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DOMAIN 1 - KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH
The learner will be able to:

- understand that God knows us and calls us by name.
- understand that God is revealed to us through Jesus.
- understand that the Christian faith is a personal response to Jesus and requires a relationship with Jesus.
- understand that the Bible is a collection of many books written under God’s inspiration.
- understand that the Scriptures teach us about the person of Jesus and the meaning of following Jesus and living the Good News.
- understand that key themes of the Good News are found in Scripture.
- understand that reading Scripture can be prayer.
- illustrate a basic understanding of doctrine and dogma in light of the creed.
- understand that as Catholics, we can recall and explain the Nicene Creed.
- understand that Jesus' dying, rising and sending the Spirit to live forever with God's people is called the Paschal Mystery.
- understand that we celebrate Jesus returning to God the Father on the Feast of the Ascension.
- understand that the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as one God is called the Holy Trinity.
- understand that God came into our world to save us.
- understand that we celebrate the Holy Spirit's coming to the disciples on Pentecost Sunday.
- understand that our beliefs are sound and rooted in Scripture and Tradition.

DOMAIN 2 - LITURGICAL LIFE
The learner will be able to:

- understand that Jesus' dying, rising and sending the Spirit to live forever with God's people is called the Paschal Mystery.
- understand that some Catholics are called to liturgical ministries.
- understand that new adult members are welcomed into the Church through a faith-formation process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
- understand that Sacraments signify and make present God's grace.
- understand that Catholics gather in the Eucharist to hear God's Word and celebrate God's presence with us.
- understand that Catholics confess their sins and celebrate God's forgiveness in the sacrament of penance/reconciliation.
- understand that the Eucharistic celebration (Mass) in part reminds us of the Last Supper.
- understand that the Eucharist is the sacrifice of the body and blood of the Lord.
- know and participate in the Rite of Reconciliation.

DOMAIN 3 - MORAL FORMATION
The learner will be able to understand that:

- we care for the world and all that is in it by respecting and protecting it.
as Christians we examine the distribution and use of resources in light of the theology of stewardship.
we promise stewardship.
life is sacred from conception to natural death.
injustices are caused by discrimination and prejudice.
our Church is enriched through diverse cultural expressions.
pro-life activities are encouraged and fostered in the Church.

Jesus told us that the greatest commandments of all are to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
we develop skills for being a friend and for handling peer pressure and specific problems.
we learn to develop responsible relationships with an emphasis on honesty, love, and respect.
sexuality is integral to one's personal identity.
Catholic Christians have specific sexual moral values.
the Scriptures teach us the importance of working for justice, peace, equality, and stewardship in our lives.
Beatitudes challenge us to continual conversion in our personal and social lives.
the dignity of the human person is the foundation of Catholic Christian morality.
we identify moral values in the teachings of Jesus.
the context of moral decision-making within the Catholic Christian tradition is human dignity, God's grace, the virtues and the Holy Spirit.

skills such as listening, self-disclosure, and compromise are necessary for communication with adults and peers.

**DOMAIN 4 - PRAYER**
The learner will be able to:

- understand that Jesus teaches about God, prayer, justice and peace, service, and moral life.
- understand that reading Scripture can be prayer.
- understand that we develop our relationship with God through personal prayer.
- understand that we pray for openness and generous response to God's call in our lives.
- understand that we reflect on how the Gospel affirms and challenges our thoughts and actions.
- understand that prayer of imagination, especially in the context of meditation, is part of our prayer life.
- know and participate in Catholic devotions such as Eucharistic adoration.
- understand that we pray for vocations.

**DOMAIN 5 - COMMUNAL LIFE**
The learner will be able to understand that:

- the Christian faith is a personal response to Jesus and requires a relationship with Jesus.
- Catholics honor Mary as the Mother of God.
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Church is the People of God and the Body of Christ.
Catholics are involved in the life, mission, and work of the parish community and family.
Catholics support the Church financially.
we come to know God through the faith community.
as Christians we examine the distribution and use of resources in light of the theology of stewardship.
we promise stewardship.
we develop skills for being a friend and for handling peer pressure and specific problems.

**skills such as listening, self-disclosure, and compromise are necessary for communication with adults and peers.**

as we grow in faith we build a strong and realistic concept of self with an emphasis on growing autonomy and self-determination.
we can habitually know and do what is good with the help of the theological and cardinal virtues.

**DOMAIN 6 - MISSIONARY SPIRIT**
The learner will be able to understand that:

Jesus' mission and ministry are continued today through the ministries of the word, worship, community-building, and service.
there are a variety of Christian vocations that reflect our baptismal call to discipleship.
priesthood is a unique role in the Church.
religious life is a special type of discipleship.
Jesus taught us that relationships should be based on a life of service to others.
Jesus taught us about carrying a cross and living a life of loving service.

service is an essential element of discipleship.

service is action rooted in and flowing from prayer.

Christ invites us to deny self and take up the cross.
we pray for openness and generous response to God's call in our lives.

**we pray for vocations.**