

## **New (or Relatively New and Working Well) Textbooks and Supplemental Resources**

The Curriculum Library in the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization has copies of the following resources. There are surely other new resources on the market but the list below only includes what we have available.

### **New Textbooks for Grades 1-8**

Spirit of Truth Curriculum New K-8 Curriculum with a Parish Edition and School Edition

<https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/shop/spirit-of-truth-parish>

Sophia Institute Press 800-888-9344

Spirit of Truth provides lesson plans for every week of your religious education program, including vivid sacred art reflections, stories of the saints, games, role-plays, and critical thinking questions, designed to help students internalize the Faith and apply it to their own lives.

Image of God Series Second Edition Pre-school – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade with texts for Confirmation and Mass

<https://www.ignatius.com/promotions/imageofgod/> Review package available

Ignatius Press 1-800-635-3827

### **New Textbooks for High School**

The Sacrament of Confirmation, A Complete Preparation Course and Activities with Parents and Sponsor. The Didache Series by Midwest Theological Forum

Well-prepared teaching that could provide more content for the catechist to supplement Chosen or Decision Point. Especially these chapters directly related to Confirmation and living as a committed disciple of Jesus Christ:

- The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- Life in the Holy Spirit: Prayer
- Life in the Holy Spirit: Holiness
- Life in the Holy Spirit: Witness
- Life in the Holy Spirit: Serving Others
- The Sacrament of Confirmation and Living the Christian Life

[https://www.theologicalforum.org/Category/129/The\\_Didache\\_Sacramental\\_Preparation\\_Series](https://www.theologicalforum.org/Category/129/The_Didache_Sacramental_Preparation_Series)

## **Complete List of U.S. Bishops (USCCB) Approved Textbooks in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church**

<http://usccb.org/about/evangelization-and-catechesis/subcommittee-on-catechism/upload/Current-Conformity-List.pdf>

## **Supplemental Resources for Grade School to be used along with a Textbook**

Blessed First Reconciliation by Dynamic Catholic

Six sessions including short episodes on DVD plus Leader Guide and Student Text

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed> Free digital chapter

Blessed First Communion by Dynamic Catholic

Six sessions including short episodes on DVD plus Leader Guide and Student Text

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*Signs of Grace: You are Forgiven* prepares children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time by revealing that God is indeed “rich in mercy.” Parent sessions using award-winning Augustine Institute Studio's *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession* help meet the crucial need for ongoing formation and catechesis for the entire family.

The curriculum includes seven sessions. Each presents the good news of salvation offered to us in Jesus Christ, with a focus on helping children understand intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a real encounter with him, and that he desires to forgive and heal us at the deepest levels of our humanity. By Augustine Institute with Matt Fradd, Chris Stefanick and Dr. Scott Powell

<https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/signsofgrace>

Contact Ann if you would like to listen to a recording of a webinar by Augustine Institute on the *Signs of Grace* Sacramental Prep Curriculum

*Signs of Grace: You are Loved* prepares children to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time by revealing the intimate love that God has for us. Parent sessions using award-winning Augustine Institute Studio's *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* help meet the crucial need for ongoing formation and catechesis for the entire family.

The curriculum includes eight sessions. Each presents the teachings of the Church on the Sacrament of the Eucharist with a focus on helping the children understand intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally that the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is a real encounter with Jesus Christ who desires to unite himself to us at the deepest levels of our humanity.

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## **Supplemental Resources for Middle School to be used along with a Textbook**

Edge Middle School Ministry by Life Teen

THOU SHALL, An Edge Resource on Morality including flash drive with 8 sessions and Semester Planning Guide. Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry has materials for review. Scholarships are available from Life Teen for purchasing the Program.

<https://lifeteen.com/edge-ministry/>

Encounter Bible Timeline is an overview of the Bible for 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders by Mark Hart. Students will be drawn into the amazing story that ties all of Scripture together and experience God's love for them in a profound way and see Him as part of their daily lives.

Eight, 30 minute sessions on DVD with Student Workbook and Leader Guide

Ascension Press or 800-376-0520 No Risk Review Program Cost: \$99

<https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/catholic-bible-study/middle-school-bible-study>

Altaration, The Mystery of the Mass Revealed

Featuring Mark Hart, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jackie Francois Angel and Christ Stefanick

This five session DVD set addresses head-on one of the biggest problems we all face: How do we get Catholic teens to appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of the Mass...and look forward to attending and participating. Through a unique learning experience, including powerful cinematography and workbook resources, teens will come to see the Mass and the priesthood in a dramatically new way. Altaration is designed to stir thought, create conversations, dispel myths, and inspire young souls to a deep and lasting love for the Mass.

Ascension Press 800-376-0520 No Risk Review Program Cost: \$99

<https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/chosen/teen-mass>

Theology of the Body for Teens, Middle School Edition

Discover God's Plan for Love and Life by Brian Butler, Jason Evert and Colin and Aimee MacIver

Eight roughly 15 minute sessions on DVD with Student Workbook, Leader & Parent Guide

There is little doubt that middle school youth are in an often confusing time of quest and discovery, especially with questions concerning their bodies, their sexuality, and their future.

This series has been developed to help educators, youth ministers, and parents successfully deliver solid and relevant answers. Cost: \$99

Ascension Press or 800-376-0520 No Risk Review Program

<https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/teen-chastity/middle-school-edition>

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YDisciple is a simple tool to multiply small group discipleship for teens in any parish. Practical training, video studies, engaging discussion guides, and parent resources create an ideal environment for teens to take ownership of their faith. This is available by purchasing physical products, or online platform or through a subscription to FORMED. The video teachings have been used very successfully with parents for other grade-level meetings and formation.

<https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/ydisciple>

### You: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body

Brian Butler, Jason and Chrystalina Evert

DVD set (Ten 20 min. videos), Student Workbook and Leader and Parent's Guide

In an age of "selfies" and egocentrism, YOU cuts through the noise to present an authentic view of the human person. It presents young people with the extraordinary story of their creation as unrepeatably individuals. But the program doesn't stop there.

YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body introduces teens to the truth that life is not, in fact, all about them; it is about going out of themselves to be a sincere gift for others.

Ascension Press or call 800-376-0520 No Risk Review Program Cost: \$129

<https://ascensionpress.com/shop/products/you-life-love-and-the-theology-of-the-body-starter-pack>