

# Religion Grade Level Standards for Catholic Schools

## Archdiocese of Los Angeles

### Grade Level 4

#### Scripture/ Christian Life

- Understands and responds to Scriptural passages that speak of God's love for us, our love for humankind and God, and our need for mercy and forgiveness  
Examples include:
  - Ten Commandments (Ex 20: 2-17)
  - Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5: 1-12)
  - Good Samaritan (Lk 10: 25-37)
  - Prodigal Son (Lk 15: 1-24)
  - Temptation of Christ (Mt 4: 1-11)
- Demonstrates the ability to find the above passages in the Bible
- Articulates the difference between the Old and New Testaments of the Bible

#### Sacraments/ Worship

- Celebrates the Eucharist as a sacrament of God's gift of love
- Celebrates Reconciliation as a sacrament of conversion, God's forgiveness, mercy and love
- Recognizes the value of and knows how to examine one's conscience
- Expresses sorrow for sins in a prayer of confession
- Experiences different forms of prayer
- Prays and understands the Prayer of St. Francis
- Participates regularly in Sunday Eucharist

#### Morality/ Social Justice

- Knows Jesus' Two Great Commandments of love are a Christian's way of life
- Responds to the Ten Commandments as rules to help us live God's life of love and the Beatitudes as a way of life modelled by Christ to bring happiness
- Sees the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy as ways of responding to the needs of others
- Participates in forms of service which reach out to the community

- Names the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- Realizes that original sin is the human condition into which we are all born
- Recognizes conscience as the inner ability to judge between good and bad when making choices
- Realizes that temptation is a pull toward something we know is sinful and is a part of everyone's life
- Differentiates between sin as free choice to turn away from God and mistakes, accidents
- Distinguishes between mortal (serious) and venial (lesser) sins
- Realizes that all choices have responsibilities and consequences and are to be made in light of Gospel values
- Demonstrates a capacity to forgive others, ask for forgiveness and accept forgiveness when it is offered

#### Christian Faith and Practice

- Believes in the goodness of creation
- Understands grace as God's loving presence in our lives
- Describes Jesus as the model of forgiveness
- Understands the importance of Mary as the mother of Jesus and patroness of the Americas
- Appreciates the Holy Spirit as helper and guide in making good choices
- Understands Church as a community of worship, witness, and service which carries on the work and mission of Christ in which we share through our Baptism