

What My Child Should Know, And When!

The families guide to the basics
of the Catholic Faith.



**“Helping parents to fulfill their role as the primary
educators of their children in the faith”**

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Dear Parents,

The purpose of this booklet is to help parents teach their children the basics of the Catholic Faith. We have found that many parents do not feel they are qualified to teach their children prayers, the parts of the mass, how to show reverent behavior in church, or many of the other basics because they have lost touch themselves and do not know what or how to approach this most important topic.

I have chosen the content of this booklet from the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas' Administrative Handbook from the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. These are the Outcomes for the Religious Education Program by grade level and are the *minimum* of what your child should be taught by the end of each grade level. The information in this booklet has been reviewed and approved by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. Permission to distribute material was given on June 29, 2007.

I would ask that you always keep in mind that Most Pure Heart of Mary School and Religious Education Program are wonderful ways to supplement your child's spiritual formation, but you the "parent are the principal and first educators of their children." (CCC1653) The Priests, School Faculty, and Parish Staff are always willing to help you and find resources for you to use with your families. We are here to support you in our joint responsibility to raise faith-filled and knowledgeable Catholics to further the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

May God Bless Your Family!

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More Info!

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