

# GRADE FOUR

## DOCTRINAL EMPHASIS

- ◆ *Christians are called to live as Jesus did by choosing a life of love characterized by the foundation of Christian morality presented in the Old and New Testaments.*

### CREED

- ◆ Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation.
- ◆ Jesus is the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity – fully divine and fully human.
- ◆ The Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes show us how to lead a moral life.
- ◆ Jesus gave us a new law of Love.

### SCRIPTURE

- ◆ The New Testament tells us about the life of Jesus.
- ◆ The words and life of Jesus contained in the scriptures teach us to lead a moral life.
- ◆ Scriptures tell us that Jesus is fully God and fully human.

### PRAYER AND WORSHIP

- ◆ Jesus calls us to a life of conversion.
- ◆ We pray to the Holy Spirit to help and guide us in time of temptation.
- ◆ We examine our conscience regularly in order to make our lives better and to grow in virtue.
- ◆ We grow in our understanding of the theological and cardinal virtues through prayer, reflection and practice of them in our life.
- ◆ Personal prayer is essential to know Jesus and to grow in holiness as His disciples.

### CHRISTIAN LIVING

- ◆ God wants us to love and respect others. We show our love for God by practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- ◆ The Church is a worldwide community. We have responsibilities as members of the Church to celebrate the sacraments and take an active role in the Church community.
- ◆ We are called to act with peace and justice. We respect the gift of life by living the Beatitudes.

# PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

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### THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

#### **ACT OF FAITH**

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God  
in three divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins,  
and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. *Amen.*

#### **ACT OF HOPE**

O My God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises,  
I hope to obtain pardon of my sins,  
the help of your grace and life everlasting,  
through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord. *Amen.*

#### **ACT OF LOVE**

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul,  
because you are all good and worthy of all my love.  
I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you.  
I forgive all who have injured me,  
and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. *Amen.*

# PRAYERS AND TEACHINGS

## GRADE 4 (CONTINUED)

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### PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
Where there is hatred let me sow your love,  
Where there is injury, pardon,  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
*Amen.*

### THE ROSARY

*Review the prayers that are used in the Rosary and teach the students how to pray using the rosary beads.*

### THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known,  
that anyone who fled to your protection,  
implored your help, or sought your intercession,  
was left unaided.  
To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but hear and answer me. *Amen.*