

**Goal 1: Know and understand the basic teachings of the Catholic Church.**

**Standard A:** Recognize that the Creed reveals the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church.

**Standard B:** Understand the life of Jesus as revealed through Sacred Scripture.

**Standard C:** Know and apply the teachings of the Catholic Church as they are reflected in the life of the Virgin Mary, in the communion of saints and in the Church.

**Standard D:** Understand the origin and the tradition of the Catholic Church and its mission to spread the Gospel Message.

***LIFE APPLICATION:** When students understand what Catholics believe, they can be observed giving witness to Catholic faith in their daily lives and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.*

**OUTCOME:** Students will become persons who appreciate the teachings of the Church leading to a profound sense of the mystery of salvation. (RCIA,75)

**Goal 2: Know and appreciate the importance of the liturgy and of the sacraments in the life of Catholics.**

**Standard A:** Recognize and participate in the Catholic Church's liturgical life as a means to encounter Christ in its' feasts, its' seasons, its' symbols, its' practices, and its' prayers.

**Standard B:** Comprehend that sacraments are an outward sign of God's Love having the power to transform our lives.

**Standard C:** Appreciate the Eucharist and understand that it is central to our lives and to the life of the Catholic Church.

***LIFE APPLICATION:** When students understand why Catholics celebrate sacraments, they can be observed participating fully with understanding and joy in the Mass and other sacraments with their family and community.*

**OUTCOME:** Students will become persons who are growing in understanding the Paschal Mystery through meditation on the Gospel and through sharing in the Eucharist in order to go forth to love and serve the Lord. RCIA,244)

**Goal 3: Understand and appreciate that through baptism we are called to life in Christ.**

**Standard A:** Understand the importance of the Beatitudes and of the Commandments as a means to the development of a well-informed conscience.

**Standard B:** Know and understand the principles of Catholic Social Justice Teaching and experience how to apply them appropriately through a life of service.

**Standard C:** Accept and recognize the presence of God's Grace in everyday life.

**Standard D:** Know that we are witnesses to the Gospel as responsible members of the local and of the universal Catholic Church, stewards of the world and evangelizers for Christ.

***LIFE APPLICATION:** When students understand what it is to be called to life in Christ, they will develop a right relationship with God, self and others, and can be observed making good decisions and living a life of virtue, love and service.*

**OUTCOME:** Students will become persons who follow divine inspiration in their actions and who practice love of neighbor even at cost to their self. (RCIA, 75)

**Goal 4: Recognize and engage in personal and communal Catholic forms of prayer, of Scripture study, and of other experiences that deepen one's spiritual life.**

**Standard A:** Understand and accept the call to enter into a personal relationship with God.

**Standard B:** Experience the importance of prayer and appreciate a variety of prayer types and of traditions.

**Standard C:** Understand how to read Scripture and to integrate Scripture into personal prayer.

**Standard D:** Experience communal Scripture Study and sharing as a basis for lifelong faith formation.

**LIFE APPLICATION:** *When students know the importance of prayer, how to pray well, and how to use Scripture in prayer, they begin to develop the ability to see the action of God in their own lives and become comfortable sharing prayer with family and friends.*

**OUTCOME:** Students will become persons who turn readily to God in prayer. (RCIA, 75)



### **What is my family's role in passing on Catholic faith to my child?**

Parents are the primary educators of their children. You can help pass on the faith to your child by knowing and reinforcing Catholic beliefs, practices and ways of living and sharing these at home. These elements then become the basis for your child's lifelong growth in faith.

### **How will my child be evaluated?**

Although testing and grading practices may vary between schools or programs, children may be graded on their knowledge of Catholic teachings and practices, but not on faith itself. The outcome of faith formation is to form disciples who "work actively with others to spread the Gospel and build up the Church by witness of their lives and by professing their faith." (RCIA, 75.4)

### **My Family's Commitment to Sunday Mass**

Baptism calls us to holiness. We respond to this call by gathering as a Catholic Faith Community on weekends to give praise and worship to God as a family.

### **Web Sites**

[www.dioceseofjoliet.org/cso](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/cso)

[www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo)

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## **Diocese of Joliet**



## **Faith Formation Curriculum**

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*Let the little children  
come to me....*  
(Luke 18:16)

### **Welcome**

to the Faith Formation Curriculum for the Diocese of Joliet. This brochure is a simple guide to how you as parent, can understand and reinforce what your child learns in school or religious education.