

Our Lady Queen of Peace
Religious Education
Curriculum

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...” (Mt. 28:18-20)

The Purpose of our Religion Curriculum is to guide us in our attempts to educate and initiate our students into the fullness of Christian life. It is a framework by which we may lead students to a greater awareness and appreciation of their catholic Faith. The Curriculum is based upon the understanding that students will not only learn through formal religious instruction, but from their daily observation of Christian values as modeled by teachers and staff. By experiencing the integration of gospel value in all subject areas, our students will move beyond “religion in the classroom” to religion as a way of life.

I. TO PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE BASIC TEACHINGS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

A. To teach the key characteristics and teachings of the Church.

1. Students will identify the core beliefs of our Catholic Faith as stated in the Apostles' Creed, such as the Trinity, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Saints, Forgiveness, and Salvation.

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Trinity	I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Heaven	I	I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R
Creation	I	I	I	I	R	R	R	R	R
Church	I	I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R
Crucifixion	I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Forgiveness	I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Resurrection	I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

2. Students will be aware of the Liturgical seasons of the Church year and may participate in liturgical celebrations of those seasons.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	R	R	R	R	R	P	P	P

3. Students will know the Holy Days of the Church.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	I	I	R	R	P	P	P

B. To acquaint the students with Sacred Scripture as the Word of God.

1. Students will become familiar with the books of the Bible.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

2. Students will be able to locate biblical citations.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			I	I	R	R	P	P

3. Students will recognize how God speaks to us through varying literary forms used in the Bible.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			I	I	I	R	R	R

4. Students will be encouraged to apply the message of the Bible to their daily lives.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R

C. To emphasize the significance of Mary and the Saints.

1. Students will recognize Mary as the mother of Jesus, Intercessor, disciple.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

2. Students will view saints as followers of Jesus who have received special recognition by the Church.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	R	P	P	P

II. TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A. To encourage the active participation of all students in the Liturgy.

1. Students will be guided to use appropriate resources to prepare liturgical celebrations.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			I	I	R	R	R	R

2. Students will serve as greeters, lecturers, petitioners, gift bearers and song leaders on a regular basis.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	P	P	P	P

B. To heighten the students' awareness of the Sacramentals of the church.

1. Students will recognize the significance of the sacramentals of the church, such as holy water, the crucifix, palms, statues, etc.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	R	P	P	P

2. Students will demonstrate a reverence for the sacramentals used in the sacraments.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	I	R	R	R	P	P	P

C. To instill a sense of moral responsibility in relationship with self and others.

1. Students are encouraged to apply Catholic Moral Principles to interpersonal relationships.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R

2. Students in grades four through eight will employ a mandated series that will address family life issues and topics such as understanding the human person, appreciation for different persons, different styles, respect for each other, relationships, family, friendships, the human body, sexuality, relating as sexual people, responsibility and commitment, belonging to a group, social justice issues ;and human rights, as basic elements.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				I	I	R	R	R

3. Students will critique societal structures in light of Catholic social justice principles and apply them to social and personal situations.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			I	I	R	R	R	R

4. Students will be expected to know the Ten Commandments and understand how they guide our lives as Catholics.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			I	R	R	R	R	R

5. Students will be expected to recognize the Beatitudes as guidelines for our lives as Catholics.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				I	R	R	R	P

III. TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH PRAYER AND SACRAMENTS.

A. To encourage a relationship with God through various forms of prayer.

1. The student will be able to recite these formal prayers:

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sign of the Cross	I	I	R	P	P	P	P	P	P
Our Father		I	R	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hail Mary			I	R	P	P	P	P	P
The Rosary				I	R	R	R	R	R
The Glory Be					I-R	R-P	P	P	P
Act of Contrition					I-R	R-P	P	P	P
Prayer for the Dead					I	I	R	R	P
Grace before Meals			I	I	I-R	R-P	P	P	P
Memorare							I	R	P
Prayer of St. Francis							I	R	P
Act of Love							I	R	P
The Apostles Creed				I	I	I	I	R	R
Mass Responses			I	I	R	R	R	R	P
Nicene Creed							I	R	P

2. The student will have the opportunity to participate in informal prayer.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	R	P	P	P

3. The student will participate in Liturgy as a form of prayer.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	R	P	P	P

B. To enhance the students' relationship with God through knowledge and reception of the Sacraments.

1. The student will be able to identify, define and understand the Seven Sacraments.

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Baptism	I	I	I	R	R	R	P	P	P
Eucharist		I	I	R	R	R	P	P	P
Reconciliation				I	I-R	R	P	P	P
Confirmation				I	I	I-R	P	P	P
Matrimony				I	I	I-R	P	P	P
Holy Orders				I	I	I-R	P	P	P
Anointing of the Sick				I	I	I-R	P	P	P

2. The student will be provided the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation on a regular basis.

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Eucharist			I	R	R	R	R	R	R
Reconciliation					I	R	R	R	R

IV. TO ENGAGE OUR STUDENTS IN ACTIVE SERVICE AS RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

A. To emphasize the students' obligation to care for others in their community, state, country, world.

1. The student will identify ways to serve God by reaching out to others.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R	P

2. The student will apply the Commandment "Love your neighbor as yourself" in the classroom and school activities.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

3. The student will be aware of his/her responsibility to be protective and caring of God's creation.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

B. To provide opportunities for participation in service activities for the various communities to which the student belongs.

1. Students will have the opportunity to contribute to food drives, clothing collections, etc. serving the larger community.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I	I	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

2. Students will be asked to serve as members of the school community organizations such as safety patrol, student council, flag raisers.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					I	R	R	R

3. Students will be encouraged to serve their parish community as Mass servers, Early Childhood teachers and aides, nursery attendants.

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					I	R	R	R