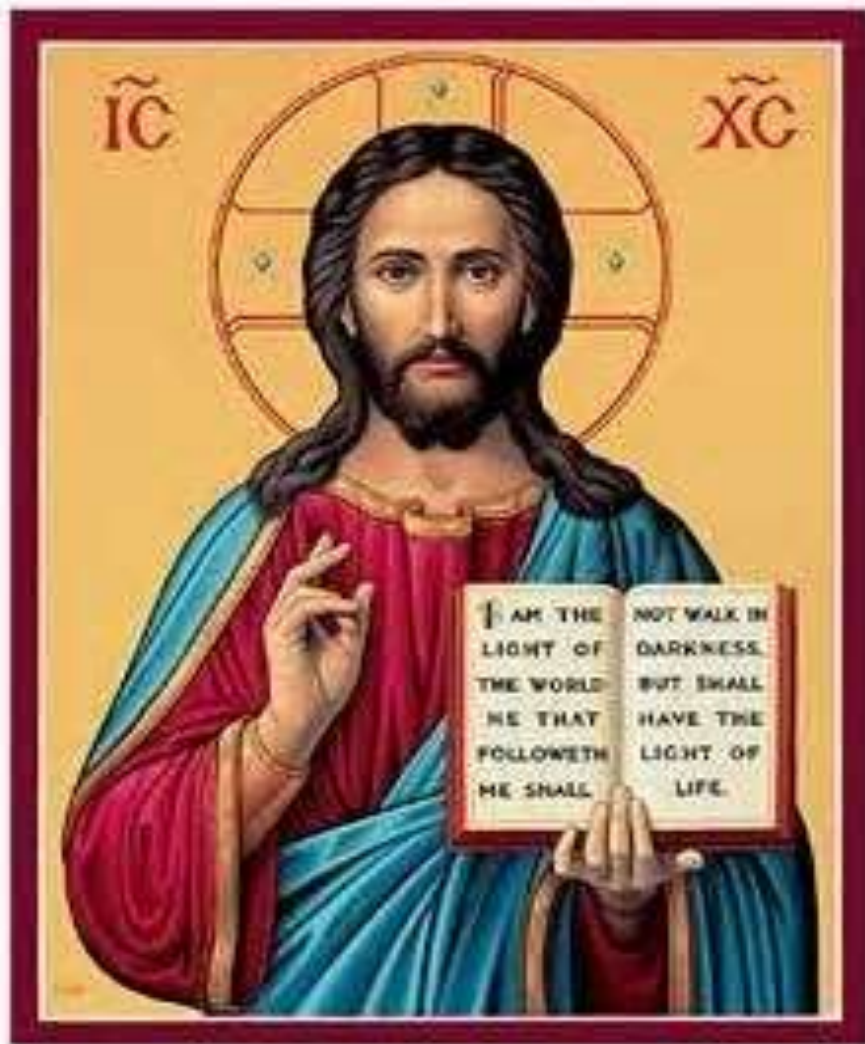


# Christ in the Classroom Foundation

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## Task 1: Knowledge of the Faith - The Great Mysteries



## Christ in the Classroom Foundation Description

School personnel enter into each school with varying experiences and understandings of their faith and how to share that faith with their community. This CIC Foundation retreat focuses on the Catholic intellectual tradition and will engage participants in learning about and reflecting upon the great mysteries of the faith: the Incarnation, the Trinity, the Paschal Mystery, and the central mystery of the faith, the Eucharist. The local retreat experience will empower participants to prepare thoughtfully for inviting students and their families into these mysteries in helpful and compelling ways.

The presenter provides an introduction and connection to Church teaching and documents that speak directly to these mysteries, as well as using a reflective journal and sharing time. The participants learn from the presenter, but also from one another in a retreat setting. We share in this great ministry of Catholic education, including the awesome responsibility of bringing families to our faith. The retreat encourages all participants to reflect deeply on the introductory statement in their covenant,

*“The **teacher** agrees to respect Catholic values and to aid students in Christian formation by exemplifying Catholic living, both in and out of the school. Catholic schools educate their pupils to promote efficiently the good of the earthly city, and prepare them for the service of spreading the kingdom of God, so that by the exercise of an exemplary and apostolic life they may become, as it were, the saving leaven of human society.*

***Bound by love to each other and to their pupils and imbued with the apostolic spirit, administrators and teachers bear witness by their life and teaching to the one teacher Christ (Gravissimum Educationis 8). This is the spirit that characterizes the covenantal relationship between the employer and the employee in the Catholic school”.***

## The Relationship of the Great Mysteries

