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KERYGMA	Jesus Our Savior	 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
1	The Creator's Work	 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
LATION	The Church Gathered	 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
REVE	Families Teach Love	 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
	The Holy Trinity	 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
7 YINIT	The Church Celebrates	 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
> University	Pray Always	 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
3	The Good News	 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
JESUS CHRIST	The Paschal Mystery	 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
JES	The Body of Christ	 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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CHAPTER 10	Church Leaders	 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	
CHURCH 4	One and Holy	 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	
THE CHAPTER 12	Catholic and Apostolic	 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	
CHAPTER 13	Choose Love	 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	
ORALITY G	Live in the Light	 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	
M(CHAPTER 15	Help With Choices	 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	
9 CHAPTER 16	Sacraments of Initiation	 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 Chrism, Sacraments of Initiation, Real Presence, Eucharist	St. John the Baptist	Life and Dignity, Call to Community	
RAMENTS CHAPTER 17	Sacraments of Healing	 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 Celebratioin of the Mystery	Sacraments of Healing	St. Marianne Cope	Rights and Responsibilities, The Dignity of Work	
SAC	Sacraments at the Service of Communion	 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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7	The Church Through Time	 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
M OF GOD	The Work of the Church	 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
KINGDC	Everlasting Life	 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	 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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