

Younger (Early) Adolescence (Grades 6-8)
Scope and Sequence of Units/ Topics/ Essential Questions
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Unit #1 – Who is Jesus Christ?

- 1) **Paschal Mystery:** What does the Paschal Mystery teach me about Jesus Christ?
- 2) **Mystery of the Holy Trinity/Incarnation:**
What is the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity? What is the Mystery of the Incarnation?
Why do Catholics believe that God is three persons in one?
- 3) **Blessed Virgin Mary:** How does the Blessed Virgin Mary bring me closer to Jesus Christ? [Flex Topic: could be addressed at the beginning of the year, during October—the month of the rosary, or during Advent/Christmas]

Unit #2 – How do we get to know and love Jesus Christ?

- 1) **Prayer:** How does a daily prayer life help me know and love Jesus Christ?
- 2) **Mass:** How does my participation in Mass increase my faith in Jesus Christ?
- 3) **Sacraments:** How does grace from the sacraments deepen my love for Jesus Christ?

Unit #3 – How does Jesus Christ teach us to live a moral life?

- 1) **Grace/ Sin/ Virtue/ Vice:** Why and how does the grace given by Jesus Christ help me avoid sin and make good choices?
- 2) **Free Will/ Conscience Formation/ Ten Commandments/ Beatitudes:** How do Jesus Christ's commands form my conscience and guide my life?
- 3) **Living a Moral Life/ Social Justice:** What impact do Jesus Christ's commands have on the way I live in the world?

Unit #4 – How are we called to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ?

- 1) **Church's Mission:** How does the Church make Jesus Christ present in the world?
- 2) **Missionary Discipleship:** What does it mean to be a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ?
- 3) **Vocation:** How can I respond to God's call in my life?
- 4) **Community Life:** How does my faith community help me become a missionary disciple of Jesus Christ?