

## The Catechetical Outcomes and Performance Indicators

The Catechetical Outcomes and Performance Indicators are the basic expectations for religious formation of youth Grades K-8 in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This endeavor must be a joint effort between parents, pastors, catechists, Catholic school teachers and the parish community to strengthen the faith life for each child. These expectations give a clear and comprehensive picture of the learning competencies per grade level. In catechetical efforts of instruction and formation the passing on of the faith must be "comprehensive and systematic". (NDC pg. 260)

We are entrusted with the gift of ministering to our children. The person of the catechist who images Jesus is central. Methodology, textbooks and materials of the highest quality must be used to insure success. Trained, dedicated teachers and catechetical leaders of the faith are required to diligently work to provide a comprehensive plan for faith growth. These outcomes form the direction of the Archdiocese of San Francisco in providing this plan. We use as our base the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The catechism provides a sound structure for catechesis in our time. This comprehensive planning process completes the Religious Education Curriculum approved for use in the Archdiocese in 2003 by Archbishop William Levada.

The indicators at the end of each grade level are examples to show how students demonstrate the acquired knowledge, experience and daily practice of their faith. Each catechetical minister and program is required to develop indicators for his/her students. These are to be shared with the catechetical team as well as parents. Sample indicators are at the end of each grade level. A sample form for developing the program indicators and assessing student's progress are found in the back of this document. A systematic and comprehensive planning worksheet is also provided for use in completing a curriculum plan.