

**SACRAMENTS  
ELEMENTARY COURSE OF STUDY  
GRADE 2**

**GENERAL**

The students will:

- define the term sacrament.
- be able to name the seven sacraments.
- know that adults are baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) process.
- know that through the sacraments we encounter Jesus.
- know the Gospel stories which relate to the sacraments; e.g., Lk. 22:14-20 (Last Supper), Mt. 28:16-20 (Baptism).

**SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST**

**Baptism** (note: see Diocesan Policies for Sacramental Preparation “Children’s Catechumenate” for children preparing for Baptism)

The students will:

- know that through Baptism we become members of God’s family, the Church.
- know the Baptismal symbols and their meanings: pouring of water and saying the words of Baptism, white garment, candle, oils.

**Eucharist**

The students will:

- know that we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist at Mass.
- understand that Eucharist is a special community meal in which Jesus is present to us.
- know that the Sacrament of the Eucharist was given to us by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper.
- know Scripture stories that relate to the Eucharist; e.g., Lk. 22:14-20.
- know that the bread and wine consecrated by the priest at Mass become the Body and Blood of Jesus whom we receive.

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- know that, in the distribution of Holy Communion, the ordinary ministers of the Eucharist are the priest and deacon. Some members of the church community may serve as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.
- know who can receive Holy Communion: those who have been baptized, who have reached the age of reason (about seven years old), and who know that it is really Jesus present in the bread and wine.
- know that when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we are strengthened to love and serve others.

**SACRAMENTS OF HEALING, RECONCILIATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**Reconciliation** (note: see Diocesan Policies for Sacramental Preparation for those preparing for First Reconciliation)

The students will:

- know that the primary means of forgiveness is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation leads us away from sin and toward God.
- know that through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we are reconciled with God and others.
- know that Jesus has the power to forgive and heal us.
- know Scripture stories that relate to Reconciliation; e.g., Jn. 10:1-19 (Good Shepherd).
- know that the sign and symbol of the Sacrament of Reconciliation are the words of absolution, the prayer given by the priest to announce God's forgiveness or pardon of sin.
- know that the priest is the minister of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- know that in the Sacrament of Reconciliation there is a seal confession between the priest and penitent; this means that any sin revealed to the priest must be kept completely secret for all time.
- express sorrow for unloving (selfish) choices.
- know and recite an Act of Contrition.

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- know that Jesus wants us to love and forgive others.
- know how to examine their conscience in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- know the essentials of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: sorrow for sin, confession, absolution and penance.
- know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation reconciles us with God and the community, increases grace and charity.
- know the three forms of the rite of Reconciliation: private; communal; and, in the case of necessity, general absolution.

**SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION (SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION): HOLY ORDERS AND MATRIMONY**

**Holy Orders** (cf. "Vocation Chart" handout #1 and "I Can Find My Way" handout #2)

The students will:

- know that priests represent Christ and act in the name of the whole Church. (CCC #1552-53)