

UNIT THEME	WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE	HOW CATHOLICS WORSHIP	HOW CATHOLICS LIVE	HOW CATHOLICS PRAY
<p>UNIT 1 THE MARKS OF THE CHURCH FROM THE BEGINNING Early Christians built their communities around the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the Gospel message. Their belief in the Kingdom and in the ongoing presence of Christ sustained them through many times of trial and persecution.</p>	<p>1. Apostolic: Founded on the Apostles Our faith, summarized in the Apostles' Creed, is the same as the faith of the Apostles.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE STORY Peter and the Early Christian Community</p> <p>RESPOND STORY Peter's Message Continues</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION The Apostles' Creed</p>	<p>2. Holy: Jesus Christ in the Sacraments In the sacraments, we meet the Risen Christ. We become the Church—God's holy people.</p> <p>WORSHIP Breaking Bread Together</p> <p>RESPOND STORY Dave Brubeck</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION We Praise and Thank Our Father</p>	<p>3. Catholic: Open and Respectful of All The word <i>catholic</i> means "universal" or "open to all." Catholics are called to welcome all people.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE STORY The Council of Jerusalem</p> <p>RESPOND STORY Pope Pius IX and Pope John XXIII</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION Prayer of the Faithful</p>	<p>4. One: Praying for Unity God calls each person to use his or her gifts and talents to build up the Body of Christ, the Church.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE STORY Unity and Variety</p> <p>RESPOND STORY Saint Thérèse of Lisieux</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION Prayer of Unity</p>
<p>UNIT 2 THE GROWTH OF CHRISTENDOM Having endured persecution and internal strife, Christianity burst forth as the dominant religion of the Mediterranean world and the organizing principle of society. Great cathedrals and basilicas embodied the spirit of faith and optimism.</p>	<p>5. Councils, Cultures, and Conflicts Twenty-two different Church traditions make up the universal Catholic Church.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE STORY The Council of Nicaea</p> <p>RESPOND STORY Saint Helena</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION Nicene Creed</p>	<p>6. Liturgy and Unity, Worship and Beauty Throughout history, the essential signs and words of the liturgy have remained the same.</p> <p>WORSHIP Early Eucharist Celebrations</p> <p>RESPOND STORY Building a Cathedral</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION We Thank Thee, Lord</p>	<p>7. The Church and the Empire The Church reminds us that obedience to God comes before obedience to any civil authority.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE STORY Augustine and the Kingdom</p> <p>RESPOND STORY Charlemagne</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION We Love God Above All Else</p>	<p>8. Prayer for Understanding Genuine prayer, in which we open our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit, promotes healing and understanding.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE STORY Prayer Expressed Through Art</p> <p>RESPOND STORY Making an Icon</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION We Open Our Hearts</p>
<p>UNIT 3 THE AGE OF FAITH AND BEAUTY The medieval Church expressed its deep faith through glorious cathedrals and elaborate worship. We are called to use contemporary media to proclaim our Catholic faith.</p>	<p>9. Faith Expressed and Lived We should keep ourselves open to receive God's gift of faith and continue to nourish it in ourselves.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE STORY Saint Benedict: A Model of Faith</p> <p>RESPOND STORY Saint Thomas Aquinas</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION Lectio Divina</p>	<p>10. Mass in the Cathedral The Eucharist is the Church's great offering of thanksgiving to God for the gift of salvation and the Eucharist.</p> <p>WORSHIP A Magnificent Mass</p> <p>RESPOND STORY The Gothic Cathedral</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION Meditating with Julian of Norwich</p>	<p>11. The Quest for Salvation Jesus Christ commands us to live in peace and to love all people as our neighbors. We are saved through Jesus Christ and God's grace.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE STORY Defending God's Will</p> <p>RESPOND STORY Galileo's Daughter</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION Praise God!</p>	<p>12. Devotions The Church recognizes popular devotions and private prayer as valuable ways to express and develop piety.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE STORY The Imitation of Christ</p> <p>RESPOND STORY A Wreath of Roses</p> <p>PRAYER CELEBRATION The Rosary</p>

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<p>UNIT 4 REASON, REBELLION, AND REFORM The Renaissance brought calls for reform in the Church. Martin Luther launched the Protestant Reformation when he nailed ninety-five statements of protest to a church door. The Church responded with the Counter-Reformation.</p>	<p>13. The Counter-Reformation True reform begins within each person's heart as he or she seeks God's truth. SCRIPTURE STORY A Time of Division RESPOND STORY Saint Teresa of Ávila and Saint John of the Cross PRAYER CELEBRATION Praying with Saint John of the Cross</p>	<p>14. Forgiveness and Reconciliation Reconciliation celebrates the fact that God is merciful and always welcomes us back. WORSHIP The Rite of Penance Develops RESPOND STORY A Penitential Celebration PRAYER CELEBRATION Our Prayer for Mercy</p>	<p>15. Morality and Salvation We choose to accept or reject God's love based on the choices we make throughout our lives. SCRIPTURE STORY The Choice of Heaven RESPOND STORY Saint Robert Bellarmine and Saint Catherine of Siena PRAYER CELEBRATION Being with Jesus</p>	<p>16. Seeking a Common Prayer The Holy Spirit works in all Christian traditions to bring their members to the truth of the Gospel. SCRIPTURE STORY Religion and Democracy RESPOND STORY Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne PRAYER CELEBRATION That They May All Be One</p>
<p>UNIT 5 RETURNING TO THE ROOTS OF CHRISTIANITY Grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our faith is expressed in new ways in every age to meet the challenges of contemporary life. We are called to be part of this renewal of the Gospel.</p>	<p>17. Modern Ecumenical Councils The living God continues to reveal himself to us today through Scripture and Church Tradition. SCRIPTURE STORY Words of Hope for the Church RESPOND STORY Père Olier and the Priests of St. Sulpice PRAYER CELEBRATION Peace Prayer of John XXIII</p>	<p>18. Renewal of the Liturgy Sincere liturgical participation brings us closer to God and helps us experience God's own holiness. WORSHIP An Age-Old Prayer RESPOND STORY Deacon Tim Manning PRAYER CELEBRATION Using Postures to Praise God</p>	<p>19. The Moral Struggle of a New Age Social justice is imperative for the survival of life, and is the Gospel of life Jesus preached. SCRIPTURE STORY Moral Challenges for the Church RESPOND STORY Archbishop Oscar Romero PRAYER CELEBRATION Acting Out Jesus' Story</p>	<p>20. A Prayer for the Church Building the Church of tomorrow begins with prayer and action that shows respect for all humanity. SCRIPTURE STORY A Church Blessed with Prayers of the Faithful RESPOND STORY Your Own Prayers for the Church PRAYER CELEBRATION Praying for the Church's Concerns</p>