Program Connections

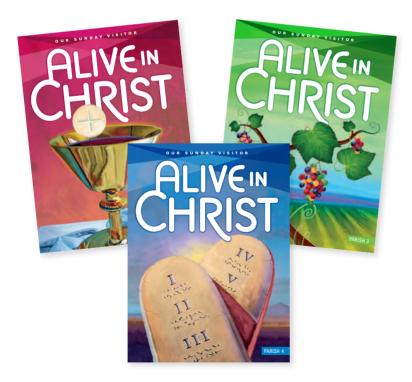
Using Encounter with Christ and Alive in Christ

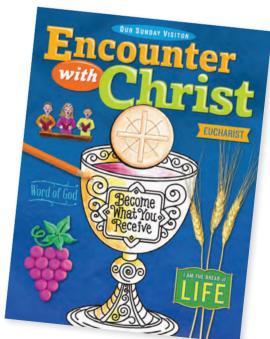
The USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis calls for doctrinally and pastorally sound catechesis for the Sacraments that is both preparatory and lifelong, that leads "to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ," and that is "integrated into a comprehensive catechetical program" (Sacramental Catechesis: An Online Resource for Dioceses and *Eparchies*, pp. 15, 16).

The Subcommittee on the Catechism, in granting conformity to Sacrament preparation text as supplemental to basal, has requested that publishers develop materials that are to be used in conjunction with, not in lieu of, basal religious education texts. In other words, the assumption is that preparation

for the Sacraments takes place along with a comprehensive and systematic catechetical program. To this end, the Subcommittee developed a review instrument specifically for Sacrament preparation materials.

The development of *Encounter with Christ*, which has been found to be in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, takes this directive to heart, and "focuses primarily on the symbols, rituals, and prayers contained in the rite for each sacrament" (Sacramental Catechesis: An Online Resource for Dioceses and Eparchies, p. 16). The correlation on the following page indicates where more in-depth catechesis on session topics takes place in Alive in Christ.





Topics Treated in Both Programs

For further background or coverage on session topics presented in *Encounter with Christ*, see the noted chapters in *Alive in Christ*.

Encounter with Christ Eucharist Child Book	Alive in Christ Grade 2	Alive in Christ Grade 3	Alive in Christ Grade 4
Session 1: We Belong	Chapter 6: the Holy Trinity, Holy Spirit, discipleship Chapter 10: Seven Sacraments, Sacraments of Initiation, Rite of Baptism	Chapter 4: the Holy Trinity Chapter 11: Communion of Saints Chapter 16: Sacraments of Initiation	Chapter 5: the Holy Trinity, communal life Chapter 17: the Seven Sacraments
Session 2: We Gather	Chapter 14: parish life, ministries Chapter 16: liturgical roles, elements of the Introductory Rites	Chapter 9: parish life, the Body of Christ, service Chapter 18: ministers, serving one another	Chapter 9: worship, honoring God, keeping the Lord's Day Chapter 10: vows, states of life, laity, liturgical ministries
Session 3: We Listen and Respond	Chapter 3: the Bible, Old and New Testaments, Jesus' stories about the Father Chapter 17: parables, elements of the Liturgy of the Word	Chapter 2: the Bible, understanding God's Word Chapter 4: creed Chapter 5: liturgy, the Mass	Chapter 1: Divine Revelation, Scripture and Tradition Chapter 17: the Sacrament of Eucharist
Session 4: We Accept and Offer	Chapter 18: Liturgy of the Eucharist, Eucharist as memorial and sacrifice Chapter 19: Lamb of God	Chapter 8: Paschal Mystery, sacrifice	Chapter 16: Paschal Mystery Chapter 17: active participation
Session 5: We Give Thanks and Receive	Chapter 18: Liturgy of the Eucharist, Last Supper, Consecration Chapter 19: Real Presence, Holy Communion, Blessed Sacrament, Tabernacle	Chapter 5: Last Supper, Blessed Sacrament, Tabernacle	Chapter 17: Eucharist, Last Supper, active participation
Session 6: We Share	Chapter 20: Concluding Rites, mission	Chapter 14: Light of the World, virtue, vocation Chapter 20: mission of the Church	Chapter 9: worship, the Lord's Day