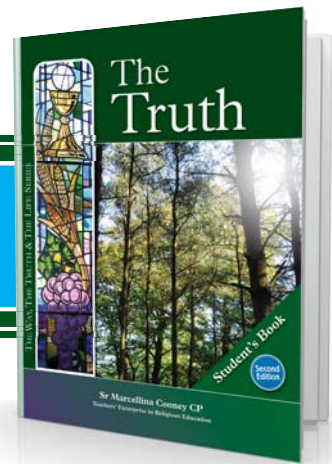




THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE



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8.1 CREATION

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“Creation is the first and universal revelation of God’s love. Each human person is unique and made in God’s image and likeness”. (p. 14)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“Nothing exists that does not owe its existence to God the Creator.

The world began when God’s word drew it out of nothingness; all existent beings, all of nature, and all human history are rooted in this primordial even, the very genesis by which the world was constituted and time begun.” (CCC338, also 364-366)

Attainment Target 1: Learning *about* the Catholic faith.

Attainment Target 2: Learning *from* the Catholic faith.

Key Learning Objectives:

- Know that God created and sustains the world.
 - Reflect on some of the wonders of Creation.
- Understand the theological truths in the accounts of Creation in Genesis.
 - Reflect on their importance for us.
- Know that we are made in the image and likeness of God.
 - Reflect on what this means for us.
- Understand the account of the Fall in Genesis.
 - Reflect on the consequences of this for us.
- Understand God’s call to stewardship.
 - Reflect on our response to it.
- Know about people who lives were deeply influence by God’s Creation.
 - Think about how we can learn from them to live simple.

8.2 The Covenant

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“The action of God in the unfolding history of the covenant relationship and the variety of human response is revealed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament.” (p. 14)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“After the patriarchs, God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt. He established with them the covenant of Mount Sinai and, through Moses, gave them his law so that they would recognise him and serve him as the one living and true God, the provident Father and just judge, and so they would look for the promised Saviour.” (CCC 62)

“Through the prophets, God forms his people in the hope of salvation, in the expectation of a new and everlasting Covenant intended for all, to be written on their hearts.” (CCC 64).

Attainment Target 1: Learning *about* the Catholic faith.

Attainment Target 2: Learning *from* the Catholic faith.

Key Learning Objectives:

- Understand the meaning of covenant.
 - Reflect on some of the covenants God has made.

- Know that God chose Moses to lead His people towards the Promised Land.
 - Reflect on God’s choice of leader.

- Know how the Jews celebrate the Passover today.
 - Reflect on why the Jews celebrate the Passover.

- Know about the Exodus.
 - Think about the message it has for us today.

- Know about God’s covenant with His Chosen People.
 - Reflect on what we can learn from it.

- Know that God sent the prophets to remind the people of His covenant and unfailing love for them.
 - Reflect on the message of the prophets for us today.

- Understand that Jesus has come to make a New Covenant with us.
 - Prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

8.3 MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

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“In the Eucharist we participate in the Lord’s sacrifice. We are joined to the eternal praise and thanksgiving he offers as Son of the Father, and to his sacrifice on the cross. We receive him as our life and food, a promise of the eternal banquet of heaven. At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that become in reality Christ’s Body and Blood. Catholic faith adores this enduring presence of Christ not only within the celebration of the Mass but also outside it.” (p. 24)

Attainment Target 1: Learning *about* the Catholic faith.

Attainment Target 2: Learning *from* the Catholic faith.

Key Learning Objectives:

- Understand that Jesus is our Saviour.
 - Think about what this means for us.

- Know that Jesus is the Bread of Life.
 - Think about how it might affect your life.

- Understand the New Covenant that Jesus makes with us.
 - Reflect on our part in this New Covenant.

- Know that at the beginning of Mass, we ask for God’s forgiveness for our sins. Reflect on what this means.

- Know that the Bible is the Word of God.
 - Think of ways in which you can put the Word of God into practice.

- Understand what happens at the Offertory.
 - Reflect on how some people prepare to make their offering.

- Know that at the Consecration Jesus becomes truly present on the altar.
 - Think about what this means to you.

- Understand the sacrifice Jesus made for us.
 - Reflect on how we can participate in it.

- Know that when we receive Holy Communion, Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine.
 - Consider how we should prepare for this occasion

- Reflect on how we can live out the Mass in our daily life.

- Understand that Jesus is sacramentally present in the Blessed Sacrament.
 - Reflect on how that can help us.

8.4 The Paschal Mystery

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“Christ’s life, death and resurrection are the central event of all human history and at the heart of faith. His cross is the sign of his unique offering of himself for each and every human being.” (p. 14)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

“The Paschal mystery of Christ’s cross and Resurrection stands at the centre of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God’s saving plan was accomplished ‘once for all’ by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.” (CCC 571).

Attainment Target 1: Learning *about* the Catholic faith.

Attainment Target 2: Learning *from* the Catholic faith.

Key Learning Objectives:

- Know about Jesus’ final journey to Jerusalem.
 - Reflect on how the Church celebrates this event.
- Deepen our understanding of the events of Holy Thursday.
 - Reflect on the importance of this day for us.
- Know about the Agony in the Garden.
 - Reflect on how it may help people suffering today.
- Know about the betrayal of Jesus and his trial before the Sanhedrin.
 - Reflect on situations of betrayal.
- Reflect on the trial before Pilate and the Crucifixion.
 - Make links with different types of suffering people experience.
- Reflect on the experience of Mary and the disciples on Holy Saturday.
 - Think about how they can help us.
- Deepen our understanding of the meaning of the Resurrection.
 - Reflect on its importance for us.

8.5 The Mission of the Church

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“The Church’s Mission is that of Christ its Head. The ultimate purpose of this mission is to enable all people to share in the communion of life and love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To this end the Church is called to express in society the mission of Christ as priest, prophet and king, calling every person to the worship of God alone, advocating the cause of the poorest and witnessing to the right order of society.” (p. 19).

Attainment Target 1: Learning *about* the Catholic faith.

Attainment Target 2: Learning *from* the Catholic faith.

Key Learning Objectives:

- Deepen our understanding of the Church.
 - Reflect on what it means for us.

- Understand the Mission of the Church.
 - Reflect on what it involves

- Understand the importance of living-out the teaching of Jesus.
 - Reflect on the work of the SVP.

- Know about some people who have dedicated their lives to helping the homeless.
 - Reflect on what we can learn from them.

- Understand the importance of helping people with disabilities.
 - Reflect on how they can help us.

- Know about the opportunities for mission in the parish community.
 - Think about the contribution young people can make.

- Understand how the Taizé Community helps young people from over the world to live the Gospel.
 - Reflect on why it is a powerful experience for them.

- Be aware of the challenges to the mission of the Church.
 - Reflect on the help young people give today.

8.6 The Church in Britain

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

“The Church is at the same time a spiritual community and an historical, visible organisation. The Church is catholic, that is universal (of every time and place). Everyone is called to its catholic unity of the People of God: to it belong or are ordered the Catholic faithful, others who believe in Christ and finally all human people called by God’s grace to salvation.” (p. 19)

Attainment target 1: Know *about* the Catholic faith

Attainment target 2: Learn *from* the Catholic faith

Key learning objectives:

- Know about the first arrival of the Gospel in Britain
 - Reflect on the courage of the early Christians.

- Know about the first missionaries to Britain.
 - Reflect on the message they have for us today.

- Know about the Monastic Life in the Middle Ages in Britain. (DVD ROM)
 - Reflect on the importance of the monks and nuns for teaching the Gospel.

- Understand that there was a struggle between the Church and the State.
 - Reflect on the importance of making decisions about our Faith.

- Know how present day divisions among Christians arose.
 - Reflect on the importance of an informed conscience.

- Know about the dissolution of the Monasteries. (DVD ROM)
 - Reflect on the effect this had on society.

- Know about the Reformation in England and Wales.
 - Reflect on the consequences of it for us today.

- Know what is special about the Catholic Church.
 - Reflect on its links with other Christian denominations.

