

APPROVED TEXTBOOK SERIES for use the DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS 2012

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**ELEMENTARY/ JUNIOR HIGH RELIGION TEXTBOOK SERIES
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1. Harcourt Religion Publishers: (2010, joined with Our Sunday Visitor)
 - *Growing in Love* (Grades K-8), 2001**
 - *Living Our Faith* (Grades 7-8), 2002
 - *Call to Faith* (Grades K-6), 2009 *
 - *Call to Faith* (Grades 7-8, 2007,) and theme books: *God, Jesus, Sacraments, Church, Church History, Morality*, 2008*
2. Ignatius Press:
 - *Faith and Life*, (Grades K-8), 2005*, 2011*
3. Loyola Press:
 - *Christ Our Life* (Grades K-8), 2009
 - *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts* (Grades 1-6), 2005
 - *Finding God: Following Jesus* (Grade 7), 2007
 - *Finding God: Celebrating Church* (Grade 8), 2007
4. RCL Benziger (includes former RCL, Benziger & Silver Burdett Ginn)
 - *Blest Are We* (Grades K-6), 2001, 2004
 - *Blest Are We* (Grades 7-8), 2010
 - *Blest Are We Faith and Word Edition*, (Grades 1-6), 2010
 - *Christ Jesus, The Way* (Grades K-6), 2003
 - *Christ Jesus, The Way* (Grades 7-8), 2004
 - *Faith First* (Grades 1-6), 2001
 - *Creed and Prayer* (Grades 7-8), 2001
 - *Liturgy and Morality* (Grades 7-8), 2001
 - *Faith First Legacy Edition* (Grades 1-6), 2007*
 - *Faith First Legacy Edition: Mystery of God, Jesus in the New Testament, Church and Sacraments, Church History, Morality* (Grades 7-8), 2007
 - *Family Life program* (Grades K-8), 2010-2011 **
5. Sadlier:
 - *We Believe* (Grades K-6), 2004 *, 2011*
 - *We Live Our Faith (As Disciples of Jesus)* (Grade 7), 2008
 - *We Live Our Faith (As Members of the Church)* (Grade 8), 2008
6. St. Mary's Press:
 - *The Catholic Connections Handbook for Middle Schoolers*, 2009, 2010
7. Pflaum:
 - *Gospel Weeklies* series (Pre-school through Grade 8), 2011
8. Ave Maria Press:

- *Learning About L.I.F.E.* (Pre-school through Grade 10), 2006 **

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** Recommended series on Human Growth and Development

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1. Ave Maria Press:

- *Encountering Jesus in the New Testament*, 2003, 2009 *
- *Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living Justice*, 2007
- -----*The Church: Our Story*, 2006
- *Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality*, 2001, 2008
- *Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshipping in Christ*, 2003
- *The Old Testament (Our Call to Faith and Justice)*, 2005

2. Harcourt Religion Publishers:

- *Journey Through the Old Testament*, 2002, 2006
- *Journey Through the New Testament*, 2002, 2006
- *Morality: Our Response to God's Love*, 2005
- *The Church Through History*, 2007

3. St. Mary's Press:

- *Living Justice and Peace*, 2002
- *Written On Our Hearts (Old Testament)*, 2002, 2009

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****N.B.** High schools across the diocese are now working from the USCCB's *Doctrinal Framework*, which will be fully implemented for grades 9 through 12 by 2013-2014. Publishers are in the process of preparing textbooks based on the *Framework*. Textbooks based on the *Framework* are considered "approved."

See below.

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HIGH SCHOOL RELIGION TEXTBOOKS based on the USCCB FRAMEWORK

4 Ave Maria Press:

- *Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World*, 2010 (course #1)
- *Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry*, 2010 (course #2)
- *Jesus Christ: The Source of Our Salvation*, 2011 (course #3)
- *The Church, Our Story*, 2005 (course #4)
- *Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments*, 2010 (course #5)
- *Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality*, 2007 (course #6)

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5. **Ave Maria Press:**
- *Catholic Essentials*, 2008 (courses #1-6)
 - *Catholic Social Teaching*, 2006 (option C)
 - *Exploring the Religions of Our World*, 2008 (option E)
 - *Marriage and Holy Orders*, 2007 (option D)
6. **St. Mary's Press:**
- *The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth Overview Course* (courses #1-6)
7. **St. Mary's Press:**
- “Living With Christ,” series
- *The Bible: The Living Word of God*, 2010 (course #1)
 - *Jesus Christ: God's Love Made Visible*, 2010 (course #2)
 - *The Paschal Mystery: Christ's Mission of Salvation*, 2011 (course #3)
 - *The Church: Christ in the World Today*, 2011 (course #4)
 - *Sacraments*, available 2012 (course #5)
 - *Morality*, available 2012 (course #6)
 - *Social Justice*, available 2012 (option C)
 - *Sacred Scripture*, available 2012 (option A)
- Primary Source Readers
- *Who Is Jesus Christ*, 2011
 - *Revelation and Sacred Scripture*, 2011
8. **Midwest Theological Forum:**
- “Didache,” semester series
- *Faith and Revelation: Knowing God through Sacred Scripture* (course #1)
 - *The Blessed Trinity and Our Christian Vocation* (course #2)
 - *The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship* (course #3)
 - *The Church: Textbook on the Sacrament of Salvation* (course #4)
 - *The Sacraments: Source of Our Life in Christ* (course #5)
 - *Our Moral Life in Christ* (course #6)
 - *Understanding Scriptures* (option A)
 - *The History of the Church* (option B)
9. **Veritas Press**
- “Credo” series
- *God's Word Revealed in Sacred Scripture* (course #1)
 - *Son of God and Son of Mary* (course #2)
 - *The Promised One: Servant and Savior* (course #3)
 - *The Body of Christ, the Church* (course #4)
 - *Encountering Christ in the Sacraments* (course #5)
 - *Living and Loving as Disciples of Christ* (course #6)

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HUMAN GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT TEXTBOOKS *
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Currently there are two texts which the Office of Religious Education and Catechesis suggests for use, and they are to be used only in conjunction with an approved general textbook.

These texts have been approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Catechism, and are correlated with the USCCB's document, *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living: Guidelines for Curriculum Design and Publication*.

Family Life series K-8, RCL Benziger, 2011

Learning About L.I.F.E. K-10, Ave Maria Press, 2006

**formerly Human Sexuality; now also known as "Formation for Chaste Living"*

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