

Level Descriptions PRIMARY LENSES					
Lens	Foundation	Level 1-2	Level 3-4	Level 5-6	Level 7-8
<b>Scripture</b>	In Foundation students will develop knowledge, skills & understandings that enable them to learn some stories about Jesus from the Bible.	In Levels 1 & 2, students will develop knowledge, skills & understandings that enable them to learn that for Christians, the Bible is a sacred book that contains many stories about God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They learn that the Bible consists of two main sections, the Old and New Testaments. They learn some books, authors and settings in the Bible.	In Levels 3 & 4, students will develop knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that the Bible is an important collection of books written by different people over hundreds of years that witnesses to God's saving relationship with the world. They learn that Scripture contains messages and teachings for people, past and present.	In Levels 5 & 6, students will develop knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn about some Scripture texts that are central to Jewish and Christian faith and life. They learn that the four Gospels provide an inspired witness to the person and life of Jesus. Students learn about the similarities and differences between the four Gospels and reasons for these. They learn how to locate books and passages in the Old and New Testaments. Students learn about the different genres in Scripture.	In Levels 7 & 8, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that Catholics believe that the Bible is a collection of sacred books, inspired by the Holy Spirit and written in a variety of literary forms. They learn that an authentic interpretation of Scripture requires an understanding of its cultural, historical and geographical settings. Students learn that the Bible reveals God's covenantal love through both the Old and New Testaments. They learn ways in which Scripture informs Christian Tradition and its lived expression.

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<b>Tradition</b>	In Foundation students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn about families and the wider community. Students learn that the Church teaches people about Jesus. They learn that the Church is a community of people who follow Jesus.	In Levels 1 & 2, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn how families and Church communities share experiences that help people grow in knowledge of God.	In Levels 3 & 4, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that Catholic Tradition is shared and celebrated through the life of the Church. They learn that people may celebrate beliefs through other religious traditions and ways of life.	In Levels 5 & 6, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that Catholic Tradition has been, and continues to be, nurtured and passed on through the life of the Church. They learn some key teachings of the Church as outlined in the Nicene Creed and Apostles' Creed.	In Levels 7 & 8, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn about the richness of Tradition, and how, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, it helps people to make meaning of the Christian story. They learn that the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, as expressed through the lived Tradition of the Church, can inspire people to lead Christian lives.

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<b>Christian Prayer and Liturgy</b>	In Foundation students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that through prayer people are with God in a special way. Students learn to share informal prayers and develop their knowledge of some traditional prayers. They learn some of the words, gestures and actions involved in the Mass.	In Levels 1 & 2, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that, like Jesus, people can have a conversation with God at any time, in any place and in many different ways. They learn that prayer involves ritual, symbol, celebration and silence, and is a way of thanking God for life and creation. They learn some of the traditional prayers of the Church and share informal prayers. They learn how to pray in different ways They learn some of the words, gestures and actions involved in the Mass.	In Levels 3 & 4, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn how Jesus prayed and that in order to grow in relationship with God, people celebrate and pray together at different times, in different forms. They learn about the origins and significance of traditional Christian prayers and compose a variety of informal prayers. They learn how different ways of praying can be incorporated into prayer sessions. They learn that for Catholics, the celebration of the Mass is the heart of community prayer. They learn about the Mass. Students learn how the Christian community prepares for the liturgical seasons of Lent and Advent through prayer and action. They learn that Mary is honoured and celebrated through prayers, feasts and seasons of the Church's liturgical year.	In Levels 5 & 6, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn how prayer is experienced and expressed within Christian communities and other religious traditions. They learn that Scripture is a source of inspiration and example for personal and communal prayer. They learn about the words, actions, gestures, symbols and prayers involved in liturgical celebrations. They learn that through prayer, the Holy Spirit enables people to acknowledge their sinfulness and experience the healing, reconciling power of God's love. Students explore the origins and significance of traditional Christian prayers in the life of the Church. They learn how different ways of praying can be incorporated into classroom prayer experiences.	In Levels 7 & 8, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn about prayer and liturgy and the importance of each to the worshipping community. Students learn about the many types and forms of Christian prayer, both personal and communal, that are part of the rich heritage of the Church.

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<b>Religion and Society</b>				In Levels 5 & 6, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn how Catholics and other religious traditions celebrate and live out their core beliefs, symbols and social structures.	In Levels 7 & 8, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to learn about the role religion plays in society and that religious freedom is a fundamental human right. They learn that the nature and role of religion in society is informed by faith, openness, dialogue and cultural sensitivity. Students learn about the beliefs and lived experience of Catholicism and other religions. They learn what it means to be Catholic in the contemporary world.