

Level Descriptions Foundation–Senior Secondary STRANDS							
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<b>Triune God</b>	In Foundation, students learn how to make the Sign of the Cross. They learn through this prayer that God is called Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They learn that God is experienced through the gift of creation.	In Levels 1 & 2, students learn that there are different names for God. They learn that people are precious and unique. They learn that God loves all people and wants people to love others. They continue to learn about God as the loving creator who gives life. They learn that through their senses they can experience and appreciate their world, created by God, and entrusted to their care.	In Levels 3 & 4, students learn that <b>Scripture</b> speaks of God in many ways but most significantly for Christians as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They learn that Christians name this understanding of God as Triune God (Trinity). They learn that people are created in God's image. Students learn that the creation stories invite people to be responsible stewards of creation. Students learn about Jesus as the Son of God, the promised one of the Old Testament whose life, death and resurrection reveals God's love. They learn that they have been shown by Jesus how to live life to the full, in right relationship with God, creation and all people. They learn about the variety of titles and images for the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps people to live according to Jesus' teaching and ministry.	In Levels 5 & 6, students learn that Catholics recognise Jesus as both human and divine, the Son of God. They learn that Jesus, as Messiah, is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promise. They learn that Jesus' life, death and resurrection reveal God's love. Students learn that the Holy Spirit is the love expressed between the Father and the Son and that this is a gift freely given. They learn about the variety of images and metaphors to describe God. Students learn that God, the creator of all, entrusts people with the world and with the responsibility to respect and nurture life. Students learn that the human person, created in the image of God, has dignity and natural rights, which must be considered in morally challenging situations.	In Levels 7 & 8, students learn that God reaches out to humanity in loving relationship (through creation, Jesus Christ as both fully human and fully divine, and the mystery of human existence). Through an engagement with Scripture, they learn about the covenantal relationship God has with humanity through the Hebrew people. They learn that God sent his Son, Jesus, and describe ways God sends the Holy Spirit into the world. They learn that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three divine persons equal in nature and dignity who are bound together as one, in love. They learn that people are invited to share in the life and love of the Trinity.	In Levels 9 & 10, students learn how people experience God through Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and creation. Students learn about the Christian call to stewardship. They learn that the Catholic doctrine of Triune God expresses God as love. They learn about the ways Christians give witness to the Triune nature of God by creating loving communities where the dignity of the human person is respected.	In Levels 11 & 12, students learn that Triune God is the central mystery of Christian faith. They learn about the development of Church teaching on the Incarnation. Students learn how cultural contexts have influenced Christian understanding of Triune God and how this mystery is expressed through the arts and architecture.
<b>The Life and Mission of Jesus</b>	In Foundation, students learn about their own families and the family and life of Jesus.	In Levels 1 & 2, students learn how Jesus lived and what he taught. They learn that, guided by Jesus' life and mission, God's plan is for people to live in loving relationship with God, others, and creation. They learn about Mary's special role in the life of Jesus.	In Levels 3 & 4, students learn about the historical and cultural setting in which Jesus lived. They learn about the mission and ministry of Jesus that was handed on through his disciples and continues through the Church today. They learn that Mary was a woman of faith who allowed God to work through her.	In Levels 5 & 6, students learn that by responding to, and sharing in, the mission of Jesus, Christians are witnessing and proclaiming God's unconditional love and building the Kingdom/Reign of God, which is here but not yet fully realised. Students learn about Paul and how he carried on the mission of Jesus by spreading the Word throughout the known world. Students learn that Christians believe Jesus, as Messiah, is the fulfilment of Old Testament promises. They learn that many of Jesus' parables give an insight into the Kingdom/Reign of God. Students learn about Mary's role as the Christian model of a faith-filled disciple.	In Levels 7 & 8, students learn about the importance of the historical, social, political, and religious contexts in which Jesus lived. They learn about Jesus' teachings, actions, and mission and what they reveal about God and the Kingdom/Reign of God. Students learn practical ways the Kingdom/Reign of God can be lived out today.	In Levels 9 & 10, students learn about the portrayal of Jesus through the Gospels. They learn about the central Christian belief in the resurrection of Jesus as the foundation for Christian hope. Students learn how, for Christians, death has been transformed by Jesus.	In Levels 11 & 12, students learn about the mystery of Jesus Christ expressed through theological perspectives. They learn the distinctive Christology of each Gospel and express personal understandings, beliefs and questions about Jesus Christ. Students learn that the world today presents different challenges to the time of Jesus which calls for a different response to bring about the Kingdom/Reign of God.

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<b>Christian Life and Catholic Social Teaching</b>	In Foundation, students learn that they are unique and loved by their family and others. They learn about the love of God through relationships with others.	In Levels 1 & 2, students learn about their needs and the needs of others. Students learn that the love of God is expressed in the beauty of creation. They learn that God invites people to love and care for themselves, others, and their world. Students learn about their own gifts and talents and how these can be used to help others. They learn that people's choices and actions affect themselves, others, and creation. They learn that through right relationships with others they experience the love of God.	In Levels 3 & 4, students learn that Catholic Tradition calls people to love God and to love one another. They learn that all are invited to respond to God's love by showing care for self, others and creation. Students learn about the mission of Jesus and how personal gifts and talents can support this mission which is continued in the Church today. Students begin to learn about the principles of CST, particularly focussing on the dignity of the human person, which is fundamental to how people treat themselves and others. They learn that people are called to make right choices and to take responsibility for their actions in their relationships with others and the environment.	In Levels 5 & 6, students learn about the mission of Jesus and determine ways Christians can make a personal response now and in the future. They learn about the challenges of following the mission of Jesus today. They learn about the principles of CST drawn from Scripture and the moral teaching of the Church. They learn to consider local and global challenges and their impact in light of CST.	In Levels 7 & 8, students learn that the teachings, actions, and mission of Jesus Christ inspire people to lead Christian lives. They learn that Christian life is nourished within a faith community, inviting people into dialogue and service. Students learn about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how they promote right relationships with God, others and the environment.	In Levels 9 & 10, students learn that Christian life challenges Catholics to share in the mission of Christ. They learn that the Christian understanding of the dignity of the human person underpins Christian life and promotes a particular perspective with which to view the world (e.g., social, emotional, ecological, and economic aspects). Students learn about the inspirations for Christian decision making. They learn some of the key moral and ethical teachings of the Catholic Church. They learn how these teachings influence a Christian response in moral decision making and the importance of a fully informed conscience.	In Levels 11 & 12, students learn that moral decision-making, as a discerned response to contemporary culture, is part of Christian life. They learn that Christians are called to 'read the signs of the times' in light of Scripture and Tradition. They learn that the Catholic Tradition has something worthwhile to say and ideally informs a response that brings about a positive transformation in the world.