

Archdiocese of Seattle Pre-Kindergarten Religion Curriculum Standards

These standards are to be used as a guide to instruction and assessment in the Pre-Kindergarten classroom.

TASK OF CATECHESIS 1: KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH:

Revelation

- PK-KF-R *Begins to understand* that God created the world because He loves us. (creation)
- PK-KF-R Begins to understand that God created me, others and all I see.
- PK-KF-R Begins to understand that angels have been created by God and that God has given each of us a Guardian Angel to watch over and protect us.
- PK-KF-R-1 Begins to understand the Bible is the holy book that talks about God and creation.
- PK-KF-R-2 Begins to understand the Bible as the book which contains the stories of God's creation and of Jesus' life.
- PK-KF-R-3 Begins to understand that Jesus came to live on earth because He wanted to share God's love with us.
- PK-KF-R.3 Begins to understand that Jesus is God and man, Son of God and Son of Mary.
- PK-KF-R-3 Listens to the stories of Jesus who died on the Cross for us, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven.

Trinity

- PK-KF-T Repeats the Sign of the Cross.
- PK-KF-T Becomes familiar with and shows reverence for the names of the three Divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit.



TASK OF CATECHESIS 2: LITURGICAL EDUCATION:

Eucharist

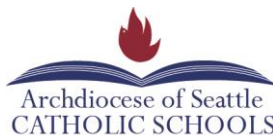
- PK-LE-E Experiences Mass where we worship and thank God.
- PK-LE-E Associates the parish priest with the Mass and is able to identify what he does within the Church.
- PK-LE-E Begins to recite grade level Mass responses. (See Task 4: Teaching to Pray.)
- PK-LE-E Begins to identify the altar, chalice, tabernacle, ciborium, pall, priest's vestments, crucifix, and ambo in pictures or in person.

Celebration of the Sacraments

- PK-LE-S Begins to understand the definition of a Sacrament.
- PK-LE-S-1 Begins to understand that Baptism is a sacrament.
- PK-LE-S-2 Begins to understand that Jesus loves us always and forgives us.
- PK-LE-S-3 Begins to recognize that God has given us parents and a pastor to show

Liturgical Resources

- PK-LE-LR-1 Identifies the special seasons in the Liturgical Calendar: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter and special feasts of Mary and the saints.
- PK-LE-LR-1 Begins to associate the different colors with the different seasons of the Church year.
- PK-LE-LR-2 Begins to recognize items in the classroom, church and at home that are "holy" and regards them with reverence.
- PK-LE-LR-3 Prayerfully listens to Psalm 117 and responds "Halleluiah!"
- PK-LE-LR-4 Bows head when blessed by the pastor, parents or teachers.



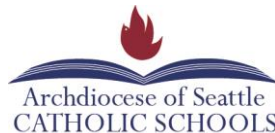
TASK OF CATECHESIS 3: MORALITY / LIFE IN CHRIST:

The Human Person

- PK-ME-HP Begins to understand that God made us to know and to love Him.
- PK-ME-HP-1 Understands how saying a kind word to someone or doing a good deed is a way to show God's love.
- PK-ME-HP-2 Begins to associate happiness with loving and being close to God and other people.
- PK-ME-HP-3 Begins to name and distinguish right (good) from wrong (sinful) actions.
- PK- ME-HP-3 Names times when they can ask God to help them obey their parents and to treat others with kindness.
- PK-ME-HP-4 Compares the reason for and the purpose of the Ten Commandments with rules at home and at school.
- PK-ME-HP-5 Begins to recognize the word virtue as a gift from God

The Human Community

- PK-ME-HC Demonstrates awareness of the needs and feelings of others.
- ME-HC-1 Begins to understand the word sin referring to when we hurt others and don't listen to God.
- PK-ME-HC-2 Begins to understand that God created all people, creatures and the world as a gift for us all.
- PK-ME-HC-2 Shows the importance of sharing and respecting classroom materials and school resources.
- PK-ME-HC-2 Begins to understand, participate in and reflect on service to help care for all God's people, creatures and world.



TASK OF CATECHESIS 4: TEACHING TO PRAY:

The Universal Call of Prayer, The Importance of Prayer

- PK-TP-UC Begins to understand that prayer is talking to God.
- PK-TP-UC Listens to simple prayers.

Forms of Prayer

- PK-TP-FP Spends time with God in prayer.
- PK-TP-FP Knows that through prayer we thank God for our many gifts, and we ask God to help us with our worries.

Expressions of Prayer

- PK-TP-EP Recognizes that we pray at home, at school and at church.
- PK-TP-EP Experiences prayer with music and in short periods of silence.

Our Father: Summary of the Gospel

- PK-P-OF Begins to recognize the Our Father is a prayer we say at Mass and in our daily lives.

Devotional Prayer

- PK-TP-DP Begins to participate in devotional practices, short communal prayers related to the Rosary or Stations of the Cross.

TASK OF CATECHESIS 5: THE LIFE, COMMUNITY AND HISTORY OF THE CHURCH:

The Church in God's Plan: Church History

- PK-LCH-CH Listens to stories about the parish patron saint.
- PK-LCH-CH Begins to understand the word history as the story of the past.

Models of the Catholic Church

- PK-LCH-MC Identifies Church as a place where all people join together to worship, to thank God, to serve God, and to serve one another.
- PK-LCH-MC-1 Associates their parish church as the place where their community, God's family, joins in prayer together.
- PK-LCH-MC-2 Experiences "Body of Christ" as who we are when we pray together and use our hands to help others.
- PK-LCH-MC-3 Recognizes that God loves us so much that the Holy Spirit lives in each of us.

The Mystery and Marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

- PK-LCH-MMC Begins to understand "holy" in reference to the Church.

Christ's Faithful- Hierarchy, Laity, Consecrated Life

- PK-LCH-CF-1 Begins to identify the Archbishop and recognizes his role as the leader of our Archdiocese, the local Church.
- PK- LCH-CF-2 Begins to understand that Sunday is an important day to be with God and to go to Church.
- PK- LCH-MC-3 Understands that Jesus grew up in a loving family.
- PK- LCH-MC-3 Begins to understand Mary as part of the Holy Family.
- PK-LCH-CF-4 Begins to understand the word "holy" as being close to God.
- PK-LCH-CF-5 Begins to understand that both the priest and their parents serve God by taking care of others in their roles.

Communion of Saints

- PK-LCH-CS Listens to stories of saints as heroes of our faith who are part of the family of the Church in heaven.

Mary as Model of the Church

- PK- LCH-Mary Begins to understand that Mary is the Mother of Jesus, Mother of God and our Mother.



TASK OF CATECHESIS 6: THE CHURCH'S MISSIONARY LIFE AND SERVICE:

Baptismal Call and Discipleship

- PK-CMLS-BCD Begins to understand that by Baptism, we are given new life as God's children.
- PK-CMLS-BCD Begins to understand that the Church has a mission given to her by Jesus Christ.

Call to Stewardship and Service

- PK-CMLS-SS Begins to name our unique gifts that God provides us to help others.
- PK-CMLS-SS Participates in and reflects on service and how we can be Jesus for others.

Call to Ecumenism, Interfaith Dialogue, and the New Evangelization

- PK CMLS-EDNE Knows that God made all people, and we are called to be kind and loving to all people.
- PK – CMLS-EDNE Recognizes that Jesus calls us to serve God and all God's people.
- PK- CMLS-EDNE Shows God's love for all people through words and actions.

