

Faith Knowledge Assessment

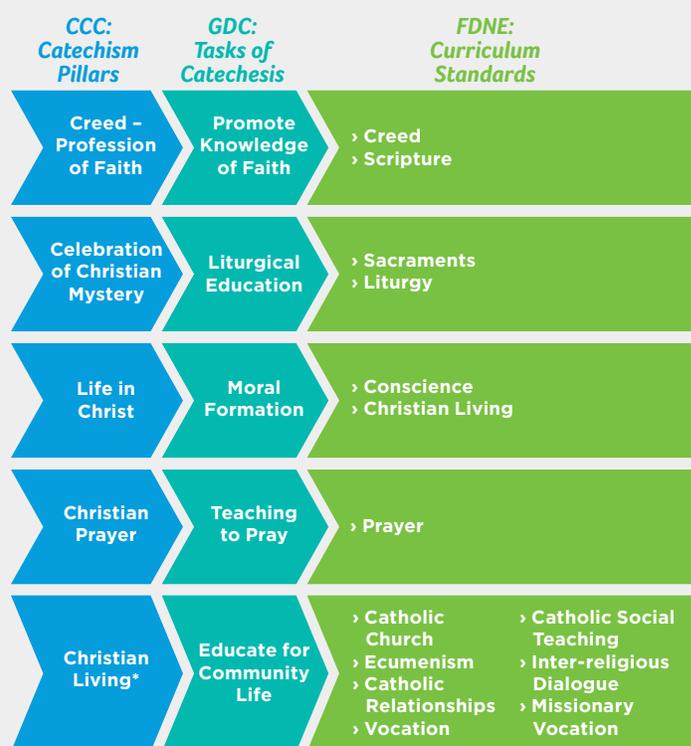
in Ascensus Target®

The Faith Knowledge Assessment is a Catholic standards-based assessment developed by the Archdiocese of Washington, aligned to their religion curriculum guide: *Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization* (FDNE).

When the Archdiocese of Washington decided to respond to the current needs of faith education, they developed a religion curriculum guide for use in all parish and school programs to introduce the same expectations, accountability, and rigor that they apply to other academic subjects. The new curriculum includes an assessment aligned to curriculum indicators and scored through Ascensus Target®. The Faith Knowledge Assessment is available to Catholic schools and parishes across the country.

In creating the curriculum guide, the Archdiocese of Washington's Office for Catechesis and the Catholic Schools Office integrated the pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) and the Six Tasks of Catechesis found in the General Directory for Catechesis (GDC), to define measurable grade-level standards for each concept and task.

The assessment is administered in English and Spanish throughout the Archdiocese once each year. Students in grades 3 through 8 in both school and parish religious education programs take printed or online tests through Scantron's Ascensus Target. The Faith Knowledge Assessment Item Bank contains more than 600 items in both English and Spanish and will be expanded annually.



*While Christian Living is not a pillar of the Catechism, it flows from the Creedal statements of the preceding pillars. Here, it encompasses the "Education for Community Life" and "Missionary Initiation" Tasks of Catechesis.

In partnership with the Archdiocese of Washington, Scantron makes the Faith Knowledge Assessment Item Bank available to you.

"We cannot assess faith, but we can and should assess religious education efforts."

— FDNE Curriculum Guide Foreword



“When we work as Catholic educators, we share in the mission of Jesus, our king, and in the name of his kingdom, which we find in the Church. So we educate people not just for exams, but for life eternal.”

*- Cardinal Donald Wuerl,
Seek First the Kingdom*

Sample Grade 2 Item

4. A sacrament is a physical sign that _____.
- A. is magical
 - B. is not important
 - C. does not change you
 - D. gives you God's grace

Sample Grade 6 Item

12. Which of the following is not a part of the Lord's Prayer?
- A. praising God
 - B. asking for daily bread
 - C. thanking Mary for saying yes to God
 - D. asking for forgiveness and forgiving others

The item bank package includes:

- A subscription to the Ascensus Target web-based assessment platform, so you can manage assessment records and run reports.
- The Faith Knowledge Assessment Item Bank, so you can create your own assessments.
- (Optional*) Predefined, grade-level assessments, so you can begin assessing online or on paper immediately.
- (Optional*) Preprinted tests and answer sheets for paper-based test administration.
- (Optional*) Scanning and reporting services so you can use the assessment with a minimum technology investment.

* Optional items are available for an additional cost.



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