

## **Religion Guidelines**

Below is a synopsis of the core content guidelines for each grade level as established by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and applicable to St. Thomas of Villanova REP.

### **Kindergarten**

The Bible, Creation, The Holy Family, Mary, Christian Community, Prayer, Sacraments, Liturgical Year

Prayers: Sign of the Cross, Intro to Hail Mary and Our Father

### **Grade One**

God the Father, Creation, Living in God's World, God the Son-Jesus Christ, God the Holy Spirit, Sacraments of Initiation, Mary, Liturgical Year, Prayer

Prayers: Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Our Father

### **Grade Two**

Holy Trinity, Sacraments of Initiation & Healing, The Mass: 2 Parts – Liturgy of the Word & Liturgy of the Eucharist, Topics related to The Mass, Mary, Liturgical Year, Prayer, Review of steps in receiving Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist

Prayers: Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, Act of Contrition

### **Grade Three**

The Trinity, Sacraments, God's Law, Christian Community, Mary, Liturgical Year.

Prayers: Grace at Meals, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, Act of Contrition

### **Grade Four**

God the Father, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, Holy Spirit, Creed, Commandments, Grace, Sin, Conscience, The Beatitudes, Mary, Liturgical Year

Prayers: Grace, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, Act of Contrition, Intro to Nicene Creed

### **Grade Five**

Sacraments of Initiation, Sacraments of Healing, The Sacraments at the Service of Communion, Mary, Liturgical Year, Holy Spirit, The Bible

Prayers: Grace, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, Act of Contrition, Nicene Creed, How to Pray the Rosary

### **Grade Six**

The Bible, Jesus as our Lord & Savior, The Church – Our Community in Spirit, Sacraments, Saints, Morality and Living our Faith.

Prayers: Grace, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Our Father, Act of Contrition, Nicene Creed, The Rosary

## **Archdiocesan Approved Textbook Series**

Grades K – 5<sup>th</sup> grades use Sadlier's, *"We Believe – Catholic Identity"*, which inspires your students to learn and live their faith and go out into the world as Catholics – proud of who they are. Our 6<sup>th</sup> Grades will use, Loyola Press's, *Finding God*". The We Believe and Finding God Series help to build Catholic identity around the four pillars of faith as presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: Creed, Sacraments, a Morality & Prayer. Both of these series also involve families with tools to enrich their own identity as a Catholic Family in today's world.