We Believe Catholic Identity Edition
Parish | School • Grades K–6

Correlation to the Four Pillars of the Catechism to the Catholic Church
We Believe Catholic Identity Edition Connects to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has four main sections, which are referred to as the four pillars. They are:

- Creed
- Liturgy and Sacraments
- Morality
- Prayer

The core of We Believe Catholic Identity Edition is an integrated approach to faith formation, incorporating the four pillars and presenting our faith with simple, easy-to-understand language.

We Believe Catholic Identity Edition features clear and concise ways to catechize that are pedagogically sound.

In the Student Edition, every chapter of each grade level incorporates the four pillars through:

- The Catechetical process
  - We Gather—ritual prayer, Scripture, liturgical music (prayer, liturgy)
  - We Believe—faith statements, presentation, “As Catholics” (creed)
  - We Respond—praying and living faith (prayer, morality)
- Chapter Reviews that re-emphasize chapter content
- Reflect and Pray that engages in prayer
- Our Catholic Life that presents witnesses who live the Catholic faith
- Liturgical Chapters specifically addressing the liturgical year, the seasons, and truths of faith, which we celebrate
- WeBelieveWeb.com website that offers additional information, activities, and prayer to further stimulate students’ faith
- Four Retreats per grade, each based on one of the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Why We Believe page with references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church geared to adults who help students understand the faith
Student texts also specifically address each of the four pillars. See **Scope and Sequence** for a complete presentation of where topics in each of the four pillars are formally presented and for references to the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**Catholic Identity Q&A**

Each grade level student book includes a section of questions and answers that reviews the content of each of the chapters. This section can be used at home, school, or in the parish. The questions and answers in this section are referenced to the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**, strengthen students’ understanding of their Catholic faith, and help reinforce their Catholic Identity.

**Q:** What is the Incarnation?
**A:** The Incarnation is the truth that God the Son became man. 

**CCC**, 461, 463

**Q:** What is the Kingdom of God?
**A:** The Kingdom of God is the power of God’s love active in the world. 

**CCC**, 2046

**Q:** Why did Jesus die and rise from the dead?
**A:** Jesus died and rose from the dead to save us from our sins so that we could live with God forever. 

**CCC**, 517

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**Catholic Identity Home Companion**

This section, found in each student book, has a treasury of resources to help build up Catholic Identity at home. **The Home Companion** for each grade has four sections—one for each pillar—and offers prayers, practices, and devotions to use at home or in class. For each of these themes there are Catholic prayers, practices, and devotions which help us share our faith with those that we love—and make it a part of our daily lives as a Catholic family.
In the Catechist and Teacher Editions, each grade level incorporates the four pillars through:

- **Catechist Development**
  - Articles for the catechist that help explain the connections between the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Scripture, and Tradition
  - Suggested resources for additional adult faith formation

- **Catechist Background for each chapter**
  - Articles related to content with questions for reflection
  - Doctrinal Content box with references to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

- **Lesson Plans**
  - Connections to the four pillars and to Catholic practices
  - Lesson assistance within the guides that further the understanding of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

- **SadlierConnect.com** with further adult formation and resources

The Parent/Family components offer information on the four pillars through:

- **Unit Openers**
  - Adult background on lesson
  - CCC references for further study
  - Application of Catholic beliefs to the family life and action

- **“Sharing Faith with My Family”** is a dedicated section that supports families with ideas for home faith formation
  - A summary of lesson content
  - Family prayer, led by the child
  - Family activities and suggestions for service ideas
  - Connection to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

- **Sharing Faith in Class and at Home**
  - Activities that deepen and expand lessons
  - Prayer
  - Living faith

- **Sharing Faith in Class and at Home**
  - Insights and reflections for families, such as adult faith formation resources, and activities for the child and their families to reinforce and expand faith concepts
We Believe, Grade K

God Made the World

Introductory Chapter

Unit 1

God Gives Us Many Gifts
1. God Made All Things
2. God Gives Us Light
3. God Gives Us Water
4. God Gives Us the Land
5. God Made the Animals
6. The Church Year
7. Ordinary Time
8. Retreat: Creed—focus on; God the Father, Our Creator

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 295, 299, 344, 290, 337, 358, 338
Morality: 2402, 2416

Unit 2

God Is Our Creator
9. God Made All People
10. God Made Us
11. God Helps Us to Discover
12. We Learn About God with Our Families
13. We Learn About God with Our Friends
14. Advent
15. Christmas
16. Retreat: Liturgy and Sacraments—focus on Sacraments

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 355, 360, 294, 295
Morality: 1703, 2207, 2208, 2220, 1829
Prayer & Worship: 2567
Unit 3
Jesus Shows Us God’s Love
16. God Chooses Mary
17. God the Father Gives Us Jesus
18. Jesus Grew Up in Nazareth
19. Jesus Teaches and Helps Us
20. Jesus Wants Us to Love
21. Lent
22. The Three Days
23. Retreat: Morality—focus on Loving Others

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 494, 488, 422, 531, 533, 543, 544–545
Morality: 1823, 1825

Unit 4
Jesus Wants Us to Share God’s Love
24. We Belong to the Church
25. We Pray as Jesus Did
26. We Celebrate Jesus’ Gift of Himself
27. We Care About Others as Jesus Did
28. We Celebrate that Jesus Is Our Friend
29. Easter
30. Sharing Faith in Class and at Home
31. Retreat: Prayer—focus on Praying for Others

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 759, 544, 425
Sacraments: 1267, 1337, 1346
Morality: 1932, 1972
Prayer & Worship: 2561, 2601
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We Believe, Grade 1

God Loves Us

Introductory Chapter

Unit 1

Jesus Teaches Us about God’s Love

1. God Is Our Father
2. We Believe in the Blessed Trinity
3. Jesus Grew Up in a Family
4. Jesus Works Among the People
5. Jesus Teaches Us About Love
6. The Church Year
7. Ordinary Time
8. Retreat: Creed—focus on Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Sacraments: 1168, 1163
Morality: 2055, 1931
Prayer & Worship: 2857–2865

Unit 2

We Are Followers of Jesus

9. Jesus Had Many Followers
10. Jesus Died and Rose to New Life
11. Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit
12. The Holy Spirit Helps the Church to Grow
13. The Church Serves
14. Advent
15. Christmas
16. Retreat: Liturgy and Sacraments—focus on The Sacrament of Baptism

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Creed: 543, 548, 754, 559, 584, 638, 541, 729, 730, 732, 767, 768, 798, 858, 862, 881, 524, 463
Morality: 1942
Prayer & Worship: 2759, 2776, 2624
We Believe, Grade 1

Unit 3
We Belong to the Church
17. We Belong to a Parish
18. We Celebrate the Sacraments
19. The Church Welcomes New Members
20. We Are Followers of Jesus
21. We Celebrate God’s Forgiveness
22. Lent
23. The Three Days
24. Retreat: Morality—focus on Serving Others

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 583, 748, 617, 540
Sacraments: 1083, 1084, 1113, 1267, 1265, 1234, 1271, 1421, 1431, 1440
Morality: 2179, 2182, 2444, 1216, 2304, 1730
Prayer & Worship: 2840

Unit 4
We Celebrate and Live Our Faith
25. Jesus Gives Us the Eucharist
26. We Celebrate the Mass
27. We Share God’s Love
28. We Honor Mary and the Saints
29. We Care for the Gifts of God’s Creation
30. Easter
31. Sharing Faith in Class and at Home
32. Retreat: Prayer—focus on The Saints and Prayer

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 964, 963, 954, 956, 356, 641
Sacraments: 1339, 1341, 1346, 1348, 1349, 1353, 1396
Morality: 2178, 2196, 2217, 1825, 2516, 1825
Prayer & Worship: 2558
We Believe, Grade 2

Jesus Shares God’s Life

Introductory Chapter

Unit 1
Jesus Christ Is With Us Always
1. Jesus Is the Son of God
2. Jesus Christ Gives Us the Church
3. We Celebrate God’s Love
4. We Celebrate Baptism
5. We Celebrate Confirmation
6. The Church Year
7. Ordinary Time
8. Retreat: Creed—focus on Jesus, God’s Greatest Gift

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 422, 470, 548, 243–244, 787, 638, 729, 737

Unit 2
Jesus Calls Us to Penance and Reconciliation
9. We Learn About God’s Love
10. God Gives Us Laws
11. We Follow God’s Laws
12. We Prepare for the Sacrament of Forgiveness
13. We Celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness
14. Advent
15. Christmas
16. Retreat: Liturgy and Sacraments—focus on The Sacrament of the Eucharist

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 104, 121, 124, 127, 981, 524, 526
Morality: 2055, 2059, 2067, 2069, 2074, 1730, 1850, 1441, 1446, 1454, 1451, 1455, 1468, 1469, 1425
Unit 3
Jesus Gives Himself in the Eucharist
17. Jesus Gives Us the Eucharist
18. We Gather for the Celebration of the Eucharist
19. We Celebrate the Liturgy of the Word
20. We Celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist
21. We Go in Peace to Share
22. Lent
23. The Three Days
24. Retreat: Morality—focus on Peace and Reconciliation

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 197, 528, 540
Sacraments: 1406, 1339, 1341, 1382, 1348, 1368, 1389, 1349,
1350, 1353, 1355, 1386, 1332, 1418, 1397, 1416

Unit 4
We Live Our Catholic Faith
25. God Calls Us to Love and Serve
26. The Church Lives Today
27. We Pray
28. We Honor Mary and the Saints
29. We Show Love and Respect
30. Easter
31. Sharing Faith in Class and at Home
32. Retreat: Prayer—focus on The Lord’s Prayer

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 30, 886, 882, 831, 957, 963, 971, 307, 641
Sacraments: 1604, 1658, 1578, 1618
Morality: 2179, 1694, 1823, 1825
Prayer & Worship: 2560, 2599, 2759, 2767, 2676
Introductory Chapter

Unit 1

Jesus Gives Us the Church
1. God Sends Us His Own Son
2. Jesus Teaches Us About God's Love
3. Christ Will Come Again
4. The Church Begins
5. We Learn About the Early Church
6. The Church Year
7. Ordinary Time
8. Retreat: Creed—focus on the Holy Spirit

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Sacraments: 1168, 1163
Morality: 1970, 2030

Unit 2

We Are Members of the Church
9. The Church Has Four Marks
10. The Church Teaches Us
11. The Church Prays
12. The Parish Is Our Home
13. God Calls Us to Holiness
14. Advent
15. Christmas
16. Retreat: Liturgy and Sacraments—focus on Grace

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Creed: 765, 880, 811, 823, 830, 857, 782, 789, 194, 798, 771, 825, 915, 524, 526
Sacraments: 1348, 1213, 1565
Morality: 2179, 2182, 2186, 1719
Prayer & Worship: 2759, 2655, 2626–2643, 2691, 2697
Unit 3
The Church Leads Us in Worship
17. We Celebrate the Sacraments
18. Celebrating Eucharist: The Mass
19. We Worship at Mass
20. Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation
21. We Pray for Healing and Eternal Life
22. Lent
23. The Three Days
24. Retreat: Morality—focus on Repentance

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 540, 647
Sacraments: 1113, 1212, 1421, 1534, 1340, 1323, 1343, 1359, 1349, 1355, 1428, 1439, 1450–1460, 1469, 1503, 1511, 1681, 1684
Morality: 1694

Unit 4
We Are Called to Discipleship
25. We Continue the Work of Jesus
26. The Church Respects All People
27. The Church Is Worldwide
28. We Are God’s Holy People
29. The Kingdom of God Continues to Grow
30. Easter
31. Sharing Faith in Class and at Home
32. Retreat: Prayer—focus on Marian Prayer

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 543, 551, 843, 839, 838, 855, 835, 957, 972, 971, 546, 541, 548, 644
Sacraments: 1203, 1204
Morality: 2419, 2449, 2105, 2013
Prayer & Worship: 2818
Introductory Chapter

Unit 1
Growing in Jesus Christ
1. Jesus—the Way, the Truth, and the Life
2. Jesus Leads Us to Happiness
3. Sin in Our World
4. Our Conscience, Our Guide
5. Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation
6. The Liturgical Year
7. Ordinary Time
8. Retreat: Creed—focus on Salvation

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 544, 430, 767, 609, 543, 764, 387
Sacraments: 1716, 1454, 1423-1424, 1441, 1448, 1468-1469, 1168, 1163
Morality: 1850, 1853, 1878, 1776, 1777, 1785

Unit 2
Confirmation and Eucharist Complete Our Initiation
9. Learning About God’s Law
10. The First Commandment
11. The Second Commandment
12. The Third Commandment
13. Strengthened by the Eucharist
14. Advent
15. Christmas
16. Retreat: Liturgy and Sacraments—focus on Sacraments of Healing

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 524, 528
Sacraments: 1186, 1348, 1349, 1355, 1397
Morality: 2057, 2060, 2052–2053, 2055, 2085, 2096, 2093, 2098, 2143, 2144, 2153, 2172, 2177, 2185, 2186
We Believe, Grade 4

God’s Law Guides Us

Unit 3
The Commandments Help Us to Love Others
17. The Fourth Commandment
18. The Fifth Commandment
19. The Sixth Commandment
20. The Seventh Commandment
21. The Eighth Commandment
22. Lent
23. Triduum
24. Retreat: Morality—focus on Truth

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 540, 617
Morality: 2199, 2207, 2206, 2238, 2258, 2270, 2288, 2304, 2331, 2348, 2347, 2361, 2401, 2412, 2415, 2446, 2465, 2472, 2483, 2469

Unit 4
We Are Called to Holiness
25. The Ninth Commandment
26. The Tenth Commandment
27. We Grow in Holiness
28. We Are the Church
29. We Are Called to Discipleship
30. Easter
31. Sharing Faith in Class and at Home
32. Retreat: Prayer—focus on Sacramentals

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 814, 967, 645
Sacraments: 1123, 1805, 1825
Morality: 2516, 2520, 2519, 2524, 2538, 2544, 2547, 1970, 1698, 1831, 2041, 2042, 2043, 1813
Prayer & Worship: 2766
Introductory Chapter

Unit 1
Jesus Christ Shares His Life with Us
1. Jesus Shares God’s Life with Us
2. Jesus Shares His Mission with the Church
3. The Church Celebrates Seven Sacraments
4. New Life in Christ
5. The Celebration of Baptism
6. The Liturgical Year
7. Ordinary Time
8. Retreat: Creed—focus on Blessed Trinity

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Creed: 535, 543, 546, 737, 787, 863, 783
Sacraments: 1067, 1212, 1421, 1534, 1213, 1265, 1274, 1226, 1248, 1217–1222, 1254, 1163, 1168

Unit 2
Confirmation and Eucharist Complete Our Initiation
9. The Coming of the Holy Spirit
10. The Celebration of Confirmation
11. Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life
12. The Celebration of the Eucharist
13. Living As Prayerful People
14. Advent
15. Christmas
16. Retreat: Liturgy and Sacraments—focus on Sacraments at the Service of Communion

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Creed: 524, 457
Sacraments: 1287, 1288–1289, 1303, 1309, 1298, 1300, 1299, 1305, 1324, 1328–1330, 1329, 1338, 1348, 1349, 1352, 1355, 1396, 1174, 1670, 1674
Prayer & Worship: 2765
Unit 3
The Sacraments of Healing Restore Us
17. We Turn to God
18. The Celebration of Reconciliation
19. Jesus, the Healer
20. The Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick
21. Mary, Model of Discipleship
22. Lent
23. Triduum
24. Retreat: Morality—focus on Human Dignity

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 494, 492, 963, 971, 559, 654
Sacraments: 1427, 1441, 1442, 1445, 1468–1469, 1484, 1470, 1474, 1503, 1506, 1509, 1521, 1520, 1522, 1517
Morality: 2288

Unit 4
We Love and Serve as Jesus Did
25. Faith, Hope, and Love
26. Called to Live as Jesus’ Disciples
27. Matrimony: A Promise of Faithfulness and Love
28. Holy Orders: A Promise of Service for the People of God
29. One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic
30. Easter
31. Sharing Faith in Class and at Home
32. Retreat: Prayer—focus on Forms of Prayer

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 828, 900, 917, 959, 551, 830–831, 857, 855, 655
Sacraments: 1546, 1605, 1616, 1644, 1657, 1552, 1554, 1573
Morality: 1814, 1817, 1822, 2442
We Believe, Grade 6

We Are God’s People

Introductory Chapter

Unit 1
Forming the Covenant
1. God’s Revelation
2. Creation
3. People Turn from God
4. God Promises to Help People
5. The Patriarchs: God Chooses a People
6. The Liturgical Year
7. Ordinary Time
8. Retreat: Creed—focus on Divine Revelation

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 32, 38, 81, 120, 289, 293, 301, 357, 362, 373, 397, 404, 410, 401, 58, 57, 61, 59, 63, 303
Sacraments: 1168, 1163

Unit 2
Building the Covenant Nation
9. An Enslaved People
10. A Free People
11. A Conquering People
12. A Royal People
13. A Prosperous People
14. Advent
15. Christmas
16. Retreats: Liturgy and Sacraments—focus on
   The Sacrament of Confirmation

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Creed: 312, 207, 697, 695, 524, 461
Sacraments: 1363, 1334, 1611, 1150
Morality: 2057, 2578, 1831
Prayer & Worship: 2575, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2586
We Believe, Grade 6

We Are God’s People

Unit 3

Redefining the Covenant People

17. A Divided People: Israel, the Northern Kingdom
18. A Divided People: Judah, the Southern Kingdom
19. The Exile and the Journey Home
20. A Strong People
21. God Fulfills His Promise
22. Lent
23. Triduum
24. Retreat: Morality—focus on Witness

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Creed: 709, 716, 710, 873, 711, 713, 715, 584, 423, 484, 495, 534, 535
Sacraments: 1429, 1096
Sacraments: 1831
Prayer & Worship: 2583, 2584

Unit 4

The Covenant Fulfilled in Jesus

25. Jesus, Teacher and Healer
26. Jesus, Redeemer and Savior
27. The Church Begins
28. The Bible and the Church Today
29. The Church in the World
30. Easter
31. Sharing Faith in Class and at Home
32. Retreat: Prayer—focus on Devotions and Pilgrimages

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Creed: 516, 548, 609, 640, 645, 732, 768, 197, 126, 133, 820, 826, 835, 863, 690
Sacraments: 1337, 1210
Morality: 1723, 2473, 2420
Prayer & Worship: 2767