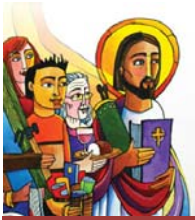


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Sessions One through Seven

Session and Focus	Catechism Connections	Essential Understandings	Virtue	Scripture Focus
One: God is Love	#54,68,221,733	The dynamic love of the Trinity is the source of life and the grounding for our faith. We are able to love because the source of love is God.	Love	1 John 4:7-21
Two: The Word of Life	#124,703,1102,1785,1802	God's Word resounds through all of creation as God's beautiful and beloved handiwork. God's Word is a word of hope given to us by the Spirit and sealed in the covenant.	Hope	Exodus 3:1-10
Three: The Word Made Flesh	#51, 151, 359, 458	God's love for humanity becomes flesh in Jesus, the new and everlasting covenant. God's love for us knows no barriers or boundaries.	Faith	Philippians 2:1-11
Four: Created in God's Image	#357,1702-1709	We are made in the image and likeness of God with incomparable worth and dignity. All human life is sacred from conception until natural death.	Generosity	Psalms 139: 1-4,13-17
Five: Baptized in Christ	#871,1253,1266-7, 1694, 2813	We are baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Baptism initiates us into a community of believers where we <i>become</i> disciples.	Compassion	Matthew 15:21-28
Six: Becoming Disciples	#1695,2044,2045,2046,2472	Becoming disciples is a lifelong journey as we respond to Christ's invitation to follow him. The call of discipleship is to live into the depths of God's love.	Patience	Matthew 14:13-21
Seven: Nourished by the Sacraments	#950,1116,1878,1931,2196	The sacraments mark sacred thresholds in our lives, offering us the promise of healing and growth. We draw strength for the journey by participating in the sacramental life of the Church.	Mercy	Luke 10:25-37



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Sessions Eight through Fourteen

Session and Focus	Catechism Connections	Essential Understandings	Virtue	Scripture Focus
Eight: True Happiness	#1716-19, 1723, 2548	God is the source of all joy and every blessing. When we experience happiness and blessing it flows from our relationship with God.	Temperance	Matthew 5:1-12
Nine: Freedom, Responsibility & Grace	#1731, 1732, 1733, 1734,1742	We are created by God with free will to “do good and avoid evil”. Through God’s grace we grow in inner freedom and confidence to choose rightly. As disciples, we discern how to respond to this grace by following Christ.	Prudence	John 8:31-38
Ten: The Kingdom of God	#544, 545, 546, 2820	In word and deed, Jesus proclaimed the coming of God’s kingdom. As disciples, we are called to be fully engaged in bringing this kingdom to life.	Courage	Mark 10:46-52
Eleven: God Lifts up the Lowly	#148, 149, 721-3, 963-70	Mary’s “yes” to God’s infinite love forever changed history. As our mother and first disciple, Mary is a model for our own discipleship. The Magnificat reveals a God whose mercy and love lift up the poor and lowly.	Justice	Luke 1:39-55
Twelve: Called to Community	#1877, 1879, 1886, 1888-9	Our participation in a community of faith helps form our conscience and frames our lifelong conversion. We become fully human in community and there discover our unique vocation in life.	Hospitality	Luke 19:1-10
Thirteen: One Body in Christ	#737, 952, 953, 1932, 1941	We are one body in Christ and belong to one another. This solidarity guides us as we work for the flourishing of life in our world.	Solidarity	Matthew 25:31-46
Fourteen: Called and Sent	#851,863,2044-5, 2443-5	As people of God, we are gathered and sent to be good news to the world. The Spirit guides us as we respond to the needs around us. Living as good news people entails imagination and purposefulness as we strive to be faithful disciples.	Gratitude	Luke 10:1-11