

The Encountering Jesus Series Grid

In determining conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the USCCB relies on its own document, *Guidelines for Doctrinally Sound Catechetical Materials*, to assess textbooks for authenticity to the Christian message. Beyond not contradicting any teaching from the *Catechism*, textbooks must have a theological structure where the following points are implicitly addressed throughout:

- *Trinitarian organization* calls for the “creative and saving initiative of God the Father, the salvific mission of God the Son, and the sanctifying role of the Holy Spirit to permeate a text, whether the subject is worship and liturgy or the deepest roots of the moral life and the life of prayer.”
- *Christological centrality* requires texts to breathe “the person, life, and mission of Jesus Christ.” Christ must be presented as fully God and fully man.
- *Ecclesial context* again is centered in Christ. Like the Catechism, textbooks must highlight “the continuing presence and mission of Christ in and through the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Knowing and following Christ through faith requires participation in the Catholic Church.
- *Treatment of the sacraments within the Paschal Mystery* requires texts to focus on the origins of the Sacraments and their reception of efficacy in relationship to the Paschal Mystery and Christ’s ongoing presence in the Sacraments today.
- *Presentation of the moral life in the personal social teaching of the Church as a new life in the Holy Spirit* highlights the *Catechism’s* point that moral living is rooted in a real new life and made present by the Holy Spirit and the gift of God’s grace.
- *The Church’s teaching on the dignity of human life related to the section on the Fifth Commandment* requires textbooks to show both the distinctiveness and connection of the various life issues to one another.
- *The Church’s teaching on human sexuality related to the section on the Sixth and Ninth Commandments* requires that discussion of human sexuality not be separated from the moral teaching of the Church.
- *The Church’s teaching on social justice related to the section on the Seventh and Tenth Commandments* requires textbooks to preserve “the relationship between teaching and social justice with the rest of the moral teaching of the Church.”

Because the Encountering Jesus series is in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, each text meets these standards of authenticity. The following grid highlights where these structures are present. The boldface references indicate chapters where the structures are most present.

	Course I <i>Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World</i>	Course II <i>Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry</i>	Course III <i>Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation</i>	Course IV <i>Jesus and the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic</i>	Course V <i>Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments</i>	Course VI <i>Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality</i>
Trinitarian organization	Salvation History and the Holy Trinity; includes descriptions of Persons of the Trinity (Chapter 1); The Trinity and You (Chapter 1); role in formation of the Church (Chapter 1); at Jesus' Baptism (Chapter 6)	Jesus as Second Person of the Trinity (Chapters 1, 3); Faith and the Blessed Trinity (Chapter 2); Heresies involving the Blessed Trinity (Chapter 2); What Jesus and the Church Teach about the Trinity (Chapter 5)	Holy Trinity and Incarnation (Chapter 3) Union in Heaven (Chapter 7); Connection with virtue (Chapter 8); Trinity and Prayer (Chapter 9)	Unity of the Blessed Trinity (Chapter 2); Mystery of the Trinity (Chapter 2); and the Incarnation (Chapter 3); and the fullness of the Church (Chapter 4); and Revelation (Chapter 5)	Definition of a Sacrament (Chapter 1); The promise of the Paraclete (Chapter 2); The Blessed Trinity and the Liturgy (Chapter 2); The Holy Spirit and Confirmation (Chapter 4); The rite of anointing (Chapter 7); The work of the Trinity in healing (Chapter 7); Matrimony promotes union with the Trinity	Blessed Trinity and the Social Nature of Humans (Chapter 1); Trinity and merit and holiness (Chapter 5)

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Christological centrality	Jesus Christ as the heart of Sacred Scripture (Chapter 2); The Historical Jesus (Chapter 3); The messianic prophecies (Chapter 5); The Suffering Servant Songs (Chapter 5); The Gospels are the primary sources about Jesus (Chapter 6); Important events in the life of Jesus (Chapter 6); Themes among the Evangelists (Chapter 6); Jesus as teacher (Chapter 7); The Paschal Mystery (Chapter 8); The Incarnation (Chapter 9); The	The Historical Jesus (Chapter 1); The divinity of Christ (Chapter 2); Jesus as the climax of God’s Revelation (Chapter 2); Jesus’ ministry (Chapter 3); They hypostatic union (Chapter 3); The Paschal Mystery (Chapter 3)	Creation and the Paschal Mystery (Chapter 1); The Protoevangelium (Chapter 2); Messianic prophecies (Chapter 2); Jesus, the Christ (Chapter 3); The Life of Jesus (Chapter 3); Jesus’ parables (Chapter 4); Jesus’ miracles (Chapter 4); Jesus’ Passion and Death (Chapter 5); The Resurrection and the Paschal mystery (Chapter 6); The Ascension (Chapter 6); Jesus and prayer (Chapter 9)	Christ established the Church (Chapter 1); Church as the Body of Christ (Chapter 1); The Church is catholic because Christ is present in her (Chapter 4); Christ’s presence in the Catholic Church (Chapter 4); Jesus as the Fullness of God’s Revelation (Chapter 5)	Jesus instituted the Eucharist (Chapter 5); The Eucharist as sacrifice (Chapter 5); Christ as divine physician (Chapter 7); Viaticum (Chapter 7); The priesthood of Christ (Chapter 8)	The Paschal Mystery (Chapter 1); Jesus and prayer (Chapter 2); Jesus as a moral guide (Chapter 3); Jesus and the law (Chapter 3); Jesus as a moral guide (Chapter 4); The Sermon on the Mount (Chapter 4); The Protoevangelium (Chapter 6); Jesus as Divine Physician (Chapter 6); Imitating Jesus (Chapter 10)

	Resurrection (Chapter 9); Other portraits of Jesus in the New Testament (Chapter 10); Friendship with Jesus (Chapter 10)					
Ecclesial context	Preservation of the Deposit of Faith (Chapter 1); The Magisterium (Chapter 1); The early Christian community (Chapter 3) ; Both Isaac and Joseph are prefigurations of Jesus (Chapter 4); Why read the Old Testament? (Chapter 5); Jesus' followers (Chapter 6); The authority of Peter (Chapter 6) ; The Kingdom of God (Chapter 7)	The ministry of the Apostles (Chapter 1); Church martyrs (Chapter 1); Jesus Christ founded the Church (Chapter 2); The marks of the Church (Chapter 2); Apostolic Tradition (Chapter 3)	God's covenants (Chapter 2) ; The call of the Apostles (Chapter 4); The Kerygma (Chapter 6); Evangelization (Chapter 8) ; Prayer and the Church (Chapter 9)	The Origins of the Church (Chapter 1) ; biblical images of (Chapter 1); presence of the Holy Spirit in (Chapter 1); founded on the Apostles (Chapter 1); Ecumenism (Chapter 2); Papal primacy (Chapter 2); Holiness (Chapter 3) ; Diversity (Chapter 4); Pentecost (Chapter 4); The Deposit of Faith (Chapter 5); The	The Church as sacrament of Christ (Chapter 1); Apostolic succession (Chapter 2); Christian Initiation (Chapter 3); Membership in the Body of Christ (Chapter 3) ; Apostolic succession (Chapter 4); Deepening one's bond with the Church in Confirmation (Chapter 4);	The Magisterium (Chapter 2); Church law (Chapter 3); Christian discipleship (Chapter 4); Church doctrine and conscience formation (Chapter 5); Catholic social teaching (Chapter 10)

				Magisterium (Chapter 5); The Church's divine mission (Chapter 6); The New Evangelization (Chapter 6) ; Ecumenism (Chapter 6)	The power of the Church to forgive sins (Chapter 6) ; Three degrees of holy orders (Chapter 7); The Magisterium (Chapter 8); The domestic Church (Chapter 9)	
Treatment of the Sacraments within the Paschal Mystery	Scripture are central at every Mass (Chapter 2); The Passover and the Eucharist (Chapter 4) ; The Baptism of Jesus (Chapter 6); The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (Chapter 8); The Sacraments and	The baptism of Jesus (Chapter 3); The sacrifice of Jesus at Mass (Chapter 3); Jesus' use of physical signs (Chapter 3)	The baptism of Jesus (Chapter 3); The Rite of Baptism (Chapter 3); Repentance (Chapter 4); The sacraments revealed in the miracle of the Wedding at Cana (Chapter 4); The Eucharist (Chapter 4); Sacraments as a participation in the Paschal Mystery	Creeds (Chapter 2); Sacraments as a source of unity (Chapter 2) ; The link to apostolic unity through Holy Orders (Chapter 2); Sacramental graces (Chapter 3)	Sacraments and the Paschal Mystery (Chapter 1) ; Christ's presence in the Eucharist (Chapter 2); Elements common to all the sacraments	Marriage (Chapter 1); Baptism (Chapter 1); Confession of sins (Chapter 2); Participation in the Holy Eucharist (Chapter 4); Baptism (Chapter 4); Examination of conscience (Chapter 5); The Sacrament of

	the Paschal Mystery (Chapter 8)		(Chapter 6); Baptism (Chapter 7)		(Chapter 2); Matter and form of the Seven Sacraments (Chapter 2); The liturgical year (Chapter 2); Baptism and the Paschal Mystery (Chapter 3); The Rite of the Mass (Chapter 5); Christ's love for his Church mirrored in marriage (Chapter 9); The communion between spouses (Chapter 9)	Confession (Chapter 6); The Sacraments and the First Commandment (Chapter 7); Mass and Eucharist (Chapter 7); Two purposes of sex in marriage (Chapter 9)
Presentation of the moral life and social teachings of the Church as a new	Original holiness and original justice (Chapter 4); Themes of the prophets	The theological virtues (Chapter 2); The gift of love (Chapter 3)	Justice in the moral order (Chapter 1); The Prophets (Chapter 2); Temptation (Chapter	Holiness (Chapter 3); The Ten Commandments the Beatitudes	Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Chapter 4); The pursuit of justice and	The Commandments and eternal life (Introduction); Making moral

<p>life in the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>(Chapter 5); The Beatitudes (Chapter 7); Service to others (Chapter 9)</p>		<p>3); The Kingdom of God parables (Chapter 4); The corporal works of mercy (Chapter 6); Types of evils (Chapter 8); The Holy Spirit and Grace (Chapter 8); Virtues (Chapter 8)</p>	<p>(Chapter 3); The Saints (Chapter 3); Practicing Catholic Social Teaching (Chapter 6); Encyclicals (Chapter 6)</p>	<p>peace (Chapter 6)</p>	<p>decisions (Chapter 2); The Cardinal virtues (Chapter 2); The gift of infallibility (Chapter 2); Free will (Chapter 3); Types of law (Chapter 3); Christ's presence through the Holy Spirit (Chapter 4); Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Chapter 4); Conscience (Chapter 5); Social justice doctrines (Chapter 10)</p>
<p>The Church's teaching on the dignity of life related to the section on the 5th Commandment</p>	<p>The Ten Commandments (Chapter 4)</p>	<p>Poverty and human dignity (Chapter 4); Human dignity (Chapter 8)</p>	<p>Human dignity (Chapter 1); The Decalogue (Chapter 2)</p>	<p>The "seamless garment" (Chapter 4); service to others (Chapter 6); The dignity of the human person (Chapter 6)</p>	<p>Forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance (Chapter 6); Sin harms human dignity (Chapter 6); Serious sin (Chapter 6)</p>	<p>Human dignity (Introduction); Dignity (Chapter 1); Development of human life (Chapter 1); The two great commandments (Chapter 4); The Beatitudes (Chapter 4); The Old and New Laws (Chapter 4);</p>

						The Golden Rule (Chapter 4); The Ten Commandments (Chapter 7); Respect for life (Chapter 8) ; The Cardinal virtues (Chapter 8)
The Church's teaching on sexuality related to the section on the 6th and 9th Commandments	The sin of pornography (Chapter 2); The Ten Commandments (Chapter 4) ; The message of Hosea (Chapter 5); Jesus' teaching on adultery (Chapter 7)	The Ten Commandments (Chapter 2); The New Commandments The Ten Commandments (Chapter 4)	Humans are made in God's image (Chapter 1); The dignity of all human life (Chapter 1); The Capital sins (Chapter 2); Following the laws and teachings of Jesus (Chapter 8)	Holiness of the married life and the single life (Chapter 3) Sins against Marriage (Chapter 9)	Forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance (Chapter 6); Mortal sin (Chapter 6); The role of sexuality in marriage (Chapter 9)	Theology of the Body (Chapter 1); Love of neighbor The two great commandments (Chapter 4); The Beatitudes (Chapter 4); The Old and New Laws (Chapter 4); The Ten Commandments (Chapter 7); The gift of sexuality (Chapter 9) ; Chastity (Chapter 9)
The Church's teaching on social justice related to the sections on the 7th and 10th	The Ten Commandments (Chapter 4)	The Ten Commandments (Chapter 2); God's justice extends first and foremost to the	St. Francis and poverty (Chapter 1); The Capital sins (Chapter 2); Original Holiness and Original Justice	Solidarity (Chapter 2) ; Care for the poor (Chapter 6)	Forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance (Chapter 5); Mortal sin	The two great commandments (Chapter 4); Love of neighbor (Chapter 4); The Old and New

Commandments		poor (Chapter 4)	(Chapter 5); Following the laws and teachings of Jesus (Chapter 8); The virtue of Charity (Chapter 8)		(Chapter 5)	Laws (Chapter 4); The Ten Commandments (Chapter 7); The Seven and Tenth Commandments (Chapter 10)
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