



WEBSITES & ONLINE LESSON PLANNING



The internet provides an excellent resource for materials to supplement your weekly lesson planning. As the internet is filled with such a variety of materials (both good and controversial) **SPECIAL CARE** must be taken in utilizing anything obtained in this way. You may select non-Catholic resources for use in teaching, provided that you carefully review all of the materials in advance to ensure that they are in no way contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. If you are uncertain or have any questions regarding a particular resource that you plan to use in your classroom, please contact Joan in the RE Office.

Here are just a handful of the great Catholic resources online:

<http://www.usccb.org/>

This site has the Bible, Prayer and Worship, Beliefs and Teachings, Issues and Action straight from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you look under Beliefs and Teaching then “What we believe” you will find an online version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

This is the Holy See website. You can find Encyclicals, Homilies, Letters, and Apostolic Letters and connect to what Pope Francis is up to.

<http://www.archgh.org/>

This is the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston Website.

<http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family> This is our current curriculum series website. It’s full of Home Session Plans (i.e. chapter lesson plans), People of Faith activities, interactive grade-level practice reviews and games, a Glossary by grade and also adult learning videos for you parents. This is also the site where your child can submit chapter assessments.

<https://www.osvparish.com/CatechistHelp.aspx>

Our publisher’s website with excellent articles and activities for you parents.

<http://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/p/games.html>

This website provides links to free on-line games that can be made and played at home to augment your lessons being studied.

<http://www.catholiccatechist.org>

Provides Catholic resources, lesson plans and classroom ideas look under free files section. Look under the “Free Files” tab to search for activities and games by subject.

<http://catholicmom.com/> Another great Catholic family resource.

<http://www.catholicicing.com/> A source for GREAT craft ideas

<https://www.thereligionteacher.com/> Worksheets, lesson plans, activities, etc.

<http://www.crsricebowl.org/> Lenten resources including family activities, Stories of Hope, reflections and recipes



ADDITIONAL CATECHETICAL RESOURCES



Along with your textbook, here is a listing of some great resources for you to use to help you in your preparation of your lessons.

All of these resources are available for your use.

Catholic Bible and Catholic Children's Bible

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

This is the resource book for all catechesis. It is the official exposition of the teachings of the Catholic Church. It is arranged into four principal parts: The Profession of Faith (the Creed), The Celebration of the Christian Mystery (the Sacred Liturgy, especially the sacraments), Life in Christ (including the Ten Commandments), and Christian Prayer (including The Lord's Prayer).

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

It is a more concise and dialogic version of the CCC. It is sometimes referred to as the "Mini Catechism."

National Directory for Catechesis

This is a reference resource for those responsible for catechesis from the bishops on down to those on the local level.

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

Each chapter in the Catechism for Adults includes stories, doctrine, reflection, quotations, discussion questions, and prayer to lead the reader to a deepening faith.

Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church (YouCat)

The Youth Catechism, which is written in Language suitable for young people, deals with the entire Catholic faith as it is presented in the CCC, without aiming, however, at the completeness provided in that volume. The work is structured in Question-and-Answer format, and numbers after each answer refer the reader to the more extensive and in-depth treatments in the CCC.

Catholic Source Book

It is a vast collection of information to help people of faith learn, renew, teach, and live the risen life of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. The ten chapters include: Prayers, An Overview of the Tradition, Scripture, Church, Liturgy, The Liturgical Year, Devotions in Catholic Tradition, Veneration of Saints and Heroes, Catholic Symbols, and Word and Phrase Origins.