



GLOSSARY - GRADE 8

08.01.01	Holy Trinity	The central mystery of our faith, that God alone can make known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
08.01.01	Mystery (of faith)	Truths about God that surpass the limits of human understanding and can only be fully revealed by God.
08.01.03	Faith	The theological virtue (a gift from God) that makes it possible for us to believe in God and all that he has revealed.
08.01.03	Reason	The ability to use one's intellect to explore the truth among alternatives. Reason works together with faith to come to knowledge of God.
08.01.04	Incarnation	The time appointed by God, when the Son of God, Jesus Christ, without losing his divine nature assumed human nature in order to bring about our salvation.
08.02.01	Apostolic Tradition	The teaching of the apostles that has been handed down through the ages, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
08.02.01	Sacred Scripture	The collection of writings, written by human authors and accepted by the Church as inspired by the Holy Spirit. Sacred Scripture reveals God and his saving will for humankind.
08.02.02	Epistles	Letters written to various people and communities by early Christian communities, which pass on wisdom, correction and instruction on how to live the faith.
08.02.03	Pentecost	The fiftieth day after the Resurrection when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles filling them with his grace.
08.03.01	Grace	The free and undeserved gift of God's divine life that helps us to conform our lives to God and his will for us.
08.03.01	Sacrament	An efficacious sign of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us by the work of the Holy Spirit.
08.03.02	Confirmation	The sacrament that completes the grace of Baptism and strengthens a person with the Holy Spirit to be a witness of Christ in the world.
08.03.02	Spiritual Mark	A spiritual seal imprinted on the soul in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders that claims us as belonging to Christ forever.
08.03.03	Wisdom	The gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to recognize the value of persons, objects, and actions from God's point of view.
08.03.03	Understanding	The gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to comprehend the truths of God, revealed in Scripture and Tradition.
08.03.03	Right Judgment	The gift of the Holy Spirit that gives us the ability to recognize and perform the actions that truly represent God's plan for us.
08.03.03	Courage	The gift of the Holy Spirit that provides the strength to do what is right even in times of difficulty.
08.03.03	Knowledge	The gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to develop the awareness of the truths and presence of God in our lives.



08.03.03	Piety	The gift of the Holy Spirit that plants within us respect for God and all that is sacred displayed through our words and actions especially through prayer.
08.03.03	Fear of the Lord	The gift of the Holy Spirit that allows us to experience wonder and amazement at the glory and power of God.
08.03.04	Transubstantiation	The change from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the prayer of the priest in the Eucharistic celebration.
08.03.05	Marriage	One of the seven sacraments, it is a solemn covenant between one man and one woman that unites them together for life. They promise to help each other grow in holiness and be open to life through the procreation of children.
08.03.05	Covenant	A solemn agreement between God and His people, or between two human beings, that involves mutual commitments for the good of the relationship.
08.03.06	Chrism	The mixture of balsam and olive oil, blessed by the Bishop that is used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders.
08.03.06	Laying on of Hands	Part of the Confirmation rite itself the laying on of hands is the biblical gesture by which the gift of the Holy Spirit is invoked.
08.04.01	Paschal Mystery	The work of our salvation accomplished by Jesus through his suffering, death, and resurrection and ascension.
08.04.01	Resurrection	The bodily rising of Jesus from the dead on the third day, after his death on the cross and burial in the tomb.
08.04.01	Ascension	The entry of Jesus' humanity into divine glory in heaven, forty days after his Resurrection.
08.04.01	Liturgy	The public worship of the people of God in which we give thanks and praise to him for his Paschal Mystery which accomplished our salvation.
08.05.01	Sin	Choosing to do something that is wrong because it is opposed to reason, truth and right conscience; it is a failure in genuine love for God and neighbor.
08.05.01	Mercy	The loving kindness and compassion shown to one who offends another.
08.05.02	Conscience	The interior voice of a human being, within whose heart the inner law of God is inscribed. It moves a person to do good and avoid evil.
08.05.02	Dignity of the Human Person	The absolute value of the human person made in the image of God. This gift is conferred to each person at the moment of conception and is an immutable reality – an integrated bodily and spiritual reality.
08.05.03	Free Will	The gift from God that makes us truly human. It is the ability – because we are made in God's image - to choose to love God to do what is good.
08.06.01	Procreation	The sexual activity between a husband and a wife that is open to conceiving and bearing a child.
08.06.02	Truths of the Faith	All that God has revealed about himself contained in Scripture and Tradition.



08.06.02	Magisterium	The teaching office of the Church, given by Christ to the Apostles and their successors the bishops, in union with the Pope. It provides faithfulness to the teaching of the apostles on matters of faith and morals.
08.07.01	Personal Prayer	The raising of one's mind and heart to God in thanksgiving, in praise of his glory, and in requesting good things from God.
08.07.02	Vocal Prayer	The form of prayer where we express in words the interior feelings and fervor of our soul.
08.07.02	Meditative Prayer	The form of prayer, which engages our imagination to understand our faith and to respond to what the Lord is asking of us.
08.07.02	Contemplative Prayer	The form of prayer where we silently focus our heart and mind in adoration of God.
08.07.04	Adore	The personal acknowledgment that God is our creator and savior.
08.09.01	Ecumenism	The work of dialogue and prayer between Catholics and non-Catholic Christians meant to strengthen the unity among Christians.
08.10.01	Abortion	The deliberate termination of a pregnancy by killing the unborn child.
08.10.02	Moral Values	The criteria that help us determine the goodness or evil of human acts based on the nature, intention and circumstances in which the action was taken.
08.10.03	Chastity	The moral virtue that helps us to do what is right, good, and loving according to God's plan for human sexuality.
08.11.01	Discipleship	Living our lives in the footsteps of Jesus, sharing in his mission, his joys and his sufferings.
08.11.02	Vocation	The specific call to holiness that each person receives from God to love him and to help others grow in holiness. Vocations include priesthood or religious life, married or single life.
08.12.01	Catholic Social Teaching	The seven social and economic rights (of every individual and community) needed to create a more just world. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person 2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation 3. Rights and Responsibilities 4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable 5. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers 6. Solidarity 7. Care for the Environment
08.13.01	Christianity	Any religion that believe in the person and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth.
08.13.01	Judaism	A monotheistic religion that believes in the one God who revealed himself to Abraham, Moses and the Hebrew prophets.
08.13.01	Islam	A monotheistic religion that believes in the one God who revealed himself to Abraham and that Muhammad is a messenger of God.



08.13.01	Monotheistic Religions	Faith traditions that believe in only one God. Christianity, Judaism, and Islam are monotheistic religions that trace their roots back to the God of Abraham.
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