

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests, Deacons, Principals, Catechetical Leaders, Youth Ministry Leaders

FROM: Most Reverend Michael P. Driscoll, MSW, DD, Bishop of Boise

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SUBJECT: Approved textbooks for use in the Diocese of Boise

Catechetical ministry involves families, parish communities and catechists in presenting the teachings of Jesus and the church in a complete and authentic manner. Catechetical textbooks and teachers' manuals are important in this process.

The bishops' Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism reviews catechetical textbooks and publishes a list of those that have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. This Committee is a resource to assure that religion texts are doctrinally authentic and complete.

Many diocesan offices have committees that study materials from a pedagogical and methodological point of view. It is important that programs are properly sequenced and present essential truths in an understandable manner corresponding to the stage of the students' development. The process in the lessons should reflect good and various methodologies, cultural diversity and adequately present the church's teachings on social justice. Teachers' manuals should give assistance to the catechist and resources for family and parish.

The Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism has found the following materials to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The Department of Parish Life and Faith Formation has also approved these texts with regard to doctrinal content, pedagogy and appropriateness for use in Idaho. Our resource library has copies of most of these materials available.

### Preschool Texts:

<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>School/Parish &amp; Copyright</u>
Our Sunday Visitor	I am Special (K)	English	S&P 2005
William H. Sadlier, Inc.	Discovering God	English	S&P 2000
Loyola Press	God Made Everything	English	S&P 2008

### Primary Catechetical Texts:

<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>School/Parish &amp; Copyright</u>
Benziger	Come Follow Me (K-8)	English	S&P 1998
	Share the Joy (K-6)	English	S 1997
	Christ Jesus, the Way (K-8)	English	S&P 2003/2004
	Cristo Jesús, el Camino (K-6)	Spanish	S 2003
Harcourt Religion	Walking by Faith (K-6)	English	S&P 1999

	Call to Faith (K-8) Un Llamado de Fe (Level A-D)	English Spanish	S&P 2005, 2007, 2008 P 2005
Loyola Press	Christ Our Life (K-8) Knowing our Catholic Faith: Beliefs and Traditions (1-8) Finding God (1-8)	English English English	S&P 1997, 2002, 2009 S 2000 S&P 2005, 2007
Resources for Christian Living (RCL)	Faith First Legacy Edition(K-8) Our Catholic Identity (1-8) Church History (7/8) Nuestra Identidad Catolica (1-8)	English English English Spanish	S&P 2000/01, 2006, 2007 S 1998 S 2006 S 1998
William H. Sadlier, Inc.	Coming to Faith (K-6) Acercandote a La Fe (K-6) Faith and Witness Program (7-8) We Believe (K-6) We Live Our Faith (7-8) Creemos (K-6) *One Faith, One Lord (7-8) Good overview, catch up text *Una sola fe un solo Señor (7-8)	English Spanish English English English Spanish English Spanish	S&P 1998/1999 S 1999 S&P 1998/1999 S&P 2004 S&P 2007 P 2005 S 2003 S 2003
Silver Burdett Ginn	This is Our Faith (K-8) Blessed Are We (1-8) Benedicidos (1-4)	English English Spanish	S 1998 S&P 2002/03/04/05/08 P 2008

### **High School Texts:**

As one of the eight components of comprehensive youth ministry, catechesis is an essential element in forming young people in the faith. Following are texts that are appropriate to use in that catechetical ministry.

<b><u>Publisher</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Language</u></b>	<b><u>School/Parish &amp; Copyright</u></b>
Ave Maria Press	Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living Justice The Church: Our Story Encountering Jesus in the New Testament Marriage and Holy Orders: Your Call to Love and Service Old Testament: Our Call to Faith and Justice Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshipping in Christ This is Our Church: A History of Catholicism Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality	English English English English English English English English English	S 2001, 2007 S 1999, 2006 S 2003 S 2007 S 2005 S 2006 S 2003 S 2007 S 2001, 2008
Harcourt Religion Publishers	The Church Through History Journey Through the New Testament	English English	S 2007 S 2006

	Journey Through the Old Testament Justice and Peace: Our Faith in Action The Light of Faith Morality: Our Response to God's Love Vocation: Our Response to God's Call	English English English English English	S 2002, 2006 S 2007 S 2005 S 2005 S 2008
Resources for Christian Living (RCL)	Understanding the Catechism	English	S&P 1999, 1998
Saint Mary's Press	The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth Living Justice and Peace Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament)	English English English	S&P 2004 S 2002 S 2002

### **Sacramental Preparation:**

<b><u>Publisher</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Language</u></b>	<b><u>Copyright</u></b>
Harcourt Religion	Call to Celebrate: Eucharist Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation and Eucharist Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist (intermediate) Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist (II) Call to Celebrate: Confirmation Celebrar nuestra fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía Celebrar nuestra fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía (Nivel II) Un llamado a celebrar: la Eucaristía Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía (intermediario)	English English English English English English English Spanish Spanish Spanish Spanish Spanish Spanish	2007 2007 2007 2007 2000 2002 2008 2000 2002 2007 2007 2007
Loyola	Confirmed in the Spirit Confirmados en el Espíritu	English Spanish	2007
Pflaum	Together in Jesus – Eucharist Together in Jesus – Reconciliation Unidos en Jesús Primera Eucaristía Unidos en Jesús Primera Reconciliación	English English Spanish Spanish	2004 2004 2004 2004
Resources for Christian Living (RCL)	Eucharist Reconciliation Confirmation Eucaristía Reconciliación Will have online RCIA program soon (now available in English Spring 2010)	English English English Spanish Spanish	2003 2003 2007 2003 2003
Saint Mary's Press	Confirmed in a Faithful Community	English	2006
Paulist Press	I Have Chosen You (Confirmation-6 months)	English	2004

William H. Sadlier, Inc.	First Reconciliation	English	2000
	First Eucharist	English	2000
	We Believe and Celebrate First Communion	English	2006
	We Believe and Celebrate First Penance	English	2006
	Confirmed in a Faithful Community	English	2006
	Primera Reconciliación	Spanish	2000
	Primera Comunión	Spanish	2000
	Creemos y celebramos Primera Comunión	Spanish	2007
	Creemos y celebramos Primera Reconciliación	Spanish	2007
Silver Burdett Ginn	The Gift of the Eucharist	English	2000
	The Gift of Reconciliation	English	2000
Benziger	Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (primary)	English	2006
	Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (intermediate)	English	2006
	Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (primary)	English	2006
	Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (intermediate)	English	2006
	Eucaristía: Damos gracias y alabanza	Spanish	2006
	Reconciliación: Perdon y paz	Spanish	2006
	Be Born Again (follows liturgical year)	English	
	Water and Spirit	English	

While the above are the primary catechetical texts for use in parishes in the Diocese of Boise, many parishes effectively use supplementary materials, as approved by their pastor, in catechetical ministry including Center for Ministerial Development's Confirming Disciples, lectionary-based materials like Pflaum, whole community catechesis like Generations of Faith, and family life materials like Harcourt's Growing in Love.

If you have any further concerns and/or questions regarding this list, please contact the Department of Parish Life and Faith Formation.

May God bless your efforts, as individuals and as a parish, in catechetical ministry.

<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Phone number</b>	<b>Website</b>
Ave Maria Press	1-800-282-1865	<a href="http://www.AveMariaPress.com">www.AveMariaPress.com</a>
Center for Ministerial Development	1-253-853-5422	
Diocese of Phoenix	1-602-400-5708	<a href="http://www.ymcentral.com">www.ymcentral.com</a>
Harcourt Religion Publishers	1-800-922-7696	<a href="http://www.HarcourtReligion.com">www.HarcourtReligion.com</a>
Loyola Press	1-800-621-1008	<a href="http://www.FindingGod.org">www.FindingGod.org</a>
Our Sunday Visitor	1-800-348-2440	<a href="http://www.OSV.com">www.OSV.com</a>
RCL Benziger	1-877-275-4725	<a href="http://www.RCLBenziger.com">www.RCLBenziger.com</a>
Saint Mary's Press	1-800-533-8095	<a href="http://www.SMP.org">www.SMP.org</a>
William H. Sadlier, Inc.	1-800-221-5175	<a href="http://www.SadlierReligion.com">www.SadlierReligion.com</a>