

## 1. The Profession of the Christian Faith

Those who belong to Christ through faith and Baptism must confess their baptismal faith before men (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9). First therefore the Catechism expounds revelation, by which God addresses and gives himself to man, and the faith by which man responds to God (Section One). The profession of faith summarizes the gifts that God gives man: as the Author of all that is good; as Redeemer; and as Sanctifier. It develops these in the three chapters on our baptismal faith in the one God: the almighty Father, the Creator; his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior; and the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, in the Holy Church (Section Two).

Prescribed Learning Outcomes	Suggested Achievement Indicators
<p><i>It is expected that students will:</i></p>	<p><i>The following set of indicators may be used to assess student achievement for each corresponding Prescribed Learning Outcome.</i></p> <p><i>Students who have fully met the Prescribed Learning Outcome are able to:</i></p>
<p>1.1 describe the Church as the community of God's people guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recall the feast of Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as the birth of the Church.</li> <li>• use a visual to demonstrate the fullness of the Church as guided by the Holy Spirit including the Pope, Bishops, priests, Religious, Laity.</li> </ul>
<p>1.2 identify the traits of Christian community as exemplified by the <u>early</u> Church.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• list the traits of the Christian community as exemplified by the early Church as found in Acts 2:42-47.</li> <li>• apply 3 traits to a small group role play or skit that demonstrates their understanding of the early Church's community.</li> </ul>
<p>1.3 describe the Mass as the Paschal Mystery based on Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• locate the passages from the Mass that describe aspects of Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection.</li> <li>• compare and contrast the Last Supper as portrayed in the Gospel with the Eucharist in the Mass using words and/or pictures.</li> <li>• prepare a simplified mass booklet for a younger grade describing the parts of the Mass.</li> </ul>

1.4 provide reasons for being Catholic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• write a letter to a non-Catholic friend explaining the reasons why they are Catholic.</li> <li>• interview a family member, teacher or friend as to why they are Catholic and share their ideas.</li> </ul>
1.5 recognize the basic Spiritual needs for individuals to grow in their faith.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• list the basic needs and compare them to how these needs are met Spiritually through their faith. (food-Eucharist, shelter-Church, clothing-Sacraments, companionship-prayer and community, love-God's grace and relationship to Jesus, celebrations-Ritual and celebration, etc.).</li> </ul>
1.6 demonstrate the concept of stewardship within the Church.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• select one trait of stewardship (time, talent , treasure) and give examples of their chosen trait as practiced within the church.</li> <li>• create a poster or mural that exemplifies one trait of stewardship.</li> <li>• develop an action plan in your school to conserve energy, maintain a clean environment, or recycle.</li> <li>• identify ways our school cares for others, the environment, and all of God's creation.</li> </ul>
1.7 compare various denominations within the Christian world and recognize common beliefs in Jesus Christ.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• research different denominations that recognize Jesus as their savior (information source: RCIA).</li> <li>• compare and contrast the Catholic faith with one other Christian denomination (Orthodox, Baptist, Anglican, Lutheran).</li> </ul>