

# **OFFICE FOR CATECHETICAL FORMATION**



**Catechetical Programs and Texts Approved for  
Use in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

## **ELEMENTARY CATECHETICAL SERIES AND TEXTS APPROVED FOR USE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

The following list of elementary series and texts have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* by the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and are approved for use in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This Conformity Listing is continually updated and can be found at:

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

**Pastors, Principals, Religion Coordinators, Parish Directors, Coordinators and Administrators of Religious Education are reminded that only the series and texts which appear on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Conformity Listing are currently approved for use in Parish/Regional Elementary Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Furthermore, Bibles and copies of the New Testament are required to have a *Nihil Obstat* and an *Imprimatur*.**

When choosing a catechetical series, the following procedure should be used:

1. The proposed series is selected through the mutual agreement of the pastor, principal, director/coordinator/administrator of religious education, religion coordinator and religion teachers/catechists.
2. A publisher's representative should review the series with all those involved with the selection process.
3. An in-service on the new series should be provided for all teachers and catechists.

**Religion Curriculum Guidelines:** Parish/Regional Elementary Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs are required to use the Religion Curriculum Guidelines. The Preschool Religion Guidelines are copyrighted September, 1998 and the Elementary Guidelines are copyrighted September, 2000. In 2006 these guidelines were reformatted into trimesters. The guidelines are available at:

<http://phillyocf.org/elementary-religious-education/>

It is important to remember that no one text contains sufficient development of content; therefore, it is important that the elementary teacher or religious education catechist use a variety of resources in preparing religion lessons. Publisher websites provide supplemental activities at no cost.

For additional information about catechetical series, texts, materials, or Religion Curriculum Guidelines, please contact the Office for Catechetical Formation (215.587.3720).

Thank you for your partnership in the Church's mission of "leading our children to Christ."

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