

Discipleship Formation Curriculum at a Glance...

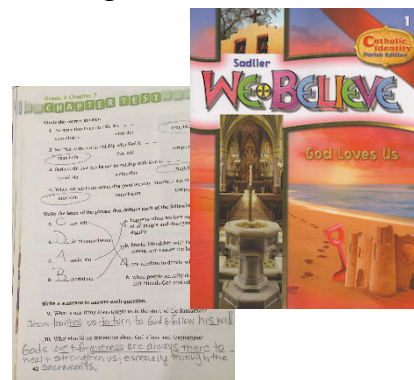
With the implementation of the new textbook series this year for grades 1-8 as well as the addition of supplemental material for the High School program and the time changes, the question may arise regarding meeting the Diocesan standards. The quick answer is yes, we are meeting standards.

Several years ago, Bishop Ricken established a list of approved textbooks for use in parish programs and Catholic day schools. The series that we use throughout our program is one of these selections. Nativity uses:

Grades 1-6: Sadlier "We Believe"

Grades 7 & 8: Our Sunday Visitor "Alive in Christ"

High School: Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth

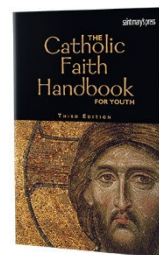


While in previous years, our young people in grades 1-8 used the "Be My Disciples" series from RCL. We selected the new series to help them grow in their relationship with Christ, and to prepare our students for the life as a disciple of Jesus. For example, the "We Believe" series, begins each lesson with a different form of prayer and includes not only Scripture passages but examples of real-life ways to carry the Gospel out into the world.

In addition to approved textbooks, a diocesan committee was established to develop a curriculum for grades 1-8 based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. While the adherence to this is not mandatory, Mary Carter the program director, was part of the team that developed the Green Bay Diocesan curriculum so payed close attention to these benchmarks and standards when developing our parish lessons.

For High School, Mary again sat on the Diocesan committee that went through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) High School Framework, studying textbooks that again could be used in parish programs or Catholic day schools. The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth not only meets but exceeds what is outlined in the Bishops' framework. Moving forward, students will be getting their own copy of the text that they will not only use during their three years of formation but be able to take with them and use as a reference book as they continue their faith journey and lives beyond our formal program.

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Finally, all students from grade 1 through Confirmation are asked to complete one Mass worksheet a month. Our hope is that through this reflective process, they can come into deeper understanding of Scripture and liturgy and be better prepared to go out and "make disciples of all nations". This time of Mass reflection in addition to homework preparation and the 26 class nights, meet and exceed the expectations of diocesan leadership.