

GRADE 3

ANCHOR STANDARD 1 – KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH (K)

STRANDS: CREED AND SCRIPTURE

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
K.3.1	Define faith as a grace, a gift of God
K.3.2	Discuss God’s call to ongoing conversion
K. 3.3	Identify Jesus as the one whose whole earthly life most fully reveals who God is
K.3.4	Explain the coming of the Holy Spirit
K.3.5	Describe the Bible as the Word of God in human words
K.3.6	Tell the story of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple
K.3.7	Describe the Baptism of Jesus as the beginning of this public life/ministry
K.3.8	Discuss the meanings of Jesus’ parables and his purpose for using them
K.3.9	Define miracles as signs worked by Jesus that reveal God’s love and power at work in him, manifest the presence of the Kingdom in him and attest that he was the promised Messiah
K.3.10	Discuss Jesus’ calling of the apostles
K.3.11	Tell the story of the sending of the Holy Spirit/Pentecost

ANCHOR STANDARD 2 – KNOWLEDGE OF SACRAMENTS AND LITURGY (SL)

STRANDS: SACRAMENTS AND LITURGY

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
SL.3.1	Define sacraments as visible signs of God’s grace
SL.3.2	Describe Jesus’ continuing care for the sick and dying as expressed in the Anointing of the Sick
SL.3.3	List the ranks of Holy Orders as Bishop, Priest, and Deacon
SL.3.4	Identify the basic elements of the Liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, & Ordinary Time
SL.3.5	Identify the major Marian feasts

SL.3.6	Recite the appropriate responses and prayers of the Mass
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ANCHOR STANDARD 3—MORAL FORMATION (M)

STRANDS: MORAL LIVING, SIN, AND CONSCIENCE

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
M.3.1	Recognize that God created each person with a body and a soul
M.3.3	Define sin as refusal to love God, self, and neighbor
M.3.4	Explain how sin, temptation, accidents, and mistakes differ
M.3.5	Describe the power of God’s love as greater than the power of sin
M.3.6	Discuss the degrees of personal sinfulness: mortal (grave) offense and venial (lesser) offense
M.3.7	Recognize the need for reconciliation with the community
M.3.8	Define conscience
M.3.9	Practice a simple examination of conscience

ANCHOR STANDARD 4—PRAYING WITH CHRIST (P)

STRAND: PRAYER

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
P.3.1	Describe prayer as asking the saints to intercede with God for us and the entire world
P.3.2	Describe Benediction/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
P.3.3	Recite the Apostles Creed
P.3.4	Plan a prayer around a theme

ANCHOR STANDARD 5—LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE CHURCH (C)
 STRAND: THE CHURCH

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
C.3.1	Identify a Christian as a disciple of Jesus
C.3.2	Understand the formation of Christian communities
C.3.3	Identify saints as intercessors
C.3.4	Describe stewardship as making the best use of God’s gifts in creation, caring for and sharing one’s time, talents and possessions

ANCHOR STANDARD 6—LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN SOCIETY (CS)
 STRAND: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
CS.3.1	Respond to the need to care for and share their gifts of time, talent, possessions, etc.
CS.3.2	Identify the causes and effects of hunger in the world

ANCHOR STANDARD 7 – THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB)

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
TOB.3.1	Identify all persons as created in the image and likeness of God
TOB.3.2	Explain why human beings are persons to be loved, and not treated as objects
TOB.3.3	State that God created each person with a body and a soul
TOB.3.4	Explain that God made each human being as a boy or a girl as revealed in their bodies
TOB.3.5	Explain how bodily actions have meaning
TOB.3.6	Explain, at an age appropriate level, that life is a gift and each person is created as a gift

RESOURCES

I. CATECHIST RESOURCES

Organizations

- Archdiocese of Cincinnati – catholiccincinnati.org
- Ruah Woods – ruahwoods.org
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops – usccb.org
- The Vatican – vatican.va

Web Sites of Publishers of Parish & School Catechetical Programs for Early Childhood through Grade 8

- Ignatius Press – ignatius.com
- Loyola Press – loyolapress.com
- Our Sunday Visitor – osvcurriculum.com
- Pflaum Publishing – pflaum.com
- RCL Benziger – rclbenziger.com
- Sadlier – sadlier.com/religion
- Sophia Institute – sophiainstitute.com

Web Sites to Assist Catechists

The web sites listed below contain a variety of resources for planning catechetical sessions, including activities, prayers, and background information for catechists.

- catechist.com (an online companion to “Catechist” magazine)
- catholiccatechist.org
- thereligionteacher.com

II. THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RESOURCES

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Website Resources:

- [Overview of St. John Paul II's General Audiences](#) commonly known as Theology of the Body
- [The Theology of the Body According to St. John Paul II](#) by Dr. John Grabowski
- [John Paul II's New Vision of Human Sexuality and Family Life](#) by Fr. Richard M. Hogan
- [For Your Marriage](#), practical resources and Catholic teachings on the nature of Christian marriage

Books:

- Pope John Paul II, [Love and Responsibility: A New Translation of John Paul II's Classic Work](#), Pauline Books, 2013.
- Sri, Edward, [Men, Women and the Mystery of Love: Practical Insights from John Paul II's Love and Responsibility, Second Edition](#), Servant Publishing, 2015.
- West, Christopher, [Theology of the Body For Beginners, Revised Edition](#), Ascension Press, 2014.

General Background of Theology of the Body (Print):

- [Introduction to Theology of the Body, Dr. Patti Zordich](#)
A clinical psychologist's experience using Theology of the Body in counselling youth and families.
- [The New Language: A Crash Course in the Theology of the Body](#)
A popular and accessible overview of Theology of the Body.
- [Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, Telling Lies With Our Bodies](#)
An overview of the theological role of the human body in God's plan for our salvation.

Theology of the Body Institutes and Training Centers:

- [Theology of the Body Institute](#)
- [Ruah Woods](#)