

**ELEMENTARY CATECHETICAL SERIES AND TEXTS APPROVED FOR USE IN
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
2008- 2009**

The following list of elementary series and texts have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* by the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and are approved for use in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This Conformity Listing is continually updated and can be found at: www.usccb.org. Click on “Departments”, then “Catechesis”, then “Catechism” and finally, “Conformity Lists”.

Pastors, Principals, Religion Coordinators, Parish Directors, Coordinators and Administrators of Religious Education are reminded that only the series and texts which appear on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Conformity Listing are currently approved for use in Parish/Regional Elementary Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Furthermore, Bibles and copies of the New Testament are required to have a *Nihil Obstat* and an *Imprimatur*.

When choosing a catechetical series, the following procedure should be used:

1. The proposed series is selected through the mutual agreement of the pastor, principal, director/coordinator/administrator of religious education, religion coordinator and religion teachers/catechists.
2. A publisher’s representative should review the series with all those involved with the selection process.
3. An in-service on the new series should be provided for all teachers and catechists.

Religion Curriculum Guidelines: Parish/Regional Elementary Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs are required to use the Religion Curriculum Guidelines. The Preschool Religion Guidelines are copyrighted September, 1998 and the Elementary Guidelines are copyrighted September, 2000. In 2006 these guidelines were reformatted into trimesters. The guidelines are available on the Archdiocesan website at:

http://www.catholicschools-phl.org/school_info/elementary_guidelines.htm

It is important to remember that no one text contains sufficient development of content; therefore, it is important that the elementary teacher or religious education catechist use a variety of resources in preparing religion lessons. Publisher websites provide supplemental activities at no cost.

For additional information about catechetical series, texts, materials, or Religion Curriculum Guidelines, please contact the Office for Catechetical Formation (215.587.3720).

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**Catechetical Programs and Texts Approved for
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Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series

As of Feb. 4, 2008 the following texts and series have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Key to the Conformity Listing (Titles new to the listing within three months of the date above are in bold.)

S=School Student Text P=Parish Student Text TM= Teacher Manual CM= Catechist Manual
 S/P= single edition applicable to both school and parish S&P= two separate editions, both found to be in conformity

Preschool Text		
Title	Publisher	Specifics
I am Special (4, Kindergarten)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P&TM/CM ©2005, 2008
Preschool Series		
Discovering God	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2000
God Made Everything	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Questions for God	VirTru Powers	S/P ©2007
Stories of God's Love	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM/CM ©2009
Elementary Series: School and Parish		
The Apostolate's Family Catechism	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P ©2003, ©2005
Blest Are We (1-6)	Silver Burdett Ginn	S&TM ©2004, P&CM ©2002, 2008
Blest Are We (7-8)	Silver Burdett Ginn	S&TM ©2005, P&CM ©2003
Call to Faith (K-6)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S&TM, P&CM ©2005, 2009 Edition
Call to Faith (7-8)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Call to Faith Junior High Faith Booklet Series	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Christ Jesus, the Way (K-6)	Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2003
Christ Jesus, the Way (7-8)	Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2004
Christ Our Life (K-8)	Loyola Press	SP&TM ©97, 02, 2009, CM ©99, 2009
Come Follow Me (K-8)	Benziger	S/P, TM&CM ©1998
Coming to Faith (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©1998, P&CM ©1999
Coming to Faith/Keystone Edition (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©1998, P&CM ©1999
Consecration in Truth	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P&TM/CM ©2001, ©2006
Faith and Life (1-8)	Ignatius Press	S/P&TM ©2003, 2002
Faith and Life (1-8)	Ignatius Press	S/P&TM ©1984-1987
Faith and Witness Program (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM, P&CM ©1998-1999
Faith First (K-6)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S&TM, P&CM ©2001, 2000
Faith First (7-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S&TM, P&CM ©2001
Faith First Legacy Edition Church History (7-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S&TM ©2007
Faith First Legacy Edition/Parish (K-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	P&CM ©2006, S ©2007
Faith First Legacy Edition/School (1-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S&TM ©2007
Faith of the Mountain (1-8)	St. Maron's Publications	S&TM ©2000
Finding God (7-8)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts (1-6)	Loyola Press	S&TM, P&CM ©2005
Friends of Jesus (7-9)	Legionaries of Christ	S ©2003
Image of God (K-8)	Ignatius Press	S&TM ©1986-1993
Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Beliefs and Traditions (1-8)	Loyola Press	S ©2000
One Faith, One Lord (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2003, 2009
Our Catholic Identity (1-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S ©1998
Share the Joy (K-6)	Benziger	S&TM ©1997
This is Our Faith (K-8)	Silver Burdett Ginn	S&TM ©1998
The Treasure of My Catholic Faith (1-6)	Circle Press	S ©2003
Walking by Faith (K-6)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P, TM&CM ©1999
We Believe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM, P&CM ©2004
We Believe Series, We Live Our Faith (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
High School Texts		
The Apostolate's Family Catechism	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P ©2003, ©2005
Catholic Essentials: An Overview of the Faith	Ave Maria Press	S/P ©2009
The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2004, ©2008 (2nd edition)
Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living Justice	Ave Maria Press	S ©2001, ©2007
The Church: Our Story	Ave Maria Press	S ©1999, 2006

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High School Texts (continued)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Specifics</i>
The Church Through History	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2007
Encountering Jesus in the New Testament	Ave Maria Press	S ©2003
The History of the Church	Midwest Theological Forum	S ©2005, TM ©2007
Introduction to Catholicism	Midwest Theological Forum	S&TM ©2003
Journey Through the New Testament	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2006
Journey Through the Old Testament	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2002, ©2006
Justice and Peace: Our Faith in Action	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2007
The Light of Faith	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2005
Living Justice and Peace	Saint Mary's Press	S ©2002, ©2008 (2nd edition)
Marriage and Holy Orders: Your Call to Love and Service	Ave Maria Press	S ©2007
Morality: Our Response to God's Love	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2005
The Old Testament: Our Call to Faith and Justice	Ave Maria Press	S ©2005
Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe	Ave Maria Press	S ©2006
Our Moral Life in Christ	Midwest Theological Forum	S&TM ©2003
Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshiping in Christ	Ave Maria Press	S ©2003
Sacraments: Celebrating, Living, Believing	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2008
This is Our Church: A History of Catholicism	Ave Maria Press	S ©2007
Understanding the Scriptures	Midwest Theological Forum	S ©2005, TM ©2007
Vocation: Our Response to God's Call	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2008
Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament)	Saint Mary's Press	S ©2002
Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality	Ave Maria Press	S ©2001, 2008

High School Series

Catholicism Series [Reason, Life, Ethics, Society, Scripture]	C.R. Publications	S/P&TM/CM ©1996-2006
Consecration in Truth	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P&TM/CM ©2001
Dominican Series	Priory Press	S&TM ©2000
Friends of Jesus/Witnesses of Christ	Legionaries of Christ	S ©2003
Understanding the Catechism	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P ©1999, TM ©1998

Sacramental Preparation Materials

Be Sealed	Pauline Books and Media	S/P&TM ©1998
Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Older Adolescents)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Younger Adolescents)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Call to Celebrate: Eucharist	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation and Eucharist (intermediate)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2000
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2000
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist (II)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2002
Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit	Loyola Press	S/P&TM ©1997
Confirmation	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Confirmation: Gifted with the Spirit (7-8)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2005
Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit (9-12)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2005
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidate's Handbook	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2006
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidates Handbook (Immediate Preparation)	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2006
Confirmed in the Spirit (7-9)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM ©2007
Eucharist	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (primary)	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (intermediate)	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
First Reconciliation	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
First Eucharist	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
The Gift of Eucharist	Silver Burdett Ginn	S/P&TM ©2000
The Gift of Reconciliation	Silver Burdett Ginn	S/P&TM ©2000
God's Gift - Eucharist	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2009
God's Gift - Reconciliation	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2009
The Holy Mystery of First Communion	St. Maron's Publications	S/P ©2005
Image of God (Mass Books and Confirmation)	Ignatius Press	S/P&TM ©1986-1993
Jesus Brings Us Life	Pauline Books and Media	S/P&TM ©1996
Reconciliation	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (primary)	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (intermediate)	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
Send Out Your Spirit	Ave Maria Press	S/P&TM ©2003

Sacramental Preparation Materials (continued)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Specifics</i>
The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Together in Jesus - Eucharist	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2004
Together in Jesus - Reconciliation	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2004
We Believe and Celebrate First Communion	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2006
We Believe and Celebrate First Penance	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2006

Materials in Other Languages

Acercandote a La Fe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©1999
Bendecidos / Blest Are We (1-4, 5)	RCL Benziger	P&CM ©2008
El Catecismo para la Familia del Apostolado	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P ©2007
Celebrar nuestro fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P ©2000
Celebrar nuestro fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía (Nivel II)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P ©2002
Confirmados en el Espíritu (7-9)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Creed: A Course on Catholic Faith	Vietnamese Catechetical Community U.S.A.	S/P ©2000
Creemos/We Believe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	P&CM ©2005
Creemos y celebramos Primera Comunión	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Creemos y celebramos Primera Reconciliación	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Christo Jesús, el Camino (K-6)	Benziger	S&TM ©2003
El Espíritu Santo nos Libera:	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2000
Preparando a los jóvenes para la Confirmación		
Eucaristía	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
Eucaristía: Damos gracias y alabanza	Benziger	S/P&TM/CM ©2006
La Eucaristía, don de Dios	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2009
Un llamado a celebrar: la Confirmación	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Un llamado a celebrar: la Eucaristía	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía (intermediario)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Un llamado a la Fe (Level A-D)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2005
Un llamado a la Fe (Level E)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P ©2009
Un llamado a la Fe (Level F)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2009
Nuestra Identidad Católica (1-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S ©1998
Primera Reconciliación	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Primera Comunión	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Reconciliación	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
La Reconciliación, don de Dios	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2009
Reconciliación: Perdon y paz	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth	Vietnamese Catechetical Community U.S.A.	S/P ©2001
Una sola fe un solo Señor (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©2003
Unidos en Jesús Primera Eucaristía	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P&TM ©2004
Unidos en Jesús Primera Reconciliación	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P&TM ©2004

Supplemental Materials

Benziger Family Life (K-8)	Benziger	S ©2001 (3rd printing)
Catholic Vision of Love (5-8)	Our Sunday Visitor	S&TM ©1996 (revised edition)
Growing in Love (K-8)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2001
New Corinthians Curriculum (K-8)	Foundation for the Family	TM and Parent Guide ©1996
Project Genesis (K-8)	Leaflet Missal Company	S&TM ©1996

Materials for RCIA

God Calls You By Name	Mother's House Publishing	P&CM ©2006
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