

Grade 8ANCHOR STANDARD 1 – KNOWLEDGE OF FAITH (K)

STRANDS: CREED, REVELATION

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
K.8.1	Articulate understanding that God is holy and completely deserving of our love and worship
K.8.2	Identify the relationship between Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture as flowing from the same divine source
K.8.3	Describe the preparation period for the mission of Jesus and His disciples, the replacement of Judas, Peter's leadership, Jesus' Ascension, and the role of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:13-26)
K.8.4	Describe Sacred Scripture as a collection of books written under God's inspiration
K.8.5	Identify to interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the human authors truly wanted to affirm and what God wants to reveal to us through their words
K.8.6	Describe how the stories of the early Church help us to understand the beginnings
K.8.7	Describe why the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith

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

STRANDS: SACRAMENTS AND SACRAMENTALS AND LITURGY

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
SL.8.1	Recognize the purpose of the sacraments to sanctify, build up the Body of Christ, and give worship to God
SL.8.2	Describe the movements of the Mass
SL.8.3	Show understanding of public devotions in parish life; especially Eucharistic adoration and benediction
SL.8.4	Explain the signs of the bishop's apostolic ministry: the miter, crozier, pectoral cross, and ring

ANCHOR STANDARD 3: MORAL FORMATION (M)

STRANDS: MORAL LIVING AND CONSCIENCE

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
M.8.1	Recognize that the Church has a right and duty to teach moral truth
M.8.2	State that mortal sin requires full knowledge, sufficient reflection, and full personal consent of the will
M.8.3	Explain that God’s grace, the virtues, and the Holy Spirit help us with moral decision-making
M.8.4	Define grace as the favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to His call to become children of God
M.8.5	Describe sanctifying grace as the grace that perfects the soul itself to enable it to live with God, to act by His love

ANCHOR STANDARD 4: PRAYING WITH CHRIST (P)

STRANDS: PRAYER, MARY AND THE SAINTS, AND MEMORIZED PRAYERS

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
P.8.1	State how the desire for God is written in the human heart because we are created by God and for Him
P.8.2	Demonstrate a variety of prayer styles: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer
P.8.3	Recognize the important role of saints and martyrs in our Church and how they can assist us in our pursuit of holiness through the example of their earthly life and their intercession for us
P.8.4	Describe these moments in the life of Mary: Annunciation (484, 490), Visitation (717), Assumption (966), and Coronation (1 Pet. 5:4)
P.8.5	Memorize the following prayers and precepts: Theological Virtues, Regina Coeli, Divine Praises, Lectio Divina (knowledge of), Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany (knowledge of), Novena (knowledge of)

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

STRANDS: CHRISTIAN LIVING AND THE CHURCH

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
C.8.1	Realize that the protection of life and the dignity of every person is rooted in Scripture
C.8.2	Show understanding that the Church is a living institution, both human and divine, gifted by the Holy Spirit with a mission to the world
C.8.3	Recognize that the members of the Church have contributed to the mission of the Church throughout her history
C.8.4	Name and explain the significance of influential popes, major councils, and key events in the history of the Church
C.8.5	Describe the Magisterium as the teaching office of the bishops in communion with the pope

ANCHOR STANDARD 6: LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN SOCIETY (CS)

STRANDS: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING, EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP, AND VOCATIONS

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
CS.8.1	State that the social doctrine of the Church teaches the demands of justice and peace in conformity with divine wisdom
CS.8.2	Describe the call to discipleship as faithfully following Jesus and answering his call to “go and make disciples of all nations”
CS.8.3	Explain stewardship in terms of St. Peter’s statement, “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace”
CS.8.4	Describe the universal nature of the Church
CS.8.5	Describe the universal call to holiness as the perfection of charity and intimate union with God through seeking His will
CS.8.6	Recognize the understanding of vocation as a call from God to engage in the mission of the Church
CS.8.7	Describe that following Christ on a daily basis in life is possible through prayer and discernment
CS.8.8	Explain that your permanent vocation is God’s definite purpose for your life, found through discernment

ANCHOR STANDARD 7 – THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB)

<u>Standard</u>	<u>Standard Description</u>
TOB.8.1	Explain vocation as one's calling to live out spousal love
TOB.8.2	Explain that when God calls someone to the vocation of married life, consecrated life, or the priesthood He invites and does not force, which leaves the person free to respond
TOB.8.3	Explain the complementarity of marriage and celibacy for the sake of the kingdom
TOB.8.4	Explain the beatitude: "Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God" (Mt. 5:8)
TOB.8.5	Explain how shame is something good because it moves us to protect the gift of ourselves and helps us treat others with the reverence they deserve
TOB.8.6	Explain that love is the power to participate in the love of God himself: total, faithful, fruitful, and generous
TOB.8.7	Explain what will come about at the Resurrection of the body

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](#)