

**Sacraments within the Curriculum**  
**CCCB "Born of the Spirit" and "We are Strong Together" Series**

Sacraments are introduced gradually throughout the curriculum and the grades. It is important to note that the CCCB program itself focuses on sacramentality – on having a sacramental consciousness that is permeated in such a way throughout the curriculum to not only prepare students for the Sacraments, but to develop an appreciation for the greater picture of what God is doing everywhere, and for everyone. As St. Ignatius says, "to see God in all things".

**Scope and Sequence**

Within this mandated program, the following "Scope and Sequence" chart reveals how and where each of the Sacraments are either addressed or specifically highlighted at the different Grade levels.

| Sacrament             | Gr.1 | Gr.2 | Gr.3 | Gr.4 | Gr.5 | Gr.6 | Gr.7 | Gr.8 | Gr.9 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Baptism               | •    | •    | •    | •    | •    | •    | •    | •    |      |
| Reconciliation        | •    |      | •    | •    | •    | •    |      | •    | •    |
| Eucharist             |      | •    | •    | •    | •    | •    | •    | •    |      |
| Confirmation          |      |      | •    | •    | •    | •    |      | •    |      |
| Marriage              |      |      |      |      | •    |      |      | •    |      |
| Holy Orders           |      |      |      |      | •    |      |      | •    |      |
| Anointing of the Sick |      |      |      |      | •    |      |      | •    |      |

The following information is being provided in order to show some examples of certain Grade levels and how sacraments are addressed in the curriculum and highlighted within various units, themes and outcomes.

### Grade 1 – We Belong to God

The focus of the Grade One program is to create a sense of belonging to God and to join together in celebration and praise in God and in this sense of belonging. One way that some of the sacraments are introduced gradually throughout this program is through related scripture stories. For example, stories of Feeding the Five Thousand – breaking and sharing bread; The Good Shepherd and The Lost Sheep – loving unconditionally/being lost and found again.

#### **Baptism**

##### **Unit 9 – The Holy Spirit gathers us into God's circle of friends**

| <b>Theme 25</b>         | <b>Outcomes</b>  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Praise God for new life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his new life</li> <li>• To reflect on the promise of new life after death</li> </ul> |

| <b>Theme 26</b>           | <b>Outcomes</b>   |
|---------------------------|---|
| We are born of the Spirit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To deepen appreciation of baptism</li> <li>• To become aware of new life through water and the Spirit</li> </ul> |

| <b>Theme 27</b>                                    | <b>Outcomes</b>   |
|--|---|
| The Christian Community welcomes us with great joy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To deepen appreciation of belonging to the Christian community</li> <li>• To celebrate belonging to the family of God through baptism</li> </ul> |

##### **Unit 10 – We are born of the Spirit**

| <b>Theme 28</b>         | <b>Outcomes</b>  |
|-------------------------|--|
| In the Spirit we belong | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To come to know the Holy Spirit as the life of God within us</li> <li>• To see the Christian community as people who share the life of God: Father, Son and Spirit</li> </ul> |

| <b>Theme 29</b>                      | <b>Outcomes</b>  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| The Holy Spirit helps us to remember | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To remember the story of God</li> <li>• To proclaim our belief</li> </ul> |

| <b>Theme 30</b> | <b>Outcomes</b>   |
|-----------------|---|
| Let's celebrate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To prepare a celebration of belonging</li> <li>• To celebrate our belonging to God's family</li> </ul> |

## Reconciliation

### Unit 8 – We belong to God's family

| Theme 22   | Outcomes   |
|--|--|
| God wants a world of friends<br>(Doctrine: reconciliation) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To reflect on how difficult it is to love one another</li><li>• To see Jesus as someone who accepts us and invites us to become more loving people</li></ul> |

| Theme 23                    | Outcomes  |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Jesus invites us to forgive | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To explore the need to receive and give forgiveness</li><li>• To see Jesus' life as forgiving</li></ul> |

| Theme 24                    | Outcomes  |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Jesus gives his life for us | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To reflect on what it means to love fully</li><li>• To see Jesus' life and death as God's love for us</li></ul> |

### Grade 2 – We belong to the Lord Jesus

The Grade Two program revolves around the Catechesis of the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy – in meeting Jesus and in the mystery of Jesus as Lord and in the gathering and celebrating of the Eucharist. The students work on building their experience and understanding of the Eucharist throughout the year. Links to the Eucharist are provided in the Teacher Guide **in each one of the thirty themes**. The Sacrament of Baptism is also highlighted and reviewed throughout the program as it relates to welcoming, to belonging, and to Eucharist.

## Grade 4 – Come and See

Year 4 emphasizes symbol and liturgical initiation. It introduces the students to taking a sacramental view – to expressing sacramentality in every day life, through the lived example of Jesus - using symbol; celebration; and ritual.

### **Confirmation:**

#### **Unit One – “The Church hands on the Good News”**

| <b>Theme 1</b> | <b>Outcomes</b>  |
|----------------|--|
| New Beginnings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To experience the joy and enthusiasm of new beginnings</li><li>• To enter into the Pentecost story and to remember the work of the Holy Spirit in the following of Jesus</li></ul> |

#### **Unit 7 – “Jesus says ‘I am the Way’”**

| <b>Theme 19</b>                   | <b>Outcomes</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Jesus is sent to bring God's love | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To enter more deeply in the movement of the Holy Spirit in us</li><li>• To appreciate God's intimate involvement in our lives</li></ul> |

#### **Unit 10 – “Jesus’ Spirit is with us**

| <b>Theme 28</b>                               | <b>Outcomes</b>  |
|---|--|
| The Holy Spirit will bring us to Jesus Christ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To understand that the Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus Christ in us</li><li>• To Recognize the role of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist in our initiation into the life of Jesus Christ</li></ul> |
| <b>Theme 29</b>                               | <b>Outcomes</b>  |
| You shall be my witnesses                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To see how people, empowered by the Spirit, are witnesses to Jesus</li><li>• To remember Jesus in the formulation of a creed</li></ul>   |

### **Baptism:**

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|-----------------------------------|--|
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| <b>Theme 20</b>                   | <b>Outcomes</b>  |
| Jesus is the living water         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To explore our thirst for life</li><li>• To celebrate Jesus as God's gift of living water</li></ul>  |

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### Eucharist:

#### Unit 8 “Jesus gives his life for us” and Unit 9 – “My Lord and my God”

| Theme 23                       | Outcomes   |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Jesus gives himself            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To see how the Last Supper helps us understand the meaning of Jesus’ life and death</li> <li>To learn that the Eucharist is an invitation to live a life of love and service</li> </ul>   |
| Theme 25                       | Outcomes   |
| He who was crucified is risen! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To share the disciples’ joy in discovering that Jesus is risen.</li> <li>To learn what the presence of the risen Lord means to his friends and to us</li> </ul> <p>(Doctrine: the Eucharist as sacrament of the resurrection)</p> |

### Reconciliation:

| Theme 24          | Outcomes   |
|-------------------|--|
| Jesus dies for us | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To deepen our understanding of the meaning of Jesus’ death</li> <li>To ritualize Jesus’ freeing act of forgiveness</li> </ul> |

## Grade 7 – Believe in me

Year seven focuses on part I of The Creed. This is the first year of the “transition years cycle” and looks at our faith in the Creed as well as living out faith. The Sacraments are not specifically mentioned within this program, though aspects of Baptism and Eucharist are identified and reviewed in certain themes as they relate to the catechetical outcomes. This is an example of how the concepts are infused within the program itself.

### **Baptism:**

#### **Unit 7 “We believe in Jesus...who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary”**

| <b>Theme 1</b>                         | <b>Outcomes</b>   |
|--|---|
| Why is everybody always picking on me? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name some ways that God’s grace can work, and is at work, in their lives (key concepts – Mary was sustained by divine grace throughout her life (we receive this same grace in Baptism. Mary challenges us to co-operate with it fully; co-operation with the grace of God allows for new beginnings, no matter what the circumstances)</li></ul> |

### **Eucharist:**

#### **Unit 8 “He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead.”**

| <b>Theme 2</b>                 | <b>Outcomes</b>  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| What’s the point of sacrifice? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the relationship of Jesus’ sacrifice to Old Testament sacrifices and to the Eucharist (Key concepts – we are invited to participate in Christ’s sacrifice at the Eucharist)</li></ul> |

#### **Unit 9 “On the third day he rose. He ascended into heaven.”**

| <b>Theme 1</b> | <b>Outcomes</b>   |
|----------------|---|
| Is there hope? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain what it means to say that Jesus is raised to new life</li><li>• Identify the hope that is found in Jesus’ resurrection for the difficult moments of their lives (Key concepts – Jesus is recognized in the breaking of the bread)</li></ul> |

## Sacraments in the Senior High Religious Studies Program

RS 15 – Primary resource: Christ & Culture

Teacher Manual, p. 11:

*The liturgical year also provides many opportunities for incorporating religious symbols, rituals and celebrations within the learning environment. Likewise, the liturgical year affords the opportunity for participation in and exploration of the Church's sacramental life.*

*Sacraments are visible signs of the presence and action of God. On the basis of this definition, Jesus is understood as the pre-eminent Sacrament, whose life made visible the action of God in an unparalleled manner. In turn, the Church is the sacrament of Christ, making his teachings and his saving grace visible across all cultures and through successive generations...*

The 5-credit RS15 course text includes the Themes directly related to sacrament:

- Theme 20 – The Catholic Church – sacrament of Christ
- Theme 21 – The presence of God's Spirit in the Catholic Church
- Theme 22 – Encountering Christ in the sacraments
- Theme 26 – We are a eucharistic community

RS 25 – Primary resource: Jesus of History, Christ of Faith

(3 & 5-credit courses)

Chapter 9: The Cross: The End or a Beginning? (The Last Supper and Jesus' eucharistic presence)

Chapter 10: The Resurrection: God is Victorious! Jesus is Lord! (Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist, in the community of believers, and in remembering and living out his Dream)

RS 35 – Primary resource: In Search of the Good

Teacher Manual, p. 11:

*Particular attention is given to the encounter with Christ in marriage, holy orders, and religious life. Because of the focus on ethical and moral life, the Easter message of the gift of the Holy Spirit of reconciliation allows the students to recognize both the enormous difficulty and the generous gift of reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation becomes a special event of experiencing God's graciousness.*

Both the 3 and 5-credit RS 35 courses include Chapters directly related to sacrament:

- Chapter 6 – Church: the sacrament of God's grace
- Chapter 16 – Marriage matters

Additionally, the 5-credit RS 35 course includes:

- Chapter 9 – Living in Praise and Thanksgiving (vocation to the priesthood p. 176 – 180)
- Chapter 15 – "If I sin, what do I do to you?" (forgiveness & reconciliation)