Scope & Sequence

CREDO SERIES COURSE II:
Son of God and Son of Mary

[Framework Course II: Who is Jesus Christ?]
**NOTE:** The following is a revised Scope and Sequence for the Conformity edition of Book 2 in the Credo series, Son of God and Son of Mary.
COURSE DESCRIPTION
The purpose of this course is to help the young people explore more deeply the mystery of Jesus Christ, the living Word of God and the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Through this course of study they will grow in their understanding that Jesus Christ is the ultimate Revelation of God. As they come to know more clearly who Jesus is, they will grow in their knowledge of who they themselves are and who they are called to be—which it truly means to be human.

CHAPTER 1
God Comes to Us

FOCUS QUESTION:
Who lies behind our search for happiness?

CONTENT SUMMARY:
The search for happiness / The mystery of evil and suffering / God's plan of goodness / Divine Revelation / The Revelation and establishment of the Covenant / Jesus, the Father's Definitive Word / Sacred Scripture: The inspired Word of God / The canon of Scripture / Reading Sacred Scripture / Senses of Sacred Scripture / Sacred Tradition—spiritual wisdom for life / The Deposit of Faith and the Magisterium / Traditions—expressions of Sacred Tradition / Example of Blessed Pope John XXIII.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:
OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 3:15, 9, 12:1–4, 15:1–6 and 17; Exodus 34:6; Leviticus 26:11–13; Deuteronomy 4:44—6:25; Psalms 42:2a, 114:15, 119:89, 103, 105, 160–61; Proverbs 16:20

KEY CATECHISM SOURCES: 68, 73, 81, 85, 96, 97, 98, 112–119, 137–140, 169, 890, 1209, 1674, 2033

FAITH GLOSSARY: Divine Providence; Divine Revelation

LEARN BY EXAMPLE: Blessed Pope John XXIII

CHAPTER 2
The Obedience of Faith: Our Response to God's Invitation

FOCUS QUESTION:
Why faith?

CONTENT SUMMARY:
Faith is a human characteristic ... and more / Faith as human virtue and Theological Virtue / Faith in the Holy Trinity / Christians 'walk by faith' / The obedience of faith / 'Faith seeks understanding' / The Person of Jesus Christ: the heart of Christian faith and discipleship / Faith in Christ involves the whole person: head, heart, hands / Faith, prayer and worship / Example of Christian faith in action.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

KEY CATECHISM SOURCES: 38, 47, 143–144, 150, 151, 153, 154, 158, 166, 176, 179, 181, 202, 520, 546, 562, 654, 908, 1067, 1533, 1813, 2087, 2096, 2565
CHAPTER 3  
The Catholic Church: Our Home within God’s Family  
FOCUS QUESTION:  
What is the connection between faith and religion?  
CONTENT SUMMARY:  
Everyone is religious, whether they acknowledge it or not / How religions develop—religion as a life stance, as a spiritual tradition, and as an institutional structure / The power of religion / The choice to ‘go it alone’ / The Church: the new People of God / Jesus founded the Church / The Marks of the Church / World Youth Day / Jesus teaches us how to be his Church / The Church is one Body—the Body of Christ / The Church is our mother and teacher / Example of St. Teresa of Jesus (Ávila), virgin and Doctor of the Church.  
SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:  
OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 2:18; Exodus 32; Deuteronomy 6:4  
KEY CATECHISM SOURCES: 44, 48, 65, 78, 166, 168, 169, 170, 228, 752, 763, 778, 807, 811, 819, 831, 843, 846, 866—870, 890, 1667—1668, 2113, 2135  
FAITH GLOSSARY: Church; Beatitudes  
LEARN BY EXAMPLE: St. Teresa of Jesus (Ávila), virgin and Doctor of the Church.

CHAPTER 4  
The Greatest Story Ever Told: The Incarnation of the Son of God  
FOCUS QUESTION:  
Why did God become man?  
CONTENT SUMMARY:  
A contemporary ‘Christmas’ story: the Parable of the Birds / Cur Deus homo? Why did God become man? / God’s first promise fulfilled—the Protoevangelium / The Annunciation / The angel’s announcement to Joseph / Jesus Christ—God is with us: Mediator and Messiah / The mystery of the Incarnation continues—we are not alone! / The Church is the seed of the Kingdom of God / The ministries of the Church: ministry of the Word, of Witness, and of Worship / Example of Cesar Chávez, Catholic Mexican American worker for social justice.  
SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:  
OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 2:4, 11:1—3, 53:3 and 7, 61:1—2  
KEY CATECHISM SOURCES: 436, 461, 483, 484, 487, 496, 501, 721–730, 732, 737–739, 747, 761–762, 1116  
FAITH GLOSSARY: Incarnation; Christ  
LEARN BY EXAMPLE: Cesar Chávez, Catholic Mexican American worker for social justice.
CHAPTER 5
The Most Holy Trinity: The Central Mystery of Christian Faith and the Christian Life

FOCUS QUESTION:
How do our relationships influence who we grow to be?

CONTENT SUMMARY:
The influence of relationships / Created in the image of God, the Most Holy Trinity / The Revelation of the Trinity / God has gradually revealed his identity over time / The development of the dogma of the Trinity: Councils of the Church / The search for language to describe the Trinity / Heresies of the Church / The creeds of the Church / The Triune God is one / God is love: the implications of the Trinity for our lives / Jesus, ‘the visible image of the invisible God’, models the life of God for us / God is always present: God abides in us and we in God / The Trinity and the demand for peace and justice / Example of Andrei Rublev and the icon of the Trinity.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:
OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 1:2, 26; Exodus 3:3–15; Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 6:5; Psalm 89:26; Job 1:21, 33:4; Hosea 11:8–9

KEY CATECHISM SOURCES: 234–237, 252, 254–256, 258, 261, 266, 267

FAITH GLOSSARY: Holy Trinity

LEARN BY EXAMPLE: Andrei Rublev, Russian icon painter

CHAPTER 6
God the Father: Loving Creator and Sustainer

FOCUS QUESTION:
What does it mean to be children of God the Father?

CONTENT SUMMARY:
The Popes and the earth / Praise the Lord of all the earth / St. Francis of Assisi: patron of those who promote ecology / Creation—a reflection of the Creator / Poem ‘Tintern Abbey’ / Stewardship—a God-given responsibility / The Israelites’ belief in God the Father / God as ‘mother’—a biblical metaphor / Jesus reveals the Father: ‘He who sees me sees the Father’ / The Parable of the Prodigal Son: the will and love of the Father revealed / God’s love is prodigal / God, the Father of all / Proclaiming God’s love for all people / Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): Catholic social doctrine in action / Example of Julian of Norwich, hermit and spiritual writer.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:
OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 1:28, 2:15, 3:27; Psalms 8:3–6, 18:2, 38:9, 148:1–4, 7–12, 14


FAITH GLOSSARY: stewardship; Social Teachings of the Catholic Church

LEARN BY EXAMPLE: Julian of Norwich, hermit and spiritual writer
CHAPTER 7
The Only Begotten Son of God: Jesus Christ, God-With-Us

FOCUS QUESTION:
Who do you say that I am?

CONTENT SUMMARY:

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:
Old Testament: Genesis 2:7; Leviticus 11:44


FAITH GLOSSARY: salvation; Son of God; Passion; Lord

LEARN BY EXAMPLE: The two disciples from Emmaus

CHAPTER 8
God the Holy Spirit: The Spirit of Truth and Love

FOCUS QUESTION:
Who and where is the Holy Spirit?

CONTENT SUMMARY:

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:
Old Testament: Genesis 1:1–3, 2:7; Exodus 40:36–38; 1 Samuel 10:1, 16:13; Psalms 139:1, 3 and 7; 143:10; Sirach 48:1; Isaiah 6:1–2, 11:1–3, 61:1


FAITH GLOSSARY: Holy Spirit

LEARN BY EXAMPLE: Jean Vanier and the L’Arche Communities
CHAPTER 9
Mary: Mother, Disciple and Evangelist

FOCUS QUESTION:
Why does the Church honor Mary?

CONTENT SUMMARY:
Devotion to Mary / Marian prayers and devotions / Mary’s unique role in God’s plan / Mary, full of grace: free from all sin (the Immaculate Conception) / Marian devotion: expressed in Mary’s titles: Theotokos, Panagia, Blessed Virgin, Mediator / Panagia iconography / Celebrating the Church’s faith in Mary: Marian feasts / The motherhood of Mary / Mary’s last days on earth and the Assumption / The Magnificat: Mary’s canticle of faith and praise / Mary, model of faith—first disciple and first evangelist / Mary, Mother of our Church / Example of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:


FAITH GLOSSARY: Immaculate Conception; Assumption

LEARN BY EXAMPLE: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

CHAPTER 10
The Son of Mary: Our Exemplar and Model

FOCUS QUESTION:
What is the meaning of the Incarnation for us?

CONTENT SUMMARY:
‘What are you looking for?’ / The fundamental question, ‘Who am I?’ / Jesus: true God and true man / The mysteries of the earthly life of Jesus / Jesus was always true to his identity and his mission / God of mercy and forgiveness / The compassion of Jesus / Jesus: true ‘friend’ / Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable / The human person—imago Dei / Example of St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

KEY CATECHISM SOURCES: 1705, 1708–1709, 1716–1717, 1724–1729, 1741–1742,
CHAPTER 11
The Road to New Life in Christ

FOCUS QUESTION:
Who does God call me to become?

CONTENT SUMMARY:
Discerning our particular vocation / The universal call to holiness of life / Jesus, 'the way' to holiness of life / The way of holiness—the way of love / The Great Commandment / The Beatitudes / Christ has set us free to live as disciples of Jesus / We can make moral decisions / The reality of sin and God’s mercy / The road to conversion / The conversion of Saul / Lifelong conversion / Examples of Dorothy Day, Servant of God—a life of conversion to Christ

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

KEY CATECHISM SOURCES: 1705, 1708–1709, 1716–1717, 1724–1729, 1741–1742,

CHAPTER 12
New Life in Christ

FOCUS QUESTION:
Why do Christians live with hope?

CONTENT SUMMARY:
Struggle between good and evil / Jesus triumphed over sin and death and the power of evil / The path to holiness and goodness: true happiness / Baptism is the doorway to new life in Christ / John the Baptist’s proclamation, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world’ / Prayer is loving conversation with God / Forms and expressions of Christian prayer / Keys to good prayer / Obstacles to prayer / Pray regularly and persevere / Jesus, our model for prayer / The Our Father (The Lord’s Prayer) / Example of the Trappists and Thomas Merton.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:
OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 11:1—12:32; Isaiah 11:1—5, 6—9

KEY CATECHISM SOURCES: 571, 608,
CHAPTER 13
From Here to Eternity: The Last Things

FOCUS QUESTION:
Ever wonder about life after death?

CONTENT SUMMARY:

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:
OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Maccabees 12:45; Psalms 6:5; Wisdom 3:1–5; Isaiah 38:18, 52:15, 64:3; Jeremiah 29:10–14; Daniel 12:2

KEY CATECHISM SOURCES: 1010, 1016, 1023, 1024, 1027, 1040, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060

FAITH GLOSSARY: Last Judgment; Beatific Vision

LEARN BY EXAMPLE: Día de los Muertos
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