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:
https://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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