

Foundational Catechetical Documents

Religion curriculum and instruction are governed by and conform to the principles, declarations, and norms presented in official Church documents. Opportunities ought to be provided for religion teachers, campus ministers, and school administrators to read, understand and discuss these documents and their essential content.

- *Lumen Gentium*, Vatican II (1964)
- *General Catechetical Directory*, Congregation for the Clergy (1971)
- *To Teach as Jesus Did: A Pastoral Message on Catholic Education*, USCCB (1972)
- *Sharing the Light of Faith: National Catechetical Directory*, USCCB (1979)
- *Catechesi Tradendae (On Catechesis in Our Time)*, John Paul II (1979)
- *Lay Catholics in Schools: Witnesses to Faith*, Congregation for Catholic Education (1982)
- *The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School*, Congregation for Catholic Education (1988)
- *Guidelines for Doctrinally Sound Catechetical Materials*, USCCB (1990)
- *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Holy See (1992)
- *General Directory for Catechesis*, Congregation for the Clergy (1997)
- *Fides et Ratio (On the Relationship between Faith and Reason)*, John Paul II (1998)
- *Ecclesia in America*, John Paul II (1999)
- *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*, USCCB (1999)
- *Gathered and Sent: Synod Initiatives*, Archdiocese of Los Angeles (2003)
- *National Directory for Catechesis*, USCCB (2005)
- *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (2005)
- *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Holy See (2006)
- *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, USCCB (2006)
- *Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework*, USCCB (2008)
- *Guidelines for Obtaining The California Catechist Certificate and The California Master Catechist Certificate*, CCC (2009)

Christian morality consists, in the simplicity of the Gospel, in following Jesus Christ, in abandoning oneself to him, in letting oneself be transformed by his grace and renewed by his mercy, gifts which come to us in the living communion of his Church. (Veritatis Splendor, 119)



Foundational Liturgical Documents

- *Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)*, Vatican II (1963)
- *Mysterium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith)*, Paul VI (1965)
- *Dominicae Cenaee (On the Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist)*, John Paul II (1980)
- *Dies Domini (On Keeping the Lord's Day)*, John Paul II (1998)
- *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, Holy See (2002)
- *Ecclesia de Eucharistia (On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church)*, John Paul II, (2003)
- *Redemptionis Sacramentum (Sacrament of Redemption)*, Congregation for Divine Worship (2004)
- *Sacramentum Caritatis, (Sacrament of Charity)*, Benedict XVI (2007)

Foundational Documents on Human Sexuality

- *Humanae Vitae, (On Human Life)*, Paul VI (1968)
- *General Audiences on the Theology of the Body*, John Paul II (1979-1984)
- *Educational Guidance in Human Love*, Congregation for Catholic Education (1983)
- *Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (1986)
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Holy See (1992)
- *Veritatis Splendor (Splendor of Truth)*, John Paul II (1993)
- *Evangelium Vitae (Gospel of Life)*, John Paul II (1995)
- *The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality: Guidelines for Education within the Family*, Pontifical Council for the Family (1995)
- *Deus Caritas Est (God is Love)*, Benedict XVI (2006)
- *Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination: Guidelines for Pastoral Care*, USCCB (2006)
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living: Guidelines for Curriculum Design and Publication*, USCCB

