

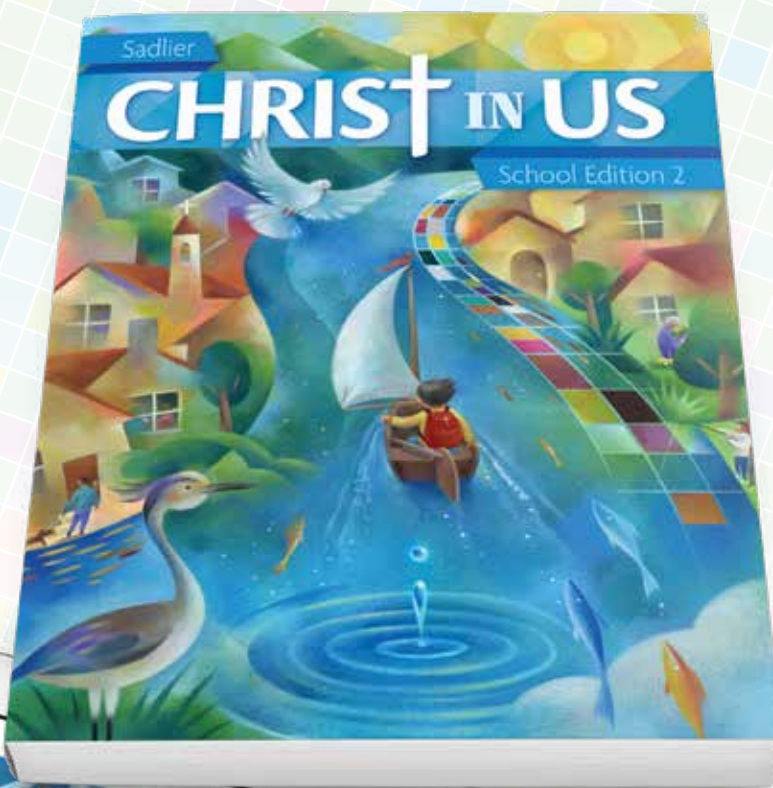
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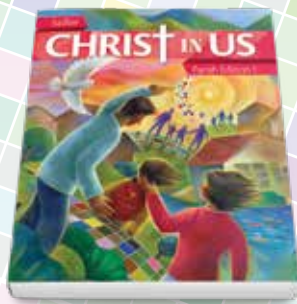
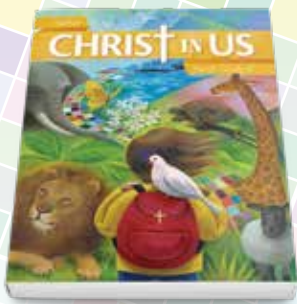
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We're Not Waiting for the Future of Catechesis.

We've Designed It!



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It's not every day that there's a new K-6 catechetical program with the goal of setting the standard for faith formation in today's world. That alone should inspire you to check out *Christ In Us* and the bilingual edition, *Cristo en nosotros*™, but if not, consider 10 more reasons why we think you'll agree that this innovative program will change the future of catechesis.

1. An Exciting Response to the Church's Call to Cultivate Missionary Disciples

"Missionary discipleship" is both the descriptor and goal for catechesis today. Through its three-step approach (Encounter, Accompany, Witness) and spiral curriculum, *Christ In Us* accompanies the learner into an ever-deepening understanding and experience of a lived relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. The spiral nature of the curriculum allows parents with children of differing ages to be on the same page conceptually and promotes peer-to-peer mentoring—both vital to effective catechesis and faith sharing in the home.

In age-appropriate ways, and with greater nuance, learners will reflect upon the essentials of the Catholic faith which, in turn, deepens the connection between the faith and their lived experiences, providing a solid foundation for a living witness of faith. Each unit is full of opportunities for reflection on (and actualization of) the Catholic faith. Children learn *about* Jesus and how to *be like* Jesus amid their peers.

2. Unprecedented Program Adaptability

Christ In Us is available in school, parish, family, at-home, intergenerational, liturgical, and summer school models, each of which can be implemented with the click of a button!

3. Easier and More Intuitive Lesson Planning

Easy, step-by-step instructions guide pastors, directors, principals, and parents as they set up the *Christ In Us* program in school, parish, and/or home settings. Lesson plan development is intuitive as well as user- and mobile-friendly. The Interactive Lesson Planner encourages creativity as catechists, teachers, and parents can "plug and play" a variety of online resources into their lessons, providing the ability to adapt to the real-time needs of their learners and their learning environments.

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4. Greater Lesson Flexibility

Christ In Us offers a fully online or a blended learning option that allows catechists and teachers the flexibility to deliver lessons in multiple settings—as a group or individually and in print or via a digital portal. The unique Adapting the Lesson for Inclusion feature and additional digital inclusion activities adapt the lesson to various learning styles and abilities with a key focus on learners with special needs.

5. Superior Learner Engagement Opportunities

Mini-Tasks are a hallmark in *Christ In Us* and offer learners opportunities to express their creativity as they complete a variety of projects that demonstrate applied knowledge. The Mini-Tasks are specific to the Six Tasks of Catechesis.

Learners are awarded badges as they complete chosen tasks, which round out their formation. Lessons are rich with Scripture passages, which ground the lesson and the learner in God's word. A Readers Theater feature in the seasonal lessons brings God's word to life for learners as they participate in engaging Bible-based plays.

6. Program-Embedded Catechist Formation

Christ In Us comes complete with a general overview video of the program's foundations and five unit videos focused on creed, liturgy and sacraments, morality, prayer, and the liturgical seasons. For every lesson, there is a digital Getting Started feature consisting of a lesson summary, focus, and meditation. A catechist can effortlessly listen to these features to prepare for lessons on the go!

7. Unmatched Professional Development

Christ In Us offers focused, expert-led videos on Scripture, catechesis, Catholic social teaching, and vocations. Catechists can also look forward to the incorporation of these videos into systematic professional development to support program implementation.

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8. Greater Connectivity and Accountability with Robust Digital Portals

In addition to being a resource-rich, content delivery system, the *Christ In Us* portal includes a messaging tool that allows pastors, directors, catechists, teachers, and parents to stay abreast of what children are learning as well as share thoughts, suggestions, and kudos. The family portal also offers the following exciting features:

- Family Spirituality pieces introduce parents to the saint featured in each grade level. This includes a biography of the saint, an overview of the saint's spirituality, and suggested activities for adopting this spirituality in your home.
- Essays for Parents are inspiring witness stories written by Catholics.
- Practical Tools for Families Today reinforce the four pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*—which are also the unit themes—in easy, concrete ways.
- Family Companion, which is in both the portal and print, includes resources for families (e.g., prayers and practices) that further reinforce unit themes.
- Resources for grandparents encourage them to share their wisdom and faith with their grandchildren.
- Every lesson concludes with an at-home activity for the child to engage in with his or her family.

9. Robust Assessment Program

Today, more than ever, pastors, DREs, and catechists/teachers appreciate the value of assessment within religious education. With *Christ In Us*, assessments are available for every unit and lesson in the following forms:

- Show What You Know
- Lesson Test
- Unit Test
- Catholic Doctrine Q&A
- Prior Knowledge Check (beginning of each unit)
- Assessment of Indicators (beginning of each unit)
- Prompted Reflections
- Culminating Events
- Observations (designed to help catechists/teachers assess learners' knowledge of Catholic practices—e.g., making the sign of the cross)

10. Designed to Accompany Catechists, Teachers, Parents, and Learners on their Journey of Faith

Missionary disciples are always learning, always on the go, and always adapting to new situations. With its blended design and spiral-curriculum approach, *Christ In Us* is nimble enough to deliver solid catechesis—and provide opportunities to experience the faith—in a way that meets learners where they are on their faith journey and adapts to where they are going next.

***Christ In Us*—catechesis that catches up
with our lives—anytime, anywhere.**

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