

Approved Textbooks

The National Directory for Catechesis (USCCB, 2005) presents a thorough list of expectations for catechetical texts (see NDC, pp. 283-284). In summary, the NDC states: “All these instructional materials should be in evident harmony with the Catechism of the Catholic Church and be artistically sensitive, technically up to date, theologically authentic, ecumenically accurate, and methodologically sound.” (p. 285).

As textbooks must be approved by the local bishop, an appointed committee regularly reviews catechetical texts for inclusion on the following list. This is the list referred to in Policy 617 of the “Handbook of Policies for Diocesan Faith Formation Programs.” Program leaders should select materials from this list, and are encouraged to evaluate various text series using Appendix A of this Lifelong Faith Formation Curriculum. Please consult the diocesan Faith Formation Office for further guidance.

Texts on this lists are arranged by alphabetical order, according to publisher names, and not by quality or any other priority.

Texts published by the RCL Benziger publishing group, formerly published as Benziger, Resources for Christian Living, and Silver Burdett Ginn, are now found under RCL Benziger.

As of this writing, our diocese is developing plans for usage of texts published in accord with the USCCB “Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age.” At this time, these books have not been reviewed for inclusion on the USCCB Conformity Listing, so they will not be found in this listing.

Pre-School Series

Loyola Press	God Made Everything		2008
Our Sunday Visitor	Alleluia! Growing and Celebrating With Jesus	4, 5	2010
Our Sunday Visitor	I Am Special	3, 4 & K	2007-9
Pflaum	Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes	Pre-school	2010
RCL Benziger	Stories of God’s Love	K	2009-11
Sadlier	Discovering God		2010

Elementary Texts

Harcourt	Call to Faith	K-6 parish & school	2009
	Call to Faith	7-8	2007
	Call to Faith Junior High Booklet Series	7-8	2008
	Walking by Faith	K-6	1999
Loyola	Christ Our Life	K-8	2009
	Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts	1-6 parish & school	2005
	Finding God	7-8	2007
Our Sunday Visitor	Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving & Serving Christ	6-8	2010
RCL Benziger	Blest Are We Faith and Word Edition	1-6 parish & school	2008-10
	Blest Are We	1-6 parish & school	2002-04
	Blest Are We	7-8 parish & school	2010
	Christ Jesus, the Way	K-6 parish & school	2003
	Christ Jesus, the Way	7-8 parish & school	2004
	Come, Follow Me	K-8	1998
	Faith First	7-8 parish & school	2001
	Faith First (Legacy Edition)	K-8 parish	2006-7
	Our Catholic Identity	1-8 school	1998
	Share the Joy	K-6 school	1997
	This Is Our Faith	K-8 parish & school	1998
Sadlier	Coming to Faith	K-6 parish & school	1999
	One Faith, One Lord	7-8 parish & school	2009
	Our Catholic Faith	4-6 parish & school	2009
	We Believe	K-6 parish & school	2004-11
	We Believe	7-8 parish & school	2007
St. Mary's Press	The Catholic Connections Handbook	6-8	2009

High School Texts*

Ave Maria Press	Catholic Essentials: An Overview of the Faith	2009
	Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living Justice	2007
	The Church: Our Story	2006
	Encountering Jesus in the New Testament	2009
	Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World	2010
	Marriage and Holy Orders: Your Call to Love and Service	2007
	Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments	2010
	The Old Testament: Call to Faith and Justice	2005
	Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe	2006
	Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshiping in Christ	2003
	This Is Our Church: A History of Catholicism	2007
	Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality	2008
Harcourt	Journey Through the New Testament	2006
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	Morality: Our Response to God's Love	2005
	Justice and Peace: Our Faith in Action	2007
	Sacraments: Celebrating, Living, Believing	2008
	The Church Through History	2007
	The Light of Faith	2005
	Vocation: Our Response to God's Call	2008
St. Mary's Press	Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth	2008
	Living Justice and Peace	2008
	Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament)	2009

***Please note that these texts are not as yet meeting the Bishop's high school framework. There will be texts available 2011-2012.**

Sacramental Preparation

Reconciliation	Harcourt	Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation	2007
	Harcourt	Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation (Intermediate)	2007
	Harcourt	Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation	2002
	Loyola	God's Gift - Reconciliation	2009
	Pflaum	Together in Jesus – First Reconciliation	2011
	RCL Benziger	Reconciliation	2003
	RCL Benziger	Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace	2006
	RCL Benziger	Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (intermediate)	2006
	RCL Benziger	The Gift of Reconciliation	2000
	Sadlier	We Believe & Celebrate: First Penance	2006
	Sadlier	First Reconciliation	2000
Eucharist	Harcourt	Call to Celebrate: Eucharist	2007
	Harcourt	Called to Celebrate: Eucharist (Intermediate)	2007
	Harcourt	Celebrating Our Faith: Eucharist	2002
	Loyola	God's Gift - Eucharist	2009
	Pflaum	Together in Jesus – First Eucharist	2011
	RCL Benziger	Eucharist	2003
	RCL Benziger	Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (primary)	2006
	RCL Benziger	Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (intermediate)	2006
	RCL Benziger	The Gift of Eucharist	2000
	Sadlier	First Eucharist	2000
	Sadlier	We Believe & Celebrate: First Communion	2006
Confirmation	Ave Maria Press	Send Out Your Spirit	2010
	Harcourt	Call to Celebrate Confirmation (younger adolescents)	2008
	Harcourt	Call to Celebrate Confirmation (older adolescents)	2008
	Harcourt	Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation	2000
	Loyola	Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit	1997
	Loyola	Confirmed in the Spirit (7-9)	2007
	Pflaum	Confirmation: Gifted With the Spirit (7-8)	2010
	Pflaum	Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit (9-12)	2010
	RCL Benziger	Confirmation	2007
	Sadlier	The Spirit Sets Us Free	2000
	St. Mary's Press	Anointed in the Spirit	2010
	St. Mary's Press	Confirmed in a Faithful Community	2006

Human Relationships Curriculum

Harcourt	Growing in Love	K-8	2001
RCL Benziger	Benziger Family Life	K-8	2001 or 2010

Materials in Other Languages

Spanish	Harcourt	Celebrar Nuestro Fe	Eucharist	2002
		Celebrar Nuestro Fe	Reconciliation	2002
		Un llamado a le Fe	Level A-D	2005
		Un llamado a le Fe	Level E-F	2008
		Un llamado a celebrar	Sacraments	2007
	Loyola	Confirmados en el Espiritu	Confirmation	2007
		Conociendo nuestra fe catolica	(1-3)	2011
		La Eucaristia: don de Dios	Eucharist	2009
		La Reconciliacion: don de Dios	Reconciliation	2009
	Pflaum	Unidos en Jesus	Eucharist	2004
		Unidos en Jesus	Reconciliation	2004
	RCL/Benziger	Bendecidos/Blest Are We	1-5	2008
		Christo Jesus, El Camino	K-6 series	2003
		Eucarista	Eucharist	2003
		Eucarista: Damos gracias	Eucharist	2006
		Nuestra Identidad Catolica	1-8 series	1998
		Reconciliacion	Reconciliation	2003
		Reconciliacion: Perdon y paz	Reconciliation	2006
		Eucaristia: Damos gracias	Eucharist	2006
		Reconciliacion: Perdon y Paz	Reconciliation	2006
	Sadlier	Accercandote a la Fe	K-6 series	1999
		Creemos/We Believe	K-6 series	2005
		Creemos y celebramos P Com	K-6 /Eucharist	2007
		Creemos y celebramos P Rec	K-6/Reconcil.	2007
		El Espiritu Santo nos Libera	Confirmation	2000
		Nuestra Fe Catolica	4-6	2009
		Primera Comunión	Eucharist	2000
		Primera Reconciliacion	Reconciliation	2000
		Una sola fe un solo Senor	7-8	2003
Vietnamese	Vietnamese Catechetical Com	The Spirit Sets Us Free	Confirmation	2001
		Creed:A Course on Cath. Faith		2000