

Grade 8 Scope and Sequence

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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	
	1 REVELATION	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
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
2 TRINITY	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	The Communion of Saints <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	Examples for Living <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	From Age to Age <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