

GRADE LEVEL 5 EXPECTATIONS

Credal Church

- Explains how environment is God's creation and ours to respect
- Knows that God is the Creator, all-powerful, who made the world good
- Knows that the human race has a common origin reflected in the Adam and Eve story
- Knows and expresses belief that Jesus is the Son of God and the Word Made Flesh
- Understands Jesus as Savior and that "Jesus" means "God Saves"
- Understands that "Kingdom/Reign of God" is reflected in the good that happens in the world
- Knows and applies the concept of sacramentality: that Christ's life-death-resurrection is celebrated at liturgy
- Identifies ways that the Church carries on the mission of Jesus under the leadership of popes and the bishops
- Explains the communion of saints
- Identifies past and present Christian role models, e.g., patron saints
- Knows that Mary is the Mother of God as she is the mother of Jesus the Christ
- Understands that Christ's death and resurrection were part of God's plan
- Knows that the Assumption celebrates Mary taken to heaven, body and soul
- Knows that after death comes judgment which leads to heaven, hell or purgatory
 - + Knows an overview of the Bible, understanding that the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New Testament
 - + Is able to locate and read from the Bible the stories for this age group as listed, e.g., Genesis, chapters 1-3, two versions of the creation story
 - + Understands that there is one God (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)
 - + Knows that the Holy Spirit works in the Church, in the Scriptures and in the lives of people as at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4, 17)
- Knows about human sexual development and its sacredness*
- Knows and lives the belief that all life is sacred*

Liturgy and Sacraments

- Knows the names, meanings, signs and symbols of each of the seven sacraments
- Celebrates the sacrament of Reconciliation
- Participates in the preparation of Eucharistic liturgies with class or group
- Recognizes the liturgical calendar and can explain the seasons of the Church year, their meanings and color
- Knows that the baptized share in the priesthood of Christ
- Understands the Sacrament of Holy Orders as the way Christ continues to preach and sanctify
 - + Is able to locate, read from the Bible and understands each story listed below as it relates to the Scriptures
 - + Experiences water, bread, oil and light as sacramental symbols (John 4:4-42)
 - + Recognizes Christ's presence at Mass: in the assembly, the priest-presider, the proclamation of the Word and especially in the Bread and Wine (John 6:1-58)
 - + Recognizes the meaning and celebration of the Sacred Triduum and Easter as our central feast – Anointing at Bethany (Mark 14:3-9)
 - + Knows that Baptism forgives original and personal sin – Nicodemus (John 3:1-21)
 - + Knows Confirmation and Baptism relate to the mission of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11, Matthew 3:13-17); and service (Mark 10:44)
 - + Understands that in the Sacrament of Matrimony, the family is seen as the "domestic Church" (John 2:1-11)
- + Understands the healing power of Christ in the Sacrament of the Sick (James 5:14-15)

Characteristics of a 5th Grader

- Transitions into puberty with rapid physical and emotional changes
- Demonstrates marked differences between boys and girls and even among the same gender
- Becomes aware of past, present and future community experiences
- Belongs to one or more groups because of commitments, e.g., sports, fun, service
- Belongs to peer groups who often develop their own codes of behavior
- Begins to make choices independent of adults
- Recognizes signs and symbols in games, sports, clothes and professions
- Appreciates and develops personal talents and abilities
- Practices problem solving
- Begins to be aware of different customs and rituals among people
- Values success in sports and is influenced by sports figures

Moral Life

- Understands that the presence of sin or evil in the world is "original sin" into which we are all born
- Recognizes attitudes and actions that are sinful or selfish
- Acts out of the belief that mercy and justice are essential to Christian living
- Follows Catholic Social Justice teaching by reaching out to others through positive words and actions
- Distinguishes between mortal (serious) and venial sin
- Has a working knowledge of the Beatitudes and Commandments and can apply them to daily life
- Understands the meaning of the four cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude
 - + Practices forgiveness and being forgiven and knows forgiveness stories in Bible, e.g., (Matthew 18:21-22)
 - + Begins to be aware of the need for on-going conversion (1Corinthians 13:4-8)
- Identifies private and special body parts and touches which can make one feel uncomfortable**
- Can define bullying and harassment and recognizes when it occurs**
- Knows how to use conflict management skills**

Christian Prayer

- Participates in prayer services and other devotions, e.g., rosary, stations of the cross
- Prays the Our Father, Apostles Creed, Nicene Creed
- Knows how to pray the rosary
- Recognizes that Jesus prayed at decisive times in his life
- Prays to the saints in union with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Prays in harmony with the seasons of the Church Year
- Understands the difference between the Mass, other communal prayer and private prayer
- Uses Scripture as a source of prayer and reflection