



**Diocesan Board of Education  
Diocese of Belleville**

**Regulation 6161.11**

**PARISH FAITH FORMATION (PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION):  
Elementary Textbook Series**

The following criteria were used to determine recommendations for primary textbook series for parish faith formation (Parish School of Religion) in the elementary school level.

1. Conformity to the Catechism of the Catholic Church
2. Quality teacher/catechist materials
3. Excellence in materials for empowering parents as primary catechists
4. Quality Website with student/young person, catechist/teacher, and parent materials
5. Artwork and Lives of Saints which reflect the diversity of believers in the Catholic Church
6. Use of the Fine Arts including painting and music for catechesis in the textbook and supplemental materials
7. Excellence in providing and integrating prayer services, rituals, and sacramentals

Beginning in the 2012-2013 program year parish youth faith formation programs (PSR) shall use one of the approved grade school level (grades 1-6) religion book series.

The approved series are:

Blest Are We : Faith and Word Edition (1-6) RCL Benziger P&CM 2008, S&TM 2010  
Call to Faith (K-6) Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum S&TM, P&CM 2005, 2009  
Faith First Legacy Edition/Parish (K-8) RCL Benziger P&CM ©2006, S ©2007  
Finding God: Our Response to Gods Gifts (1-6) Loyola Press S&TM, P&CM ©2005  
We Believe (K-6) William H. Sadlier, Inc. S&TM, P&CM ©2004, 2011

**Parish Faith Formation (Parish School of Religion): Junior High Textbook Series**

Beginning in the 2012-2013 program year parish youth faith formation programs (PSR) shall use one of the approved junior high level (grades 7-8) religion book series.

The approved series are:

Blest Are We (7-8) RCL Benzinger P&CM 2003, S&TM 2010  
Call to Faith (7-8) Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum S&TM, P&CM 2007  
Faith First Legacy Edition/Parish (K-8) RCL Benziger P&CM 2006, S 2007  
Finding God (7-8) Loyola Press S&TM, P&CM 2007  
We Believe, We Live Our Faith (7-8) William H. Sadlier, Inc. S&TM, P&CM 2007

**Parish Faith Formation (Parish School of Religion): High School Textbook Series**

Parishes are currently free to continue using their current text. The adoption of an approved text for Parish adolescent catechesis is not expected until the 2014-2015 program year. Parishes and schools will not be mandated to adopt particular textbooks before August of 2014.

**Parish and School Faith Formation (Parish School of Religion): Pre-School-Kindergarten Textbook Series**

Parishes and schools are currently free to continue using their current text. The adoption of an approved text for Pre-School-Kindergarten is not expected until the 2013-2014 program/school year. Parishes and schools will not be mandated to change textbooks before August of 2013.

**Parish and School Faith Formation (Parish School of Religion): Education in Human Sexuality Textbook Series**

Parishes and schools shall use one of the approved texts for education in human sexuality.

The approved series are:

Family Life Series	RCL Benziger	2011
Growing in Love	OSV Curriculum	2001

**Sacramental Formation: Immediate Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Parish and School)**

Parishes and schools are currently free to continue using their current text. The adoption of an approved text for the immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not expected until the 2014-2015 program year. Parishes and schools will not be mandated to adopt particular textbooks before August of 2014.

**Sacramental Formation: Immediate Preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Parish and School)**

Parishes and schools are currently free to continue using their current text. The adoption of an approved text for the immediate preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist is not expected until the 2014-2015 program year. Parishes and schools will not be mandated to adopt particular textbooks before August of 2014.

**Sacramental Formation: Immediate Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Parish and School)**

Beginning in the 2011-2012 program/school year parishes and schools shall use one of the approved texts for immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The approved series are:

The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth	Sadlier 2000
Confirmation, Inspired by the Spirit	Sadlier 2012

**School: Elementary Textbook Series**

Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year elementary shall use the following approved grade school level (grades 1-6) religion book series:

We Believe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc. s & TM, P & CM 2004, 2011
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**School: Junior High Textbook Series**

Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year elementary shall use the following approved Junior High school level (grades 1-6) religion book series:

We Believe, We Live Our Faith (7-8) William H. Sadlier, Inc. S & TM, P & CM 2007

**School: High School Textbooks**

Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year all textbooks used by each high school in its plan to implement the Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops November 2007) must be submitted to the Office of Education for examination and must be approved by the Bishop before use.

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**Office of Education  
Diocese of Belleville**