

**St. Francis Borgia Christian Formation Program**  
**Middle School Curriculum and Objectives**  
**2009-2010**

**Grade 6-Wednesday**

**Curriculum:** Call to Faith, Harcourt Religion Publishers

Jesus Christ-December/January

The Church- March/April

Discovering the Story of God's People, Pflaum Publishing Group (Home Work)

**Work at Home Material: Discovering the Story of God's People**

- The *primary focus* of this grade is Sacred Scripture. The children also learn about God's revelation and Sacred Tradition, the Old Testament stories and people, the Eucharistic prayer, the early Church, learning from the lives of the saints, and the biblical prayers of the Mass.

**09/30 Welcome Back to Class Mass 6:30PM**

**Objectives/Schedule:**

**12/02 Incarnation**

- The learner will grow in their understanding of Jesus' humanity and divinity and the significance of both for our faith.
- The learner will explore the ways that Jesus reveals the Father.
- The learner will understand our call to imitate Jesus.
- The learner will explore the dimensions of living as a disciple.

**12/09 Jesus: Model of Wisdom**

- The learner will know and rely on Jesus as our source of wisdom.
- The learner will understand that Jesus' wisdom came from being the Son of God.
- The learner will explore the way that Jesus taught through words and actions.
- The learner will explore the challenge of living by the values of God's kingdom as presented in the Beatitudes.

**12/16 Jesus' Relationships**

- The learner will look to Jesus as an example of respect for others and of friendship.
- The learner will discover that in his relationships, Jesus showed love, care and forgiveness.
- The learner will explore how Jesus' closest friendships show us what the nature of our relationship should be.
- The learner will learn how the first Church members demonstrated Christian friendship.

**01/06 Christ Our Savior**

- The learner will grow in understanding of Jesus as Savior, Redeemer, and Messiah.
- The learner will understand the origins and effects of original sin in their lives.
- The learner will explore the Paschal Mystery.
- The learner will understand the sacraments as a path to new life.

**01/13 Christ Offers Life**

- The learner will know that Jesus is the source of life and he offers us love and forgiveness.
- The learner will understand that to know Jesus, we must spend time with the Scriptures.
- The learner will explore the concept of justification.
- The learner will consider the call to conversion and how we can respond by living in the Light.

**01/20 Learning about LIFE: A Family-Based Program on Relationships and Abuse Prevention directed by St. Francis Borgia Staff**

- This session is designed to help parents discuss with their children in grades 5 and 6 some basic concepts concerning the four kinds of relationships that spell the acronym LIFE (Love, Infatuation, Friendship, Exploitation).

Sawyer, K. & Amidei, K. (2006). *Learning about Life*. Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press

**The Church One in Christ (Home Work)**

- The learner will know that a diversity of peoples and cultures make up the Church.
- The learner will identify some of the common beliefs and practices that unite Catholics.
- The learner will explore similarities and differences between Eastern and Roman Catholic Traditions.
- The learner will consider the challenges of ecumenism and identify what all Christians have in common.

**Faith In Action: Catholic Social Teaching**

- The learner will understand that Jesus embraced human differences and befriended everyone.
- The learner will understand that Jesus challenges his followers to do the same.

**02/17 Mass-Ash Wednesday 7:00PM**

**03/10 The Community of Disciples**

- The learner will recognize that they are called as individuals to follow Jesus.
- The learner will learn that disciples are called to know and follow Church teaching.
- The learner will consider the unique spiritualities and schools of prayer within the Church.

**03/17 The Church is Catholic**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

- The learner will understand that the Catholic Church is universal.
- The learner will explore their role as an evangelizer.
- The learner will recognize the importance of supporting the missions through prayer and sacrifice.

**03/24 The Body of Christ**

- The learner will understand the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ, with Jesus as the head.
- The learner will recognize that all the members of the Church need to work together to accomplish Christ's mission.
- The learner will reflect on their own personal gifts and how they can use them for others.

**04/14 Source of Life**

- The learner will understand the importance of Jesus' gift of salvation
- The learner will recognize the Church's role in mediating salvation.
- The learner will participate in and learn about different prayer types.

**04/21 The Church is Apostolic**

- The learner will recognize the importance of tradition in their own lives and in the life of the Church.
- The learner will understand apostolic succession and the role of the Magisterium
- The learner will explore the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the roles of bishop, priest, and deacon.

**04/28 The Christian Faithful/Faith In Action: Catholic Social Teaching**

- The learner will know the importance of their baptismal call to share in Jesus' role as priest, prophet, and king.
- The learner will understand the roles of the clergy, laity, and members of religious orders within the Church.
- The learner will recognize the importance of the parish community for carrying on Jesus' mission.
- The learner will understand the Church's teaching on the dignity of work and the rights of workers.
- The learner will consider the need to work for public policies that protect small producers and promote employment and a living wage.