

Steps in Faith Materials

Catechesis on the Creed:

BOSS program (Born of the Spirit Series from National Office – CCCB)

- Catholic Schools/ parish Grade 7 and 8 catechetical programs.
- 'Retreat' modules (gatherings) from BOSS grades 7 and 8 Parish program
 - Ten units at Grade 7, eight units at Grade 8 level – set up to be experienced in one gathering per unit. Each unit focuses on one topic of the Creed.
 - Copies can be made available to parishes by contacting the Rural Catechetics office. The National Office has granted us permission to copy these sections for a fee so there is no need to purchase the entire program.

Total Catechesis – Catechetical Sessions on the Creed (St. Mary's Press)

- 14 sessions focused on the Creed are outlined for gatherings of youth. Easy to follow format and an accompanying CD.
- Can be borrowed from the Diocesan Resource Centre or by arrangement from the Youth Ministry Office.
- Part of a series of topics for catechesis of youth.
- Available at Universal Church Supplies.

The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth (St. Mary's Press)

- The Handbook, an overview of the important teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church, is an informative resource for a young person to use well into adulthood. An excellent resource for adults as well!
- Part A has 11 chapters devoted to the study of the Creed. A Teaching Activities Manual is available.
- A copy of the Handbook was given to each parish during the past year by Rural Catechetics or Youth Ministry offices.
- Copies of the Handbook were given as gifts from the parish to students following their reaffirmation of faith in one pilot parish.
- Available at Universal Church Supplies.

The Catholic Connections Handbook for Middle Schoolers (St. Mary's Press)

- Overview of important teachings and beliefs written for students grades six to eight. (Could be used for older students as well)
- The Handbook has 5 parts – the first 3 are devoted to a study of the Creed.

- The Handbook is part of a more extensive catechetical program including a catechist guide for each of the five parts
- Could easily be extended for use for two to three years of study.
- Available from Universal Church Supplies.

Other:

Break Through! The Bible for Young Catholics (St. Mary's Press)

- A Good News translation Bible with added features aimed at making the Bible easier to read and understand.
- Aimed at students from grades 5-8 and beyond.
- Accompanying Teacher Activities Handbook and Student Workbooks *An Introduction to People of Faith* and *Getting to Know Jesus*.
- Available at Universal Church Supplies.

Break Through! The Bible Board Game (St. Mary's Press)

- Includes both Old and New Testament. (Divided into Biblical eras so you can use the game as appropriate for the group)
- Can be a 'learn-as-you-play' experience, using the Bible and a timer to find answers or a 'test-your-knowledge' experience where you use what you know and remember of the Bible.
- Recommended for ages 10 to adult for 2 or more players.
- Available at Universal Church Supplies or from St Mary's Press.
- Can be borrowed from the Diocesan Resource Centre.

Break Through! Bible People Flash Cards (St. Mary's Press)

- Set of fifty-eight flash cards to help young people learn about important people in the Bible.
- Can be played in jeopardy style with clues to help win the card.
- For 2+ people ages 10 to adult.

Apprenticed to Christ, by Jerry Galipeau, (**World Library Publications**)

- Useful for parish based justice/service projects.
- Follows the liturgical seasons with activities flowing from the readings.
- Available from Universal Church Supplies.
- Will soon be available for borrowing from the Diocesan Resource Centre.

Confirmed as Children, Affirmed as Teens, edited by James A. Wilde, **Liturgy Training Publications**

- A series of articles from various authors presenting some perspectives in affirming youth in faith. Includes a look at church documents, some

reasons why we need rites of affirmation, some pastoral implications, etc.

- Unfortunately this book is now out of print.
- Available for borrowing from the resource library.

Resources

For Justice Service projects:

To Walk Humbly...Stories and Activities for Teaching Compassion and Justice for ages Ten through Thirteen by Anne E. Neuberger, **Twenty third Publications, 2007** (available from the Diocesan Resource Library 269.6 NEU)