

**TEACHING THE CANADIAN CATECHETICAL SERIES IN COMBINED GRADES**

<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>GRADE 2 PROGRAM WE BELONG TO THE LORD JESUS</b>	<b>GRADE 3 PROGRAM IN THE SPIRIT WE BELONG</b>	<b>CENTRAL CONCEPT</b>
SEPTEMBER		UNIT 1 – We welcome and gather in the Spirit Theme 1 – Welcome!  Theme 2 – Dreaming with God  Theme 3 – Let’s celebrate!	Welcoming and gathering
OCTOBER	UNIT 2 – Let’s come together Theme 4 – I belong  Theme 5 – We gather  Theme 6 – We belong		Belonging
NOVEMBER	UNIT 3 – Let’s treasure God’s word Theme 7 – We celebrate the Word  Theme 8 – We savour the Word  Theme 9 – We respond to the Word		Listening and responding to God’s Word
DECEMBER		UNIT 4 – The Holy Spirit comes upon Advent people Theme 10 – In the Spirit we wait for God’s coming  Theme 11 – In the Spirit we wait with Mary  Theme 12 – The Spirit is upon us in Advent	Waiting time in Advent

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JANUARY		UNIT 5 – The Holy Spirit dwells in Jesus Theme 13 – God dwells among us  Theme 14 – The Holy Spirit fills Jesus with God’s power  Theme 15 – The Holy Spirit works in Jesus	The Holy Spirit in Jesus
FEBRUARY	UNIT 6 – Let’s take Theme 16 – We savour the gifts from the earth  Theme 17 – We celebrate the work of human hands  Theme 18 – We prepare the table of the Eucharist		Liturgy of the Eucharist Preparation of the gifts
MARCH	UNIT 7 – Let’s bless Theme 19 – We lift up our hearts to the Lord  Theme 20 – Do this in memory of Me  Theme 21 – May the Holy Spirit come upon these gifts		Liturgy of the Eucharist

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APRIL	UNIT 8 – Let’s break Theme 22 – Give us this day our daily bread  Theme 23 – Bread broken for you, and cup poured out for you  Theme 24 – You are invited to the table of the Eucharist		Liturgy of the Eucharist Prayer, forgiveness
APRIL -MAY	UNIT 9 – Let’s eat and drink Theme 26 – Come, take and eat  Theme 27 – Jesus is our food and drink	UNIT 9 – The Holy Spirit gives new life Theme 25 – Alleluia! He is risen!  Theme 26 – The Holy spirit renews the face of the earth	Easter
JUNE	UNIT 10 – Let’s go forth Theme 28 – With God’s blessing we go forth  Theme 29 – We meet the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread  Theme 30 – Let’s celebrate!	UNIT 10 – The Holy Spirit is alive Theme 28 – We are the Church!  Theme 29 – Spirit-filled, we reach out to serve  Theme 30 – We celebrate that we are Church	Service, being “sent forth”

## Special Notes regarding these Grade 2 and 3 Outlines

1. Because the “We Belong to the Lord Jesus” program unfolds the parts of the Eucharistic Liturgy in a faithfully sequential manner, great care has been taken to determine which themes could be omitted without compromising the integrity of the overall approach of the program.
2. Components which will be ongoing throughout the program are introduced in the early units. Therefore teachers are asked to read the introduction – especially the “Integration of Components” section – as well as Units 1 and 2 of both programs to determine which constants to introduce and use throughout the year. (E.g., from Year 2 Theme 2 – individual friendship books, from Year 2 Theme 3 – Big Book of Friendship, from Year 3 Theme 6 – basket of plenty.)
3. It is hoped that parish and family will take on an ever-increasing role in sacrament preparation as stated in the Archdiocesan Guidelines of 1996. However, in cases where, at this point in time, the school is still responsible for preparing Grade 2 students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it is suggested that this take place before the beginning of Advent. Even if the reception of the sacrament occurs later in the school year, Themes 1 and 2 of the booklet “A Catechesis on Reconciliation” would be best taught in late November (between Units 2 and 3 of the regular program) with Theme 3 of “A Catechesis on Reconciliation” being left to serve as immediate preparation just prior to the celebration of the sacrament. The rationale for this proposal is that there is greater flexibility of time in the first term and less danger of interrupting the sequential flow of the Eucharist later in the year.

In other cases, the school is responsible for preparing Grade 3 students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If the celebration of the sacrament is to take place before Christmas, it is suggested that “A Catechesis on Reconciliation” be used in the three preceding weeks. If the reception of the sacrament occurs later in the school year (Lent), Unit 8 of the Year 3 program is very good preparation.

4. When excerpts from each of the combined grades are listed within the same time frame (month), the arrows provided indicate the sequence of themes to be taught.
5. For Unit 10 (June), due to similarity of content, it is recommended that teachers read the themes from both grades and choose applicable highlights to form one integrated theme.