

Office of Evangelization & Catechesis

List of Approved Texts for Catechetical Instruction for the Diocese of Austin

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The role of the catechist is to evangelize and teach the Gospel to all. As evangelizers, we are tasked with providing opportunities for young persons to encounter Christ and to develop an intimate relationship with Him. Evangelization and catechesis go hand in hand; evangelization is like the seed that is planted on fertile ground and catechesis is the process of nurturing, caring and guiding that helps the plant grow and become fruitful. We do this by providing the resources and instruction that meet the particular needs of the people as we accompany them in their journey of transformation.

This **list of Approved Texts for Catechetical Instruction for the Diocese of Austin** will help pastors and catechetical leaders (DREs) discern the series or texts that would best meet the needs of the parish or school. This list of approved texts serves as a guide for choosing texts, but the final decision should be made by the pastor or principal (texts chosen must be on the approved list). The texts on our diocesan approved list come from the **Conformity Review List of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)**. The texts chosen from the USCCB Conformity Review List are ones that correlate with the Diocese of Austin's Religious Education Curriculum approved by our bishop and implemented in our parish programs and Catholic schools. **Texts not listed below can only be used as supplemental resources and may not be used as the primary texts for instruction.**

Our hope is that a variety of materials will be considered. **Following are recommendations for discerning the appropriate series or texts for instruction at a parish catechetical program or Catholic school:**

- The series should promote a knowledge of God, a true conversion to Jesus Christ, and **help the student develop an intimate relationship with Christ**, who calls us to discipleship and sacramental life.
- The series or textbooks should include the **best practices in psychological and pedagogical processes** which will facilitate the student's learning and growth in faith in a holistic manner (GCD 121). The selected texts should emphasize on the development of materials and resources to help meet the needs of children with disabilities, special needs and multiple intelligences.
- The series should be **relatable to the generation addressed** [e.g., age appropriate in content and visuals], showing close acquaintance with anxieties and questionings, struggles and hopes that students experience.
- Texts and series should have **practical resources** such as manuals, lesson plans, multimedia, on-line resources and tangible materials for the catechist to facilitate the instruction, and to provide **ways for parents and family members to continue the instruction at home.**

In closing, I offer you this reflection from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*:

"In catechesis too, we have rediscovered the fundamental role of the first announcement or kerygma...On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you." This first proclamation is called "first" not because it exists at the beginning and can then be forgotten or replaced by other more important things. It is first in a qualitative sense because it is the principal proclamation, the one which we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment".

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Key to the Conformity Listing: **CM** = Catechist Manual **P** = Parish Student Text **TM** = Teacher Manual
S/P = single edition applicable to both school and parish **S&P** = two separate editions, both found in conformity
E/B = available in English or Bilingual

Titles	Publisher	Specifics
Pre-School Series		
Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus (3, 4, 5, and K) - E/B	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P&TM/CM ©2010, 2011, 2012
Finding God: Our response to God's Gift (Age4 to 6)	Loyola Press	S, TM/CM ©2018
God Made Everything (PK3, 4, and K)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2008, 2010, 2019
I am Special (PK3, 4, and K)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P&TM/CM ©2007-2009
Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches (Seeds, Promise-PK3/4,K,1)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P, TM ©2018
Stories of God's Love (PK3,4, 5, and K)	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM/CM ©2009, 2011
Blest Are We Faith in Action Kindergarten	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM/CM © 2019
Elementary Series: School and Parish		
Alive In Christ (1-8) E/B	Our Sunday Visitor	S&TM/P&CM © 2014
Be My Disciples (1-6) E/B	RCL Benziger	P&CM © 2013, S&TM © 2014
Blest Are We (1-6) E/B	RCL Benziger	S&TM ©2004, P&CM ©2002
Blest Are We Faith and Word Edition (1-6)	RCL Benziger	P&CM ©2008, S&TM ©2010
Blest Are We Faith in Action School Edition (1-8)	RCL Benziger	S&TM © 2018
Blest Are We Faith in Action Parish Edition (1-8)	RCL Benziger	S&TM © 2019
Call to Faith (K-6) E/B	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S&TM/P&CM ©2005, 2009
Christ in Us (K-6) Blended Learning	William H. Sadlier	S/P, ©2020
Christ Jesus, the Way (K-6) E/B	RCL Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2003
Christ Our Life (K-8)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM ©97, 02, 09, CM ©99, 09
Christ Our Life: The New Evangelization Edition (1-8)	Loyola Press	S/P, TM&CM ©2016
Come Follow Me (K-8)	RCL Benziger	S/P, TM&CM ©1998
Coming to Faith (K-6) E/B	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©1998, P&CM ©1999
Coming to Faith/Keystone Edition (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©1998, P&CM ©1999
Discover (1-5)	St Mary's Press	P ©2019
Faith First (K-6)	RCL Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2001, 2000

Faith First Legacy Edition/Parish (K-8)	RCL Benziger	P&CM ©2006, S ©2007
Faith First Legacy Edition/School (1-8)	RCL Benziger	S&TM ©2007
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts (1-6) E/B	Loyola Press	S&TM, P&CM ©2005, ©2013
Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches (Good News, Ventures); (2-6)	Pflaum Publishing	S/P, TM ©2018
Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Beliefs and Traditions (1-8)	Loyola Press	S ©2000
Share the Joy (K-6)	RCL Benziger	S&TM ©1997
Spirit of Truth (3-8)	Sophia Institute for Teachers	S/P ©2017
This is Our Faith (K-8)	RCL Benziger	S&TM ©1998
Walking by Faith (K-6)	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P, TM&CM ©1999
We Believe (K-6) E/B	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM, P&CM ©2004, 2011
We Believe, Catholic Identity Edition (K-6) E/B	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P ©2015
Sacramental Preparation Materials for FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION [In granting conformity to these supplemental texts it is understood that they are to be used IN CONJUNCTION WITH a basal series.]		
Believe Celebrate Live Reconciliation (Primary)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2017
Believe Celebrate Live Eucharist (Primary)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2017
Call to Celebrate: Eucharist E/B	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation E/B	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Celebrate and Remember: Eucharist	Saint Mary's Press	S/P & TM/CM©2011
Celebrate and Remember: Reconciliation	Saint Mary's Press	S/P & TM/CM©2011
Encounter with Christ – Reconciliation E/B	OSV	S/P & TM/CM©2016
Encounter with Christ – Eucharist E/B	OSV	S/P & TM/CM©2016
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise E/B	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006, 2015
First Eucharist E/B	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
First Reconciliation E/B	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Eucharist E/B	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM ©2003
The Gift of Eucharist E/B	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM ©2000
The Gift of Reconciliation E/B	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM ©2000
Go Seek Find: Eucharist	Saint Mary's Press	S/P © 2017
Go Seek Find: Reconciliation	Saint Mary's Press	S/P © 2017
God's Gift Eucharist (Primary) E/B	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2009, 2016
God's Gift Reconciliation (Primary) E/B	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2009, 2016
Reconciliation E/B	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM ©2003

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (primary) E/B	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006, 2015
Together in Jesus – First Eucharist E/B	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2004, 2011, 2018
Together in Jesus – First Reconciliation E/B	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2004, 2011, 2018
We Believe and Celebrate First Communion E/B	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2006
We Believe and Celebrate First Penance E/B	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2006
Middle School Texts		
Alive in Christ (7-8)	OSV	S&TM/P&CM©2014
We Believe Series, We Live Our Faith (7-8) E/B	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Finding God (7-8) E/B	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2007, © 2014
Catholic Connections for Middle Schoolers	St Mary’s Press	P©2014
Christ Jesus, the Way (7-8)	RCL Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2004
Christ Our Life (7-8)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM©97,02,09
Call to Faith (7-8)	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S&TM/P&CM ©2007
Call to Faith Junior High Faith Booklet Series	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Blest Are We Faith and Word Junior High (7-8)	RCL Benziger	S ©2010,2018
Blest Are We (7-8)	RCL Benziger	S&TM ©2005, P&CM ©2003, S/P, TM&CM © 2010
Be My Disciples (7-8)	RCL Benziger	S&TM/P&CM © 2014
Faith First Legacy Edition Church History (7-8)	RCL Benziger	S&TM ©2007
Faith and Witness Program (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM, P&CM ©1998-1999
Faith First (7-8)	RCL Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2001
Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches – Ventures, Visions (6-8)	Pflaum Publishing	S/P, TM ©2018
Spirit of Truth (7-8)	Sophia Institute	S/P©2017
High School Texts Parish Youth Ministry (Adapted Framework)		
Catholic Essentials: An Overview of the Faith	Ave Maria Press	S/P ©2009
The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, Third Edition	Saint Mary’s Press	S/P © 2013
Credo Series: Core Curriculum	RCL Benzinger/Veritas	S/P © 2017
Sacramental Preparation Materials for High School Confirmation [In granting conformity to these supplemental texts it is understood that they are not to be used in isolation but in conjunction with basal series.]		
Send Out Your Spirit: A Confirmation Candidate’s Handbook for Faith	Ave Maria Press	S/P&TM ©2003, 2010
Anointed in the Spirit – A High School Confirmation Program	Saint Mary’s Press	S/P & TM/CM ©2011
Be Sealed	Pauline Books and Media	S/P&TM ©1998
Believe Celebrate Live: Confirmation	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P& TM/CM ©2018

Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Older Adolescents)	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Confirmed in the Spirit (12-14yrs)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM ©2007, 2013
Called to Mercy	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2018
Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit (14-16yrs)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P&TM/CM ©2010
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidate's Handbook	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2006
Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation	Ascension Press	S/P & TM/CM © 2016
Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit	Loyola Press	S/P&TM ©1997
Confirmation	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Gifted with the Spirit-Confirmation: Senior High Edition	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P&TM/CM ©2018
The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
RCIA adapted for Children (unbaptized or baptized in another christian denomination)		
The following resources can also be used for baptized but un-catechized Catholic children and youth who need to complete their Sacraments of Initiation		
God Calls You By Name (adult)	Mother's House Publishing	P&CM ©2006
Journey of Faith (children, youth, adult)	Liguori/Redemptorist Pub	©2017 P
Pflaum Gospel Weeklies (children, youth)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P, TM ©2010, ©2018
Young Apprentices (children, youth)	RCL Benziger	
Be My Disciples: Our Catholic Heritage (children, youth)	RCL Benziger	P&CM © 2013
Breakthrough! Getting to Know Jesus Teaching Activities Manual (for Pre-catechumenate/Kerygma)	St Mary's Press	P ©2007
Friends on the Way (Children)	Team RCIA	
These resources cover the core teachings of the faith for a variety of ages:		
One Faith, One Lord (12-14yrs)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	
Our Catholic Faith (8-11 yrs)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2003, 2009
Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches (K-8)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P&TM/CM ©2009
Called to be Catholic (11-14yrs)	Loyola Press	S/P, TM ©2010, ©2018
The Catholic Connections for Middle Schoolers	Saint Mary's Press	
Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church (8-11 yrs)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P ©2009, 2014 TM © 2009, 2010
Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church (12-14yrs)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P&TM/CM ©2016
Bridges to Faith (8-11 yrs)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2010

Sacramental Preparation Materials for 4th-8th GRADERS preparing for First Reconciliation / First Communion / Confirmation (In granting conformity to these supplemental texts it is understood that they are not to be used in isolation but in conjunction with basal series.)		
Believe Celebrate Live Reconciliation & Eucharist (Intermediate)	William H. Sadlier, Inc	S/P&TM/CM ©2017
Believe Celebrate Live: Confirmation (Intermediate)	William H. Sadlier, Inc	S/P& TM/CM ©2018
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist (II)	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM ©2002
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation and Eucharist (intermediate)	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Encounter with Christ, Eucharist and Reconciliation	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P&TM//CM © 2016
Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (intermediate)	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006, 2015
God's Gift Reconciliation and Eucharist (Intermediate)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM © 2016
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (Intermediate)	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006, 2015
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM ©2000
Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM ©2000
Anointed in the Spirit – A Middle School Confirmation Program	Saint Mary's Press	S/P & TM/CM ©2010
Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Younger Adolescents)	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Confirmation, Inspired by the Spirit	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2012
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidates Handbook (Immediate Preparation)	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2006
Gifted with the Spirit-Confirmation: Junior High Edition	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P&TM/CM ©2018
Encounter with Jesus – Confirmation E/B	OSV	
Materials available in Spanish/Bilingual – PK/K		
¡Alelú! Crecer y celebrar con Jesús (3-4)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P&TM/CM © 2012
¡Alelú! Crecer y celebrar con Jesús (4,5)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P&TM/CM ©2010
¡Alelú! Crecer y celebrar con Jesús (K)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P &TM/CM ©2011
Encontrando a Dios (Bilingual Edition of Finding God, Ages 4-6)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2018
Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes & Teaches (Seeds, Promise: PK3-1 st – Bilingual)	Pflaum Publishing	S/P, TM ©2018
Relatos del amor de Dios Kindergarten	RCL Benziger	S/P & TM ©2012
Materials in Spanish/Bilingual – Elementary Series		
Acercandote a La Fe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier	S&TM ©1999
Bendecidos / Blest Are We (1-6)	RCL Benziger	P&CM ©2008

Creemos/We Believe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&CM©2005, 2011
Cristo Jesús, el Camino (K-6)	RCL Benziger	S&TM ©2003
Encontrando a Dios (Bilingual Edition of Finding God, 1-8)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2015
Un llamado a la Fe (Level A-F)	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2005 (A-D), 2008 (E-F)
Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes & Teaches (2-6: Good News, Ventures)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P ©2015, ©2018
Sean Mis Discípulos, 1-6 (Be My Disciples Bilingual Edition)	RCL Benziger	P&CM ©2014
Vivos en Cristo (A-F)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P&CM © 2015
Paso a Paso con Jesús (PK-8)	Catequistas de Jesús Crucificado	P& TM /CM
Materials in Spanish – Middle & High School Series		
Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches (6th-8th); Ventures, Visions	Pflaum Publishing	S/P, TM ©2018
Vivimos nuestra fe, como discipulos de Jesús	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S ©2010
Una sola fe un solo Señor (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2003, 2009
Sean Mis Discípulos: Cristo en el Nuevo Testamento, Jr. High (Bilingual Edition)	RCL Benziger	P&CM © 2015
Sean Mis Discípulos: Cristo en la Liturgia, Jr. High (Bilingual)	RCL Benziger	P&CM © 2014
Sean Mis Discípulos: Cristo Revela el Misterio de Dios, Jr. High (Bilingual Edition)	RCL Benziger	P&CM © 2015
Sean Mis Discípulos: Vida en Cristo Jesus, Jr. High (Bilingual)	RCL Benziger	P&CM © 2014
Materials in Spanish – Baptized / Uncatechized		
Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church (Bilingual Edition, 3-5)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P & TM/CM ©2016
Fusión en la fe: Conocer, amar y servir a Cristo en la Iglesia Católica (6-8)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P&TM/CM ©2011
Llamados a Ser Catolicos	Loyola Press	
Nuestra fe católica (4-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P ©2009
Nuestra fe católica Guía	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	TM/CM ©2009
Nuestra Identidad Católica (1-8)	RCL Benziger	S ©1998
Puentes a la Fe	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2010
Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: Good News, Ventures, Visions (Bilingual)	Pflaum Publishing	S/P, TM ©2018
Sacramental Materials in Spanish/Bilingual – to be used in conjunction with a basal series		
Elementary First Reconciliation/Communion:		
Celebrar nuestro fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P ©2000
Creemos y celebramos Primera Comunión	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2007

Creemos y celebramos Primera Reconciliación	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Don de Dios, la Eucaristía (Primaria)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2009, 2016
Don de Dios, la Reconciliación (Primaria)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2009, 2016
Encuentro con Cristo Eucaristía y Reconciliación	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P & TM/CM © 2017
Eucaristía	RCL Benziger	
Eucaristía: Damos gracias y alabanza	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006, 2015
Un llamado a celebrar: la Eucaristía	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Paso a Paso con Jesús (Level 3)	Catequistas de Jesús Crucificado	P& TM /CM
Primera Reconciliación	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Primera Comunión	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Unidos en Jesús Primera Eucaristía	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P&TM ©2004, 2011, 2018
Unidos en Jesús Primera Reconciliación	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P&TM ©2004, 2011, 2018
Reconciliación	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM ©2003
Reconciliación: Perdón y Paz	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM/CM ©2006, 2015
Sacramental Spanish/Bilingual Materials – Intermediate level – Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation		
Celebrar nuestro fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía (Nivel II)	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P ©2002
Don de Dios, la Reconciliación y Eucaristía (Intermedio)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2016
Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía (intermediario)	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Reconciliación: Perdón y Paz Bilingüe Intermedia	RCL Benziger	S/P&TM/CM © 2017
Confirmación	RCL Benziger	S&TM ©2014
Confirmación: Inspirados por el Espíritu	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2013
Confirmados en el Espíritu (7-9)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2007, 2013
El Espíritu Santo nos Libera: Preparando a los jóvenes para la Confirmación	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2000
Vivimos nuestra fe, Inspirados por el Espíritu	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S © 2011
Un llamado a celebrar: la Confirmación	Harcourt (OSV Curriculum)	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Materials in Vietnamese		
Creed: A Course on Catholic Faith		
Instructional Material for Theology of the Body		
Theology of the Body for Teens: Discovering God's Plan for Love and Life--Middle School Edition	Ascension Press	
Theology of the Body for Teens: Discovering God's Plan for Love and Life--High School Edition	Ascension Press	

YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body	Ascension Press	
Supplemental Materials [In granting conformity to these supplemental texts it is understood that they are not to be used in isolation but in conjunction with basal series.]		
Family Life Series	RCL Benziger	S/TM ©2011
Conociendo Nuestra Fe Católica (Levels 1-3)	Loyola Press	S ©2011
Our Catholic Identity (1-8)	RCL Benziger	S ©1998
Totally Catholic!	Pauline Books & Media	2013