration, Pentecost, grace, Holy Trinity, Creed	St. Lucy	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
	5 We Are Christ's People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God invites everyone to be part of his family, the Church. All Church members have an important relationship with God. We belong to the People of God through Baptism and belief in Christ, which matures as we grow, learn, and experience more. The Church exists to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. God uses each member's gifts and talents in the Church to help others come to know and love him. Through Baptism, each of us shares in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. We offer our lives and prayer to God, show others the Good News through our words and actions, and serve others with joy as we lead them to Christ. 	The Parable of the Tenants Matthew 21:42; God's House and People 1 Peter 2:9-10	1, 4, 851, 752, 1937, 783, 1546-1547	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	salvation, <i>ekklesia</i> , domestic Church, offices of Christ	St. Angela Merici	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
	6 Temple of the Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As temples of the Holy Spirit, we need to take care of our souls like we take care of our bodies. Baptism and Confirmation strengthen us to be witnesses for Christ. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to live as faithful disciples. Opening our hearts to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will help us grow into mature faith. The Church is both a visible, structured organization and the Mystical Body of Christ, in which the Holy Spirit lives uniting the Church, guiding her and each of us, and giving us life. 	The Advocate John 14:24-27; Sexual Immorality 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Call to Holiness 2 Corinthians 6:16-18	364-365, 1303-1304, 1830-1832, 791, 1396	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	Temple of the Holy Spirit, character, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Fruits of the Holy Spirit, Mystical Body of Christ	Bl. Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family

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JESUS CHRIST 3	7	Encountering Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus met many people in different circumstances. He welcomed them, urged them to believe, and encouraged them to change their lives. As the Apostles' friendship with Jesus deepened, so did their understanding of who he was and what he taught them. After Jesus' Ascension and then Pentecost, the early Christians gained the courage to witness to others. The first members of the Church demonstrated Christian friendship in how they worshipped together, followed Jesus' example, and cared for each other. 	The Prayer of Jesus John 17:20–24; The Call of Levi Mark 2:16; The Blind Bartimaeus Mark 10:51; The Pardon of the Sinful Woman Luke 7:47	871, 787–788, 126, 1226, 751, 849	Leading to a Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	disciple, Apostles, Ascension	Sts. Prisca and Aquila	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person
	8	Life in Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is the Light of the World, who offers eternal life to those who accept God's grace and follow Jesus, our model of holiness in faith. Justification is the forgiveness of sins and the return to the goodness for which humans were created. Baptism offers us a share in the Divine Life, to live in "right" relationship with God because of the sacrifice of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. We respond to the life that Jesus offers by doing what is just and right. Conversion is a continual turning away from sin and the things that keep us from growing in God's love. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is an experience of conversion. 	The Rejection at Nazareth Luke 4:18–19; Duty to Live in the Light Ephesians 5:8–9; Faith, Hope, and Love Romans 5:1	458, 459, 1987–1995, 1226, 1227, 1778, 1426–1429	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	justification, eternal life, righteous, conversion	Bl. Victoria Rasoamanarivo	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
	9	One in Christ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church is apostolic because her teaching authority comes directly from Jesus and his Apostles to the bishops of the Church who are their direct successors. Roman Catholics and Eastern Catholics celebrate some Rites in different ways, but they are united by a common Creed, the Seven Sacraments, and the Pope's leadership. The Church of Christ subsists in the Catholic Church. Catholics pray, hope, and work toward unity among all Christian (ecclesial) communities. 	Unity and Variety 1 Corinthians 12:4–11 ; The Prayer of Jesus John 17:20–26	857, 185–190, 1297–1301, 818–822, 874	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Apostles' Creed, apostolic (Mark of the Church), one (Mark of the Church), ecumenism	St. Peregrine Laziosi	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
THE CHURCH 4	10	The Church Is Apostolic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacred Tradition is the teaching handed on to us from Jesus and his Apostles. It is one source of the Word of God. The Apostles and their successors were empowered by Jesus to act in his name. Apostolic Succession is the authority to lead and teach the Church that can be traced through the centuries from the Apostles to their successors, the bishops. The Church continues to teach the truth of Christ through the Magisterium—the Pope, and bishops in union with him, guided by the Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed and Apostles' Creed contain the foundational truths of our faith that express our oneness of belief. 	The Communal Life Acts 2:42–43; Peter's Confession about Jesus Matthew 16:18–19; Righteousness Based on Faith Romans 10:13–15	84, 873, 1209, 889–892, 2302–2306, 198–200	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Pope, Apostolic Succession, Magisterium, infallible, Nicene Creed	St. Peter Damian	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person
	11	The Church Is Catholic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The missionary mandate of the Church is that salvation can only come through faith in Christ and his Church. Every baptized Catholic is called to share in the missionary work of the Church and to be evangelists, to spread Christ's message of salvation to people who have not yet come to know and believe in Jesus. The Church is catholic, or universal, for she proclaims the fullness of God's truth to everyone, everywhere throughout time, welcoming people of all cultures and ages. The Church proclaims the teaching of Christ by respectfully adapting to the culture while never compromising the truth. 	Peter's Speech at Pentecost Acts 2:39, 44–45; The Samaritan Woman John 4:13–26, 39–42	849–850, 905, 942, 831, 868, 814, 854	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	Evangelists, missionary mandate, catholic (Mark of the Church), missionaries	St. Agnes	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Solidarity of the Human Family
	12	The Christian Faithful <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All baptized Catholics are called to share in Jesus' mission as priest, prophet, and king to serve the mission of the Church. All lay people are called to be "like leaven" in the world. Lay people support the life of the parish community and the parish's mission to serve others in Christ's name. The evangelical counsels are chastity, poverty, and obedience. Those in consecrated religious life take vows to live the evangelical counsels and serve an important role in the Church's mission. 	The Similes of Salt and Light Matthew 5:13–16	783, 1591, 898–906, 871–873, 915–916	Introduction to Community Life	clergy, laity, consecrated religious life, evangelical counsels	Bl. Edmund Ignatius Rice	Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, Care for God's Creation

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MORALITY 5	13	Honoring God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God made a covenant with his Chosen People, the Israelites. The Ten Commandments are the laws of that covenant. These laws still hold true today. The First Commandment calls us to put God first in our lives. Attitudes and behaviors that are not in accord with the First Commandment can lead us away from God. Faith, hope, and charity are the Theological Virtues. Idolatry keeps us from experiencing true faith, hope, and charity. The Second Commandment states that God's name is holy and we should always refer to his name with respect and reverence. 	The Greatest Commandment Mark 12:28–30; Matthew 22:34–40; Divine Majesty and Human Dignity Psalm 8:1; Teaching about Oaths Matthew 5:33–35, 37	781, 2086–2087, 1812–1813, 2113–2114, 2143–2144, 2161–2162	Forming for Life in Christ	Great Commandment, idolatry, blasphemy, perjury	St. Blaise	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Care for God's Creation
	14	Honoring the Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fourth Commandment calls us to honor our parents. The love, honor, and respect found in the Holy Family is a model for our own families. Within the family, we develop personal character, grow in our understanding of right and wrong, and learn what's truly important. We have a moral obligation to form and follow a well-formed conscience to help us in judging what is right or wrong. 	Responsibilities to Parents The Wisdom of Ben Sira (Sirach) 3:1–6; The Boy Jesus in the Temple Luke 2:49–52	2197–2200, 564, 1657, 2203–2208, 1776–1781	Forming for Life in Christ	filial respect, Feast of the Holy Family, conscience, informed conscience	St. Helena	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Solidarity of the Human Family
	15	The Dignity of All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The common good is the Christian principle that all people, either in groups or as individuals, are given opportunities to reach the fullness of their God-given humanity. The Church works to make sure that public and political authority acts with truth, justice, freedom, and solidarity. The New Commandment not only guides our personal lives but that of organizations and nations. Solidarity compels us to work for the rights of others. Our individual actions to promote Catholic Social Teaching, peace, and love begin close to home. 	Life in the Christian Community Acts 4:32–35	1924, 1929–1933, 2419, 2420, 1910–1912, 1939–1942, 1926	Forming for Life in Christ, Introduction to Community Life	common good, New Commandment, solidarity, personal sin, social sin	St. John Chrysostom	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
SACRAMENTS 6	16	Worship and Grace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The signs, symbols, and rituals of the liturgy form us in prayer, communicate God's gift of life, and show us the deeper meanings of the mystery. Even outside of the Mass, we show adoration and veneration for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Our spiritual life—God's grace in us, the celebration of the liturgy, and our participation in the Seven Sacraments—strengthens our moral life—how we live by Jesus' example, his teachings, and the Precepts of the Church. The Third Commandment required the people of the Old Law to observe the Sabbath. As Catholics we observe the Lord's Day on Sunday. 	Communal Life Acts 2:46–47	1145–1155, 1378, 1803, 2177–2182	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	liturgy, Seven Sacraments, Blessed Sacrament, Tabernacle, Precepts of the Church, sanctifying grace, actual grace	St. Thomas Becket	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
	17	Faithful Living <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sacrament of Matrimony strengthens a couple to live out their promises to be true and faithful and open to the gift of children. Living out the marriage covenant requires the couple to follow the Sixth and Ninth Commandments. Holy Orders is the Sacrament in which a baptized man is ordained to teach the faithful, lead divine worship, and govern the Church. All people are called to the virtues of modesty and chastity. The grace of the Eucharist and Reconciliation can strengthen all of us in our desire to be pure and self-respecting. 	Counsel to Timothy 1 Timothy 4:12, 15	1602, 1624, 2514–2516, 2380, 1547–1553, 2348, 2533	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery, Forming for Life in Christ	Matrimony, fidelity, vows, Holy Orders, <i>in persona Christi</i>	St. Benedict the Black	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
	18	The Liturgical Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church celebrates the Paschal Mystery through a yearly cycle of seasons and feasts, which connect us more closely to Jesus. Because we are different each year, we enter into the Church's seasons and feasts with different needs, hopes, and relationships with God and others. The Eucharist is at the heart of what it means to be Catholic. Participation in Sunday Mass and our own regular personal prayer help us live the life of Christ. In the liturgy, the three Divine Persons of the Holy Trinity are present and active in our worship. We are transformed by the liturgy to become more like Christ. 	Praise of God the Creator The Wisdom of Ben Sira (Sirach) 39:16, 21, 33–35; No One Can Determine the Right Time to Act Ecclesiastes 3:1–8	1163–1165, 1168, 1194, 1404, 1110–1112	Initiating into the Celebration of the Mystery	liturgical year, consecration, Saints, Liturgy of the Hours, Holy Days of Obligation	Bl. Maria del Transito de Jesus Sacramentado	Solidarity of the Human Family, Care for God's Creation

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KINGDOM OF GOD 7	19	<p>The Communion of Saints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Communion of Saints is everyone who believes in and follows Jesus: Church members here on Earth, souls being purified in Purgatory, and the blessed already in Heaven. We pray during every Mass for those who have died. We show our communion with all Church members when we support one another through prayer and sacrifice. Sacramentals are holy objects, prayers, and practices that help us respond to God's grace and bring us closer to him. Religious art, especially icons, helps Catholics honor the Saints and glorify God. 	Freedom from Sin; Life in God Romans 6:3–9, 11; The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:2–5	946, 1475, 1032, 1670, 1677, 1678, 2501–2503	Introduction to Community Life, Teaching Prayer	Communion of Saints, sacramentals, Stations of the Cross, Paschal Candle, icons	St. André Bessette	Call to Family, Community, and Participation, Solidarity of the Human Family
	20	<p>Examples for Living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary lived a life of faithful obedience to God. She said “yes” to God and became the Mother of his Son and of all those who believe in him. The Catholic Church teaches that, at the end of her life, Mary, body and soul, was “taken up” (assumed) into Heaven. The Church honors Mary as the preeminent member of the Communion of Saints and honors her with many feast days and devotions. Saints are role models for us. We are all called to be Saints and to accept God's friendship, which leads us to a life of service. 	The Beatitudes Matthew 5:2–12; Announcement of the Birth of Jesus Luke 1:26–38; The Vine and the Branches John 15:12–13	148, 149, 964, 966, 1195, 828	Forming for a Life in Christ, Teaching Prayer, Introduction to Community Life	Assumption, devotions, Immaculate Conception, canonization, beatification	Bl. Mariam Theresia Chiramel Mankidiyan	Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
	21	<p>From Age to Age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church grew from a persecuted, illegal religion to the religion of the Roman Empire. Many Saints and Popes promoted freedom of religion and helped believers keep their faith despite political and social situations. Within the Catholic Church, there may be diversity in ministry but we have a unity of mission. The Council of Trent worked to make Church teachings clearer and to reform perceived abuses. The Church continues to address the needs of the poor and the oppressed. The documents and decisions from the Second Vatican Council invite all the members of the Church to give a Catholic response to the challenges we face in the modern world. 	Trial of Persecution 1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:10–11; The Commissioning of the Disciples Matthew 28:16–20	2104–2109, 873, 1376, 2443, 2444	Leading to Knowledge of the Faith, Introduction to Community Life	martyr, monastery	St. Marianne Cope	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Care for God's Creation
CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY	Created For Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church helps us in our mission to live as children of God bringing love to others. We have a deep longing for the love of God in our souls and we are physical Temples of the Holy Spirit. We have a responsibility to use our bodies to work for the greatest good for others and avoid sin which is a failure to love others. The Beatitudes are Christ's guides for our actions and attitudes so that we can make sacrificial choices to live as children of God. Humility is the virtue that allows us to know our total dependence on God's mercy and be merciful to others in return. 	The Love of God in Christ Romans 8:28, 38–39; Believe in Him John 3:16–21; I Live By Faith Galatians 2:19b–20; A Living Sacrifice Romans 12:1–2	997, 1695, 1719, 1725, 2392, 2554	Forming for Life in Christ	Resurrection of the Body, humility, Living Sacrifice	Bl. Hermann of Reicheneau	Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person