



Catholic Faith, Life & Creed

A Complete Catechesis for Christian Living

The Scope & Sequence

systematic and comprehensive
rooted in conversion

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ID Number	Doctrinal Segment	Content of Segment	Correlation to the <i>Catechisms & Growing Faith</i>	Suggested Season of the Year for Use
MBFLC600 1	Anointing of the Sick and Dying – and the use of Viaticum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Overview of the Pastoral Care of the Sick ❖ Rite of Anointing ❖ Rites for the Dying ❖ Viaticum 	<p><i>Catechism</i> #s 1499-1532</p> <p><i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #27</p> <p><i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 19</p>	Ordinary Time
MBFLC602 2	Baptism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roots of Baptism in Scripture ❖ Theology of Baptism ❖ Baptism from a liturgical perspective ❖ Implications of Baptism for discipleship 	<p><i>Catechism</i> #s 1212-1284</p> <p><i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #23</p> <p><i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 15</p>	Triduum & Easter Easter Season Lent Christmas Ordinary Time
MBFLC604 3	Catholic Social Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Unpacking the principles inherent in <i>Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges & Directions</i> ❖ Connecting the principles of this document to life 	<p><i>Catechism</i> #s 1877-1948</p> <p><i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #34</p> <p><i>Adult Catechism</i> part 3 chapters 23-24</p>	Ordinary Time
MBFLC606 4	The Church & Ecclesiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Theology of Church ❖ Scriptural origins of our beliefs about Church ❖ Understanding the Church from our Tradition ❖ Metaphors for Church 	<p><i>Catechism</i> #s 748-870</p> <p><i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #s 17 & 18</p> <p><i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapters 10-11</p>	Easter Season Ordinary Time

MBFLC608 5	Church Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Biblical roots of the Church as the People of God ❖ Doctrine of Church expressed in Liturgy ❖ Metaphors for Church ❖ Church structures 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 871-945 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #19 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 11	Easter Season Ordinary Time
MBFLC610 6	Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Theology of Confirmation ❖ Confirmation as conferral of the Holy Spirit ❖ Confirmation as a sacrament of initiation ❖ Exploring the elements of the Rite ❖ The Rite of Confirmation 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 1285-1321 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #24 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 16	Triduum & Easter Easter Season Ordinary Time
MBFLC612 7	The Cross and the Paschal Mystery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Cross as liturgical symbol ❖ Biblical roots of the theology of the Cross ❖ Church doctrine on the Cross ❖ Discipleship and the Cross: Participation in the Paschal Mystery 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 557-623 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #14 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 8	Triduum & Easter Easter Season Christmas Ordinary Time
MBFLC614 8	Ecumenism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Unpacking the Decree on Ecumenism from Vatican II ❖ Catholic principles regarding Ecumenism ❖ Practicing Ecumenism: What does that mean? ❖ The Church and other ecclesial communions ❖ Implications of Ecumenism on our faith 	Not a direct correlation: <i>Catechism</i> #s 820-822 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #18 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 11	Easter Season Ordinary Time
MBFLC616 9	Eschatology or the End Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Overview of eschatology ❖ The theology of Heaven, Hell and Purgatory 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 946-962 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #20 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 13	Advent Ordinary Time
MBFLC618 10	Incarnation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Creedal statement of faith in the Incarnation ❖ Drawing from the principle <i>Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi</i> – rule of prayer constitutes rules of belief ❖ Unpacking the theology of Incarnation in the Prefaces for Christmas and Epiphany 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 422-483 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet # 11 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 7	Christmas Advent

MBFLC620 11	Eucharist (part one): the Introductory Rites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Elements of worship: ritual, ritual language, symbols, ritual prayers, space, music ❖ Exploring elements of the Introductory Rite: opening song, Rite of Sprinkling, Act of Penitence, Gloria, Opening Prayer 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 1066-1134 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #21 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 14	Easter Season Ordinary Time
MBFLC622 12	Eucharist (part two): the Liturgy of the Word	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Exploring the elements of the Liturgy of the Word ❖ Old Testament reading, Responsorial Psalm, New Testament reading, Gospel Acclamation, the Gospel reading, homily, Creed, Prayers of the Faithful, 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 1322-1419 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #25 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 17	Easter Season Ordinary Time
MBFLC624 13	Eucharist (part three): the Eucharistic Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Exploring the elements of the Eucharistic Prayer ❖ Preface, Dialogue, Epiclesis, Words of Institution or Consecration, anamnesis, offering, Intercessions, Doxology 		Easter Season Ordinary Time
MBFLC626 14	Eucharist (part four): Communion Rite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Theology of the Communion Rite ❖ Elements of the Communion Rite: Lord's Prayer, Sign of Peace, Breaking of the Bread, Communion 		Easter Season Ordinary Time
MBFLC628 15	Eucharist: Symbols of Bread and Wine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Signs of bread and wine – and everyday life ❖ Signs of bread and wine – and Sacred Scripture ❖ Signs of bread and wine – and the Liturgy 		Easter Season Ordinary Time
MBFLC630 16	Evangelization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Unpacking the true meaning of evangelization ❖ Unpacking the papal document: <i>Evangelization in the Modern World</i> ❖ Implications for today's world 	Not a direct correlation: <i>Catechism</i> #s 142-184 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #5 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 4	Easter Season Ordinary Time
MBFLC632 17	Faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What is faith? ❖ Faith in God = Faith in Christ ❖ Faith and Works 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 142-184 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #5 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 4	Ordinary Time

MBFLC636 18	Kingdom of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Principle statement; Kingdom is now and not yet ❖ Theology of the Kingdom of God ❖ Kingdom of God and discipleship ❖ Kingdom of God and parables and miracles 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 512-570 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #13 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 7	Advent Ordinary Time
MBFLC638 19 Parts 1 & 2	Life Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The meaning of life ❖ The right to a full and abundant life ❖ Life issues: abortion, death penalty, end of life decisions, murder, stem cell research, war 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 2258-2330 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #40 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 3 chapter 29	Ordinary Time
MBFLC640 20	The Liturgical Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The origins of Sunday ❖ The Liturgical Year and the Lectionary ❖ The Liturgical Year and the annual cycles and seasons 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 1135-1209 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #22 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 14	Advent Ordinary Time
MBFLC642 21	Marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Marriage as a covenant ❖ The Biblical foundations of marriage – Old and New Testament ❖ Historical foundations ❖ Liturgical Rite of Marriage 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 1601-1666 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #29 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 21	Ordinary Time
MBFLC644 22	Mary, Model for the Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Catholic teaching regarding Mary ❖ Mary as the model disciple ❖ Feasts of Mary 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 484-511 & 963-975 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #12 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapters 7 & 12	Advent Ordinary Time
MBFLC646 23	Miracles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Explanation of miracles ❖ Scriptural context for understanding miracles ❖ Church teaching regarding miracles ❖ Different types of miracles 	Not a direct correlation: <i>Catechism</i> #s 422-483 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #11 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 7	Ordinary Time

MBFLC648 24	Morality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Biblical roots of morality ❖ The Catholic approach to morality compared to other approaches ❖ The communal nature of morality ❖ What constitutes a moral action? 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 1691-1748 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #30 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 21	Lent Ordinary Time
MBFLC650 25	Moral Decision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Models of morality ❖ How to form a good conscience: Scripture, authority of the church, counsel of others, gifts of the Holy Spirit ❖ What constitutes a moral decision? 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 1749-1802 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #31 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 23-24	Lent Ordinary Time
MBFLC652 26	Holy Orders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sacramental priesthood ❖ Explanation of <i>in persona Christi</i> ❖ The meaning of the word “orders” ❖ Various degrees of priesthood: bishop, priest, deacon 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 1533-1600 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #28 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 20	Ordinary Time
MBFLC654 27 Part 1	Advent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Blessing of the Advent wreath ❖ Theology of Advent ❖ Themes of the Season ❖ Historical perspective 	No direct correlation	Advent
Part 2	Christmas Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Overview of the season ❖ Historical origins ❖ Feasts of the Christmas season 	No direct correlation	Christmas
MBFLC658 28	Lent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The two-fold purpose of Lent: baptismal and penitential ❖ The origin of the season ❖ Baptismal preparation for the Elect ❖ Preparation to renew baptismal commitments for all the faithful 	No direct correlation	Lent

MBFLC662 29 Part 1	Triduum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Overview of Triduum ❖ The Rites: Thursday, Friday, Holy Saturday Preparation Rites, the Easter Vigil 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 624-682 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #15 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 8	Easter Triduum
Part 2	Easter Season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Overview of the season ❖ Seven weeks of Easter and the inherent themes ❖ Extended mystagogy of the season ❖ 		
MBFLC664 30	Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The theology of prayer ❖ Jesus teaches us to pray ❖ Prayer forms 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 2464-2865 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #s 44-48 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 3 chapters 32-36	Lent Ordinary Time
MBFLC666 31	Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Overview of Reconciliation ❖ The effects of Reconciliation ❖ Four elements of the sacrament: contrition, satisfaction, confession, absolution ❖ How the sacrament is celebrated ❖ FAQs 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 1420-1498 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #26 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 18	Lent Ordinary Time
MBFLC668 32	Sacraments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Theology of sacrament ❖ Seven sacraments under three headings: initiation, healing, service ❖ General principles ❖ Sacraments and the Paschal Mystery ❖ Sacraments and everyday life 	Not a direct correlation: <i>Catechism</i> #s 1066-1134 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #21 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 2 chapter 14	Easter Season Ordinary Time
MBFLC670 33	Saints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Meaning of the word “saint” ❖ The historical perspective ❖ Cult of saints and cult of martyrs 	No direct correlation	Ordinary Time
MBFLC672 34	Scripture and Revelation (part one)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Paths for knowledge of God ❖ Meaning of revelation ❖ Jesus as God’s revelation ❖ God’s revelation through Scripture and Tradition ❖ 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 74-141	Ordinary Time

MBFLC674 35	Scripture and Revelation (part two)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The need for scriptural interpretation ❖ Various forms of scriptural interpretation ❖ Implications 	<i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #s 4-5 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 3-4	Lent Advent Ordinary Time
MBFLC676 36	Sin and Grace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The scriptural roots and origin of sin ❖ Types of sin ❖ Grace as antidote to sin 	<i>Catechism</i> #s 374-421, 1846-1876 & 1949-2029 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #s 10, 33 & 35 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 3 chapters 23-24 & part 1 chapter 6	Lent Ordinary Time
MBFLC678 37	Soteriology and Salvation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The meaning of “being saved” ❖ The meaning of salvation ❖ The need for salvation due to sin ❖ Who is saved? 	Not a direct correlation: <i>Catechism</i> #s 946-962 <i>Growing Faith</i> booklet #20 <i>Adult Catechism</i> part 1 chapter 13	Easter Triduum Easter Season Lent Christmas Ordinary Time
MBFLC680 38	Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The theology of stewardship ❖ Stewardship includes: witness, faith growth, care of the home & family, a simple lifestyle, ecological concerns, time and talent, social justice, & money 	No direct correlation	Ordinary Time
MBFLC682 39	Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Doctrine of the Holy Spirit ❖ Scriptural testimony about the Holy Spirit ❖ Church testimony about the Holy Spirit ❖ Symbols of the Spirit ❖ Gifts of the Spirit 	638-747	Pentecost Ordinary time Easter Season
MBFLC684 40	The Creed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Trinity ❖ Incarnation ❖ Paschal Mystery ❖ Marks of the Church ❖ Eschatology ❖ One Baptism 	232-870	Lent Pentecost Ordinary time
MBFLC686 41	Jesus Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Overview of the theology ❖ Historical treatment ❖ The events of Jesus' life ❖ Incarnation ❖ Death and Resurrection ❖ Our belief 	422-682	Lent Ordinary Time Easter Season Advent

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