



DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

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To: Textbook Review Committee
From: Sr. Alejandra Keen, Sr. Ana Montoya, Dr. Margaret Dames, Sr. Mary Grace Walsh
Re: Religion Textbooks

Every year the Diocese reviews the new religion textbook series in order to assess if they are in conformity with the Catechism and with our Diocesan Guidelines. As you know, the approved series from K-8 are:

- *Image of God* (Ignatius Press)
- *Faith and Life* (Ignatius Press)
- *Christ Our Life* (Loyola Press)
- *We Believe* (Sadlier)
- *Blest Are We* (Silver Burdett & Ginn)

Added to this list of approved textbooks are the series that have been reviewed during this past semester. However, note that one of them has been approved with some reservation.

- *Faith First* (RCL) (K - 8)
- *Call to Faith* (Harcourt) (K – 6)
- *Finding God* (Loyola Press) (K – 6) is approved with some reservation. It can be used as a supplemental book; it has a good teacher's manual that can assist teachers in their mission. It is not to be used as a general series.

Through this memo may we also remind you that the textbooks NOT approved for use in the elementary grades are:

- *Christ Jesus, The Way* (Benzinger)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Text Book committee for their generosity in dedicating their time and talent to assess the textbook series.

We look forward to beginning a very blessed new academic year with all of you.