

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth  
Department of Catechesis  
General Catechetical Guidelines

## **What Do We Mean by the Term Catechesis?**

For most people, the terms we use with regards to passing on the Faith probably are not all that important. Still, a brief study reveals that “catechesis” and “catechist” are the terms that the Church uses most often because these terms most accurately name what we are doing.

The root “cate” comes from the Greek verb “katekhein” and is translated “to echo or resound.” One imagines shouting “hello” in a deep canyon or dropping a rock into a puddle – the shout and the touch goes out until it has become a part of the surroundings. Likewise, the work of catechesis and the catechist involves the resounding or echoing of Jesus, the one Teacher, and all that He revealed about Himself and the Plan for our salvation and sanctification.

To catechize is not simply to teach something about Jesus, rather, when one catechizes they live what they teach. A catechist is a witness and teacher.

### **Catechist or Teacher?**

The preferred term with regards to those who assist in the evangelizing and catechizing mission of the Church is “catechist”. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) uses the term “catechist.” The term “teacher” is used almost exclusively in regards to Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church and the bishops. (cf. catechist 12, 22 1672, 2220, 2663; teacher 12, 169, 888, 891, 1091, 1248, 1548, 1558, 1585, 2034, 2050, 2052, 2607, 2681). The one exception is paragraph 24.

Similarly, in *On Catechesis in Our Time* (CT) and *General Directory of Catechesis* (GDC), the term “catechist” is used. The term “teacher” is again used almost exclusively in reference to Jesus, occasionally to the Holy Spirit and the Church. The one exception is GDC 240.

These documents reflect what is written in Sacred Scripture, namely that Jesus is the Teacher. (cf. Mt 8:19, 9:11, 10:24-25, 12:38, 17:24, 19:16, 22:16, 24, 36, 23:8, 26:18, Mk 4:38, 5:35, 9:17, 38, 10:17, 20, 35, 12:14, 19, 32, 13:1, 14:14, Lk 3:12, 6:40, 7:40, 8:49, 9:38, 10:25, 11:45, 12:13, 18:18, 19:39, 20:21, 28, 39, 21:7, 23:11).

### **CCD?**

The letters CCD are an abbreviation for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine which, under the old Code of Canon Law (CIC) was established in every parish as a way of formally organizing schools of Christian Doctrine. When first developed, there was a great need for this structure due to the lack of Catholic schools or other forms of catechesis. Many such Societies were canonically established in parishes and diocesan structures. Currently, no parish is an officially chartered Confraternity in this diocese.

## General Parish Catechesis Policy

The following is the general policy for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas pertaining to parish catechesis programs in general:

1. **Prayer:** In large part, the success of a catechetical program rests upon the prayer life of the parish. For this reason every parish should pray for the success of their catechetical programs, specifically,
  - a. prayers should be included in the weekly petitions for students and catechists
  - b. intercessors should be assigned to each class
  - c. special times of Eucharistic adoration and other liturgical celebrations for this intention should also be planned
  
2. **DRE or DOC:** The success of a catechetical program in part depends on its organization and implementation. For this reason, every pastor should have a parish Director of Religious Education (DRE) or a Director of Catechesis (DOC). In most instances, the responsibilities of such a position are so important and time consuming that this person should be employed by the parish. Rural parishes (less than 200 families) are asked to be creative, not exempt. Possibly, diocesan aligned parish clusters might hire one person to work for the entire cluster. Possibly, smaller parishes might include coordination of additional responsibilities e.g. evangelization, RCIA, apostolic works, nursing home programs, bookkeeping, etc. Finally, smaller parishes might compensate these people in ways other than salaries, e.g. providing a place to live, etc. Failure to provide an adequate and living wage often creates several negative consequences:
  - a. parishes will not be able to get the most capable person for the position;
  - b. the person's commitment and availability both for the position and their own formation and training will lag if they are working in another position;
  - c. the pastor and the staff will not be able to unify their efforts; and
  - d. perpetuation of the notion that catechesis is not important, i.e. if one isn't willing to pay, it must not be worth it.

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3. **Catechists:** Catechists should be fully initiated in and be in full communion with the Catholic Church. In collaboration with the Diocese of Fort Worth, parishes are to provide for the formation of catechists. See: The St. Frances De Sales Catechist Formation Program through the Department of Catechesis.
4. **Catechumenal Model:** Like the catechumenal process or RCIA, catechetical programs must be catechetical, pastoral and liturgical (sacramental). Both RCIA and catechesis are the responsibility of the parish as a whole.
5. **Adult Catechesis.** Catechesis should be first directed towards adults. For most parishes, this effort will entail a dramatic change in priority. There is no easy way to begin this change.
6. **Child Catechesis.** Parishes must also provide catechesis for children. These programs are needed to assist parents. Putting adult catechesis first does not mean discontinuing catechesis for children.
7. **All People:** Parish catechetical programs must seek to accommodate not only different age groups, but also various cultures, educational abilities, physical needs, and schedules.

## **Adult Parish Catechesis Is Primary**

The Church has asked that an emphasis be placed on adult catechesis in our parishes (cf. GDC 171-176). Catechesis of adults is the principal (first) form of catechesis because it is “addressed to the persons who have the greatest responsibility and the capacity to live the Christian message in its fully developed form” (CT 43).

Adults govern the world that youth live in. Adults must be witnesses. Catechesis is gravely insufficient if it is stopped in the adolescent years. (cf. CT 43) “Catechesis proves no less necessary for adults” (CT 43).

In light of the Church’s wisdom, every parish is to begin or continue to establish adult catechesis as the primary focus. This catechesis must not be limited to liturgy and homilies, but a systematic effort to grow in understanding of the entire Deposit of the Faith.

There should be regular classes/periods of instruction provided, study and discussion groups, prayer groups, and retreats for adults. Every adult should naturally assume that they will make efforts to grow spiritually just as they make efforts to progress in their respective careers, hobbies, and other interests.

One way to begin is for the pastor along with a few adult parishioners to work towards this goal of establishing adult catechesis through a committee. This committee should:

1. pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit
2. assess their parish situation.
3. read and study Adult Catechesis in the Christian Community
4. create and implement a plan for their parish.

## Parish Catechesis for Children

Often times, in our current situation, families are unable to send their children to a Catholic school. In these situations, parents have the responsibility of ensuring that their children, from kindergarten through twelfth grade participate in catechetical programs offered at the local parish. Pastors are to ensure that a vital program exists in their parish or parish cluster for these students. The following is the policy for the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, pertaining to parish catechetical programs for children (Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade).

1. **Program:** Every parish in the Diocese of Fort Worth must offer catechesis for children in grades K-12 (pre-school is optional) who are not attending a Catholic school, by utilizing their own resources or running a joint program with a neighboring parish or parishes. Parish clusters are to have a common program. **Note: There are parish mission who do not have the student body to have religious education at the parish level. In those situations, Pastors and families are asked to work with neighboring parishes to find a suitable alternative.**
2. **Catechumenal Model: The catechumenate or RCIA is the model for all catechesis.** Thus, catechesis is the responsibility of the entire parish and is to be liturgical, catechetical and pastoral (cf. GDC 59, 90, CT 5, 20). In the case of children who have been baptized as infants, the model operates with the knowledge that these children have received all the graces of Baptism.
3. **Number of Sessions:** There should be between 25-30 weekly catechetical sessions in the calendar year. This is easily accomplished by aligning the catechetical program with the academic year, i.e. September through May. For the most part, the liturgical and pastoral aspects would be carried out in addition to these catechetical sessions.
4. **Length of Sessions:** The length and time of each session is contingent on the student's age, parent's schedule, facility and Mass times. The recommendation is for each catechetical session to be **at least 1 hour for elementary students and 1 ½ hours for older students.**
5. **Curriculum and Texts:** All parish catechetical programs in the Diocese of Fort Worth are to use the Curriculum Guidelines mandated by the Bishop. Parishes are to use only the textbooks approved by the Diocese of Fort Worth.
6. **Summer Vacation Bible School Programs:** Whenever possible, parishes should offer catechetical opportunities e.g. (VBS) during the summer months. Be creative. Students' schedules are typically more flexible during these months.
7. **Parents:** Parental involvement in the parish catechetical program supports parents in their responsibility as first educators in the Faith. Inasmuch as it is the responsibility of the parish to provide catechetical opportunities for all parishioners, parents have a corresponding responsibility to see that their children participate each year. Parents choosing to homeschool their children may do so, but in collaboration with the local parish, especially for sacramental preparation.

## **Homeschool Guidelines**

### **What Is Home schooling?**

The term "home schooling" describes the work of parents who have undertaken, to any degree and for any length of time, the formal religious or academic formation of their children -- work which has most recently been carried out in institutional classrooms. The number of families who home school is growing in the Diocese of Fort Worth with several homeschool associations within the Diocese. Estimates vary and growth continues at such a pace that it is impossible to say how many local parents have discerned this call. The Diocese of Fort Worth recognizes this movement as a gift to the Church. The popes of this century have called on parents to be primary educators of their children. Home schooling parents have responded to this in a most comprehensive way, often making great sacrifices for the sake of their children's care. In doing this, they are exercising a right that comes from God; they are fulfilling a religious duty in a beautiful and sometimes heroic way. In their love for their children, their generosity, and their willingness to make great sacrifices for the sake of education, they offer an outstanding and exemplary witness in our parish communities.

### **Understanding Home schooling**

Because of the newness of the movement, home schooling is often not well known or understood in a community. This is sometimes the case in our parishes, where some home schooling families feel as if they don't "fit" into parish life -- they are neither typical Catholic school households nor typical parish catechetical program households. As a result, some feel reluctant to approach their pastor or director for catechesis for assistance in catechetical formation.

Some pastors, on the other hand, are unaware of the home schooling phenomenon or are subject to misconceptions about it. Some, perhaps, see home schooling as a movement of "protest" against their own efforts, though, for most home schooling families, that is not the case. Many parents who choose home education do so because they have discerned it as a calling from God, because they enjoy the company of their children, and because they want to assist more directly in their child's academic advances.

### **Home school Families, Catechesis and Sacramental Preparation**

Within parishes, pastors and home schooling families should have clear lines of communication, particularly in areas that are essential to the children's growth in the Faith. Parents who wish to home school their children in catechesis should schedule a meeting with a parish priest to discuss their plans for catechesis. Parishes, for their part, should make available to home schooling parents any resources, such as the curriculum, textbooks and support materials that the parish uses in catechesis. Home schooling families can elect to use these materials or other suitable materials of their own choosing. Home schooled children are expected to meet the same standards as other students (the curricula) and to receive the initiation sacraments at the usual age when service projects or other works are required, parents may be entrusted to oversee the work.

In preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist, however, the expectations change. Parents, pastors and parishes must work more closely together. The sacraments are not simply personal but also communal. In the sacraments, we are inserted not only more fully into Jesus Christ, but also into His Family, the Church. For this reason, parents and children should attend all parent meetings, retreats, interviews and rehearsals as required by the parish. All materials that parents choose for home catechesis should be sound in Catholic doctrine and in conformity with diocesan guidelines. Parents should review their educational materials with their pastor or his designated representative. Pastors consulting with parents should determine the child's readiness to receive the sacraments. In the Diocese of Fort Worth, the usual time is:

- a. Baptism as an infant.
- b. First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in Second Grade.
- c. Confirmation at the age of 15.

## Sacramental Preparation and Administration

Pastors have the responsibility for sacramental preparation and all catechesis, so that the Faith becomes living, explicit and productive through formation in doctrine and the experience of Christian living (Can 843 §2: 773; 777). All sacramental programs must follow the criteria set by the Bishop in conformity with general laws established by the Church.

### General Criteria for Sacramental Preparation Programs

- Parish catechetical programs are to be guided by the Church documents, the National Directory of Catechesis, USCCB (2005), and the General Directory of Catechesis (1998).
- All programs for religious education should make use of textbooks and instructional materials (as resources to assist the catechist) which have been approved by the USCCB Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism. Assistance in choosing appropriate catechetical texts is available through the Department of Catechesis. The list of approved texts is also available from this office or from the website of the USCCB ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)).
- **A minimum of 32 hours to a maximum of 36 hours is required yearly for parish religious education programs.** The effectiveness of the 32-36 hours instructional component is enhanced by Vacation Bible School, Children's Liturgy of the Word or Children/Family liturgies, reconciliation services, service projects and other social activities. The catechesis of children works best in collaboration with the other foundational ministries of the parish in order to form a seamless pattern of lifelong parish formation.

## **Catechumenate is the Model for All Catechesis**

The General Directory for Catechesis (GDC) explains that the catechumenate or RCIA process (what we do to bring those who have reached the age of reason into the Church) is the model of all catechesis (cf. GDC 59, 90).

### **DISTINCTION: BAPTISM**

First, catechists must keep in mind that catechesis is substantially distinct from the catechumenate in its starting point. Catechesis, outside of the catechumenate, begins with a person who is baptized, thus the catechist can assume the potentiality of the baptismal graces while catechizing. (cf. CCC 1262-1274) Their status differs from catechumens. By their Baptism, they are already members of the Church and children of God. The basis of their conversion is Baptism whose power they must develop. (cf. RCIA 9, 400, GDC 90)

### **ELEMENTS OF INSPIRATION**

After noting this substantial difference, we are now ready to consider those elements of the catechumenate that should inspire our other forms of catechesis.

- the catechumenate constantly reminds the whole Church of the fundamental and vital importance of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist and thus to all other catechesis.
- the catechumenate is the responsibility of all the baptized and thus all other catechesis.
- the catechumenate is also completely permeated by the mystery of Jesus' life, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension and thus all other catechesis.
- the catechumenate is open to all people and thus all other catechesis.
- the catechumenate is a process of formation that simultaneously involves liturgical, catechetical and pastoral aspects and thus all other catechesis.

## **Catechetical Models**

Catechetical models refer to the way by which the content, time, space and audience is structured for catechesis. Regardless of the catechetical model that is chosen, in order for the program to be complete, it must be inspired by the applicable catechumenal elements while keeping in mind the baptismal graces to be developed. Below is a brief description of possible catechetical models.

### **Classroom Model Catechesis**

In the Diocese of Fort Worth, most parishes use a classroom model for catechesis, easily likened to what occurs in our Catholic and public school systems – one catechist, with a helper catechizing a class consisting of one grade or in smaller parishes two or three grades using a textbook and creative tools for explaining and applying the Faith. This model does allow for a systematic presentation of the Faith, most textbooks assume this model, and is most familiar.

A variation of the classroom model is to conduct sessions based on topics that are presented during one session or a series of sessions, e.g. the Gospel of John, Living the Faith at Work, How to Pray, etc, or sessions might be based on the questions asked by the particular group or age level. This classroom variation is most effective with high school and adult students.

### **Discussion Groups**

This model requires students to read a text and reflect upon the text prior to the session. The session consists of discussing the text in light of Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium. This model differs from the classroom model: 1) the catechist serves as a facilitator directing the groups' questions and discussion in such a manner as to lead them to understand the doctrines of the Faith rather than lecturing; and 2) the group sits in a way that enables discussion, e.g. a circle of chairs, around a table, a living room, etc.

### **Family or Intergenerational Catechesis**

In this model catechetical sessions are presented to all age levels – elderly, adults, teens, children. Typically, there is a presentation by a catechist and then the intergenerational group using various tools for explanation and application studies the lesson. A variation of this model is to have several (three to five) families gather in one of their homes on a regular basis for catechetical sessions. Usually one of the parents is the catechist for these family groups.

### **Youth Group Catechesis**

The term “youth group” is defined here as a catechetical model that includes catechizing on doctrine, liturgical life (sacraments), morals, prayer, outreach and social activity by a group of adults who are available to them not only during youth group time but also in the other areas of their life. Parishes utilizing this model should create groups for both junior and senior high.

## **All Girls/All Boys**

Research strongly supports the advantage of having all girls or all boys together. Why? In short, boys and girls, men and women are different not only physically, but spiritually, emotionally and intellectually. Any of the previous models could be implemented with this variation. This model would be particularly useful in discussions pertaining to the moral life.

## **Video and/or Internet Catechesis**

Pastors and catechists are discouraged from basing catechesis largely upon videos, DVD's, internet, IVAN, radio, CD's or any other medium that entails "watching" or "hearing" an inaccessible person. The aim of catechesis is intimacy with a real person, Jesus Christ and the Church, His Family. While the teachings presented on these mediums may be orthodox, they cannot replace a relationship with a real catechist who loves Jesus Christ, who loves them, and who the student can see, hear and touch. This need for a living witness of the Faith is for both adults and children especially in our modern age where an inordinate amount of time is spent with the inanimate thus limiting the opportunities for true and human relationships.

## **Lectionary-Based Catechesis**

Pastors and catechists are discouraged from the exclusive use of lectionary-based catechesis for grades Kindergarten through 12. These materials can and should be used to supplement the curricula and regularly to prepare for Sunday Eucharist. The lectionary is not intended to present the Faith systematically.

## **Closing Comments**

In *On Catechesis In Our Time* (CT), St. John Paul II reminds us that "the parish community must continue to be the prime mover and pre-eminent place for catechesis" (CT 67). Good catechesis must proceed from and call all who are catechized to fuller and deeper participation in the life of the parish. Regardless of the model chosen for catechesis, the effectiveness of that model must be measured in relation to its support of the participation in the life of the parish.

The parish "must rediscover its vocation, which is to be a fraternal and welcoming family home, where those who have been baptized and confirmed become aware of forming the Family of God, the People of God. In that home, the bread of good doctrine and the Eucharistic Bread are broken for them in abundance, in the setting of the one act of worship; from that home they are sent out day by day to their apostolic mission in all the centers of activity of the life of the world" (CT 67).

## **Elements of the Catechetical Effort**

As has been reiterated by Vatican Council II, the purpose of catechesis is to insert the learner into the fullness of the Person of Christ by providing a complete exposition of the doctrinal and moral teaching of His Church. A successful catechetical effort includes:

1. A lived faith within the family setting including personal and family prayer.
2. Regular participation in the sacramental life of the Church (especially weekly Sunday Mass and monthly Reconciliation) and other aspects of parish life.
3. Faithful attendance in the catechetical instruction of the Catholic school or parish catechetical program.
4. Enthusiastic and well-informed catechists who actively live the Faith.
5. Textbooks and other resources that present the Faith.

## The Purpose of the Textbook

The catechist is the most effective aspect in the parish catechetical setting. Books, resources, videos, room setups, times, places, activities, etc. are all secondary to the catechist. Holy catechists bring people to Jesus Christ and His Family, the Church not textbooks and other catechetical material.

Textbooks do play a role within the scope of any catechetical program. Effective textbooks provide catechists with abundant background, thorough explanation of Church doctrine, methodology suggestions and resources. They provide the learner with a clear, accurate and comprehensive exposition of the Catholic Faith. A good textbook serves as a tool to articulate, illustrate and reinforce the living witness and explanations of the catechist. For some, a textbook may actually open the heart through the gateway of the intellect to know, love and serve Jesus Christ. These textbooks are considered “doctrinally sound” or “faithful” or “orthodox.”

In *On Catechesis In Our Time*, St. John Paul II writes,

One major feature of the catechetical renewal today is the rewriting and multiplication of catechetical books taking place in many parts of the Church. Numerous very successful works have been produced and are a real treasure in the service of catechesis. But it must be humbly, honestly recognized that this rich flowering has brought with it articles and publications which are ambiguous and harmful to young people and the Church’s life.

In certain places, the desire to find the best forms of expression or to keep up with fashions in pedagogical methods has often enough resulted in certain catechetical works which bewilder the young and even adults, either by deliberately or unconsciously omitting elements essential to the Church’s faith, or by attributing excessive importance to certain themes at the expense of others, or, chiefly, by a rather horizontalist over-all view [not in] keeping with the teaching of the Church’s Magisterium. Therefore, it is not enough to multiply catechetical works. In order that these works may correspond with their aim, several conditions are essential:

- a) they must be linked with the real life of the generation to which they are addressed, showing close acquaintance with its anxieties and questionings, struggles and hopes;
  - b) they must try to speak a language comprehensible to the generation in question;
  - c) they must make a point of giving the whole message of Christ and his Church, without neglecting or distorting anything, and in expounding it they will follow a line and structure that highlights what is essential;
  - d) they must really aim to give to those who use them a better knowledge of the mysteries of Christ, aimed at true conversion and a life more in conformity with God’s will.
- (CT49)

These four conditions serve to guide the evaluation of catechetical series and textbooks.

## Who Needs a Textbook? Why?

Three groups of people need a textbook series or textbooks consistent with a curriculum of their particular purpose.

1. Parish leaders (the pastor, the DRE OR DOC, etc.) need the tools of a catechetical textbook series if their catechesis is organized into graded, separate groups or focus topics:
  - a. to provide for an orderly and systematic study of Catholicism;
  - b. to give an overview of the curriculum;
  - c. to insure steady progress from year to year;
  - d. to provide a concrete direction and focused aids to the catechists.
  
2. Catechists, whether experienced or inexperienced, need the tool of the manual/textbook:
  - a. to assure that Catholic doctrine and practice is consonant with Scripture, Tradition and the Magisterium, most recently presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC);
  - b. to provide a sense of direction for the current lessons and a sense of continuity with previously covered materials as well as give an indication of future materials;
  - c. to give an overview of the work for the entire year;
  - d. to aid in developing lesson plans that are community oriented, liturgically and theologically sound, and oriented toward service;
  - e. to suggest a variety of methodologies and resources;
  - f. to provide specific cultural understanding and subsequent needs of the student.
  
3. Students need the tool of the textbook:
  - a. to have a reliable guide to the doctrines of the Catholic Church;
  - b. to work in and from;
  - c. to provide stimulus and focus;
  - d. to allow for independent use;
  - e. to refer to within the family setting.

## **Diocesan Textbook and Catechetical Materials Evaluation**

The work of evaluation textbooks is ongoing and time consuming. We rely heavily on the input of the Bishop's Ad Hoc Committee on the Catechism and the pastors and catechetical leaders of our diocese. The goal in recommending textbooks is:

1. To identify those textbooks and catechetical series which clearly and completely embody the doctrines of the Church.
2. To identify resource materials which most closely reflect our own Curriculum Guidelines.

The consideration of textbooks can evolve very quickly into an unproductive dialogue of "textbook wars." There is a real temptation to put too much emphasis on the choice of textbooks instead of other more important factors such as the catechist and their training. Educational research never lists the effectiveness of the textbook above 20%.

The approach employed in these pages is meant to encourage thoughtful decisions that can benefit the catechetical program of the parish. The following recommendations represent a work in progress. The Department of Catechesis welcomes the advice and experience of those who work at the parish level to help make textbook selections in the diocese.

Materials which have not been reviewed are not listed. Unlisted catechetical materials that you would like to use in your programs should be submitted for review along with a letter describing how the material reaches the above stated two-fold goal. Submissions should be sent to: Department of Catechesis, 800 West Loop 820 South Fort Worth, TX 76108

## **Textbook and Catechetical Materials Evaluation Terminology**

The textbook series listed on the following pages have been evaluated and received one of the following ratings:

1. RECOMMENDED
2. RECOMMENDED WITH RESERVATION
3. NOT RECOMMENDED

RECOMMENDED materials are most near our diocesan curriculum guidelines.

### **Parish Programs**

In addition to the materials designated as RECOMMENDED, certain situations such as class size, finances, catechetical models, etc. in parish settings might warrant using materials with the rating WITH (RESERVATION) SUPPLEMENTATION. Materials in both categories could be means to good catechesis.

Materials designated as NOT RECOMMENDED are not to be used for catechesis. Additional information on these NOT RECOMMENDED materials may be obtained by contacting the Department of Catechesis.

Materials which have not been reviewed are not listed. Unlisted catechetical materials that you would like to use in your programs should be submitted for review along with a letter describing how the material reaches the needs of your catechetical program. Submissions should be sent to: **Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth Department of Catechesis 800 West Loop 820 South Fort Worth, TX 76108.**

As series and catechetical materials are created or altered, new recommendations will be issued. **Most catechetical materials are published with an “imprimatur.” An “imprimatur” signifies that the material is free of doctrinal error. It does not designate, however, that the material is doctrinally complete, systematically presented or pedagogically appropriate.**

**Additionally, an official declaration that texts are in doctrinal conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) by the USCCB’s Ad Hoc Committee on the Catechism does not address methodological or pedagogical matters. In other words, a positive finding by the Ad Hoc Committee does not necessarily constitute a recommendation of the material.**

## **Process for Selecting Textbooks**

It is recognized that first the Bishop for the diocese and then the pastor for the parish have the canonical responsibility for catechetical instruction. The pastor should participate in a substantive way in the selection of catechetical resources, including the reviewing and approval of the catechetical books and materials to be used in their respective school and/or parish programs. A process which includes diocesan recommendations, the pastor's own research and the involvement of parents is ideal.

### **General Evaluation Overview**

The process for evaluating textbooks and supplementary materials is conducted at two levels: diocesan and parish.

#### **Diocesan Level**

The Department of Catechesis and Theologians approved by the Bishop, evaluate catechetical series and textbooks for the Diocese. Reviewed materials are rated as RECOMMENDED, WITH SUPPLEMENTATION AND NOT RECOMMENDED. Should a local parish or school program wish to consider textbooks not recommended and/or not evaluated, they must submit the material in question for evaluation to the Department of Catechesis, along with a written statement of why the material fits their particular situation. The resources are not to be used until the evaluation has been completed. Due regard to the length of time needed for such an evaluation must be taken into account by those submitting the texts.

#### **Parish Level**

The choice of a particular text is the task of the pastor, who is the prime catechist of his parish. The pastor may not simply delegate this task to others. If necessary, the pastor may create a committee to assist him in choosing a textbook. The pastor, with the committee's assistance, then proceeds to decide upon a series or textbook that will be used in the program. Choices are limited to the materials already recommended by the Department of Catechesis

## **Particular Parish Evaluation**

The following process is recommended to local parishes and schools considering a new religion textbook series or other materials:

1. Notify the Department of Catechesis for parish programs that you are considering a change in your present series or textbooks. We will provide the most current list of approved textbooks and catechetical series. We may also be able to provide review copies.
2. The pastor may review the materials himself or create a committee including the DOC or DRE, curriculum coordinator and/or catechists from each level. Parents and other interested, knowledgeable people could also participate in the committee.
3. The pastor and the committee should read the Diocesan Curriculum Guidelines pertaining to the age level and the section entitled Purpose of Textbooks provided in this manual.
4. Discuss the positive and negative qualities in the current series in light of #3.
5. Consult the list of diocesan recommended texts.
6. Be sure to look at all the components which comprise the series---the student text, the catechist's guide, and the other support materials to be used with the textbook.
7. Secure samples from the publishers or the Department of Catechesis of all the religion materials the committee wishes to examine. These samples should be given to all committee members for comparison and study. Each committee member should be particularly sensitive to how the series fulfills the criteria they have already identified. Sometimes publishers will provide workshops free of charge to introduce a catechist to their materials, if a parish or school purchases the series. Find out what services are available from publishers directly.
8. Arrive at a consensus recommendation about the series or textbook a catechist hopes to adopt. The pastor makes the final selection of materials. If there is a committee, this decision is made in light of the recommendations of those who have reviewed the materials.
9. When a change in the local catechetical curriculum involves a significant change in teaching style and materials, catechists should participate in appropriate in-services prior to implementation. Make arrangements for a catechist in-service on the new materials before beginning the school year or parish program.

# Recommended Textbooks and Catechetical Materials

## Pre-K through Kindergarten

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RECOMMENDED (in alphabetical order by publisher)

### Ignatius Press

P.O. Box 1339, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Tel: 1-800-360-1714

<http://www.ignatius.com/>

Image of God ©2014

textbook series

Pre-K-8

### Loyola Press

3441 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60657

Tel: 1-800-621-1008

[http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index\\_cate.asp](http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index_cate.asp)

Christ Our Life, School/Parish © 2009-2016

textbook series

Grades K-8

### Sadlier

9 Pine St. New York, NY 10005-1002

Tel: 1-800-221-5175

<http://www.sadlier.com/>

Coming to Faith, School © 1998 & Parish © 1999  
We Believe Program

textbook series  
textbook series

Grades K-6  
Grades K-6

**Pre-K/ K WITH SUPPLEMENTATION** (in alphabetical order by publisher)

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**Neumann Press (Tanbooks.com)**

Tel: 1-800-437-5876

<http://www.tanbooks.com>

**Our Holy Faith Series**

textbook series

Grades K-8

**Sadlier**

9 Pine St. New York, NY 10005-1002

Tel: 1-800-221-5175

[www.sadlier.com](http://www.sadlier.com)

We Believe program

textbook series

[Grades K-8](#)

**Seton Publishing**

1350 Progress Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630

Tel: 1-540-636-9990

<http://www.setonhome.org>

Jesus and I by Fr. Aloysius Hoeg, SJ  
Kindergarten Catechism  
My Jesus and I

parent addition  
Q & A, prayers  
picture prayer book

Grades K-1  
Grade K  
Grade K

## Recommended Textbooks and Catechetical Materials

### First Grade through Sixth Grade

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#### GRADES 1-6 RECOMMENDED (in alphabetical order by publisher)

##### **Ignatius Press**

P.O. Box 1339, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Tel: 1-800-360-1714

<http://www.ignatius.com/>

Faith and Life © 2002, 2004 (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.)

textbook series

Grades 1-8

Faith and Life © 1984 – 1987

textbook series

Grades 1-8

Image of God © 1986 – 1993

textbook series

Pre-K-8

##### **Loyola Press**

3441 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60657

Tel: 1-800-621-1008

[http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index\\_cate.asp](http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index_cate.asp)

Christ Our Life, School/Parish © 1997, 1999, 2002, 09'

textbook series

Grades K-8

Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Beliefs & Traditions 2000

Student workbooks

Grades 1-8

Finding God ©2013

Textbook Series

Grades 1-8

##### **Our Sunday Visitor**

200 Noll Plaza, Huntington. IN 46750

Toll-Free: (800) 348-2440 Ext 2173 Phone: (260) 356-8400

<http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/>

Alive in Christ @ 2014

Textbook series

Grades 1-8

##### **Sadlier**

9 Pine St. New York, NY 10005-1002

Tel: 1-800-221-5175

<http://www.sadlier.com/>

Coming to Faith, School © 1999 & Parish © 1999

textbook series

Grades K-6

We Believe Program ©2011

textbook series

Grades K-6

##### **Sophia Institute Press**

Box 5284, Manchester, NH 03108

Tel: 1-800-888-9344 1-603-641-9344

<https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/spiritoftruth>

Spirit of Truth @2016

Textbook Series with parish adaptations

Grades K-8

## GRADES 1-6 WITH SUPPLEMENTATION (in alphabetical order by publisher)

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### **Apostolate for Family Consecration**

Catholic Family Land, 3375 County Rd. 36, Bloomingdale, OH 43910  
Consecration in Truth 2001

Tel: 1-800-FOR-MARY

<http://www.familyland.org/Home.htm>

Grades 1-8

### **Catholic Book Publishing**

77 West End Rd, Totowa, NJ 07512

Tel: 1-973-890-2400

<http://www.catholicbkpub.com/default.asp>

New St. Joseph first Communion Catechism by Bennet Kelly	Q & A illustrated before 1963	Grades 1-2
St. Joseph Revised Baltimore Catechism (No 1)	Q & A July 1999 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	Grades 3-5
St. Joseph Revised Baltimore Catechism (No 2)	Q & A July 1999 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	Grades 6-8
The Treasure of My Catholic Faith © 2003	textbook series	Grades 1-6

### **Ignatius Press**

P.O. Box 1339, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Tel: 1-800-360-1714

<http://www.ignatius.com/>

Faith and Life © 2002, 2004 (NEWLY REVISED)	textbook series	Grades 1-8
Faith and Life © 1984 – 1987	textbook series	Grades 1-8
Image of God © 1986 – 1993	textbook series	Pre-K-8

### **Loyola Press**

3441 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60657

Tel: 1-800-621-1008

[http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index\\_cate.asp](http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index_cate.asp)

Knowing Our Catholic Faith: © 2000	textbook series	Grades 1-8
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts (1-8) © 2005	textbook series	Grades 1-6
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts (1-8) ©2014		

### **Neumann Press**

21892 County 11, Long Prairie, MN 56347

Tel: 1-800-746-2521

<http://www.neumannpress.com/index.html>

Our Holy Faith Series

textbook series  
Grades K-8

### **Sadlier**

9 Pine St. New York, NY 10005-1002

Tel: 1-800-221-5175

<http://www.sadlier.com/>

We Believe Program © 2004

textbook series  
Grades K-6

### **Seton Publishing**

1350 Progress Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630

Tel: 1-540-636-9990

<http://www.setonhome.org>

First Communion Catechism	Q & A elementary summary	Grades 1-3
Jesus and I by Fr. Aloysius Hoeg, SJ	parent addition	Grade K-1
Religion for Young Catholics	textbook series	Grades 1-7

# Recommended Textbooks and Catechetical Materials

## Seventh Grade and Eighth Grade

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GRADES 7-8 RECOMMENDED (in alphabetical order by publisher)

### Ignatius Press

P.O. Box 1339, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Tel: 1-877-320-9276

<http://www.ignatius.com/>

Faith and Life © 2002, 2004 (NEWLY REVISED)  
Faith and Life © 1984 – 1987  
Image of God © 1986 – 1993  
Issues of Faith and Morals © 1997, Archbishop George Pell

textbook series	Grades 1-8
textbook series	Grades 1-8
textbook series	Pre-K-8
©16 chapters on moral issues	Jr/High School

### Loyola Press

3441 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60657

Tel: 1-800-621-1008

[http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index\\_cate.a](http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index_cate.a)

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Christ Our Life, School/Parish © 1997, 1999, 2002  
Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Beliefs & Traditions © 2000

textbook series	Grades K-8
student workbooks	Grades 1-8

### Our Sunday Visitor

8400 200 Noll Plaza, Huntington. IN 46750

Toll-Free: (800) 348-2440 Ext 2173 Phone: (260) 356-

<http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/>

Alive in Christ @ 2014

Textbook series	Grades 1-8
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### Life Teen international

Edge middle school youth ministry

<http://lifeteen.com/>

## GRADES 7-8 WITH SUPPLEMENTATION (in alphabetical order by publisher)

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**Apostolate for Family Consecration** Tel: 1-800-FOR-MARY  
 Catholic Family Land, 3375 County Rd. 36, Bloomingdale, OH 43910 <http://www.familyland.org/Home.htm>

Consecration in [Truth @ 2011](#) Book & Video Family Catechesis Grades 1-8

**Catholic book Publishing** Tel: 1-973-890-2400  
 77 West End Rd, Totowa, NJ 07512 [www.catholicbkpub.com/default.asp](http://www.catholicbkpub.com/default.asp)

St Joseph Baltimore Catechism © July 1999 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Q & A Grades 6-8

**Neumann Press** Tel: 1-800-437-5876  
[www.tanbooks.com](http://www.tanbooks.com)

Our Holy Faith Series © 1961 textbook series Grades K-8

**Ocean East Publishing** Tel: 1-772-563-9457  
 1655 – 71<sup>st</sup> Court, Vero Beach, FL 32966 <http://www.oepub.com/>

Scorpion Files: Lies Satan Tells to Young Catholics 18 reinforcement home lessons Jr/High School

**Our Sunday Visitor** Tel: 1-800-348-2440  
 200 Noll Plaza, Huntington, IN 46750 <http://www.osv.com/>

Prove It! Church © 2001 (Amy Wellborn)	answers to questions about being Catholic	Jr/High School
Prove It! God © 2001 (Amy Wellborn)	answers to questions about God	Jr/High School
Prove It! Jesus © 2001 (Amy Wellborn)	answers to questions about Jesus	Jr/High School
Prove It! Prayer © 2001 (Amy Wellborn)	answers to questions about Prayer	Jr/High School
Prove It! Here and Now © 2005 (Amy Wellborn)	answers to questions about Faith	Jr/High School
U Got 2 Believe © 2001	7 chapters, presents foundational truths	Jr/High School

**Sadlier** Tel: 1-800-221-5175  
 9 Pine St. New York, NY 10005-1002 <http://www.sadlier.com/>

Faith and Witness Program, School/Parish© 1998-1999	textbook series	junior high
One Faith, One Lord ©2009	textbook series	junior high

**Seton Publishing** Tel: 1-540-636-9990  
 1350 Progress Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630 <http://www.setonhome.org>

Religion for Young Catholics textbook series Grades 1-7

## **Recommended Textbooks and Catechetical Materials**

### **Computer/ Web Site Resources**

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#### **Catechism Class.com**

<http://www.catechismclass.com>

Internet classroom of Catechesis- Print out materials

K-Adult

#### **Catholic World Missions**

33 Rossotto Dr. Hamden, CT 06514

Tel: 1-203-287-6314

<http://www.catholicworldmission.org>

Glory Stories Radio dramas Christ & Various Saints

Grades K-6

#### **My Catholic Faith Delivered**

[www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com](http://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com)

# Recommended Textbooks and Catechetical Materials

## Education for Chastity

The following list of materials are RECOMMENDED for the Classroom for Education for Chastity.

### Ascension Press

[www.ascensionpress.com](http://www.ascensionpress.com)

### Ignatius Press

P.O. Box 1339, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Tel: 1-800-360-1714

[www.ignatius.com](http://www.ignatius.com)

Issues of Faith and Morals by Archbishop George Pell  
Love and Life

Grades 9-12

Grades 7-9

### Our Sunday Visitor

200 Noll Plaza, Huntington, IN 46750

Tel: 1-800-348-2440

[www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com)

The Catholic Vision of Love 1996

Grades 5-8

### Sadlier

9 Pine St. New York, NY 10005-1002

Tel: 1-800-221-5175

[www.sadlier.com](http://www.sadlier.com)

God's Own Making: Catholic Values of Human Sexuality

Grades 4-8

### Foundation for the Family

P.O. Box 111184, Cincinnati, OH 45211-1184

Tel: 1-800-745-8252

or (513) 471-2000 website unknown

New Corinthians Curriculum 1996

Grades K-8

### Leaflet Missal Company

976 W. Minnehaha Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104

Tel: 1-800-328-9582

[www.leafletmissal.org](http://www.leafletmissal.org)

Project Genesis

Grades K-8

### The Diocese of Fort Worth, Marriage and Family Life Office

800 West Loop 820 South Fort Worth, TX 76108

Tel: 1-871-560-3300 ext. 269

<http://www.fwdioc.org>

Outlines for Mother/Daughter, Father/Son Workshops: Diocese of Memphis  
[http://www.cdom.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=FP\\_Programs#mother](http://www.cdom.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=FP_Programs#mother)

Parents & Teens

### The Chastity Project

[www.thechastityproject.com](http://www.thechastityproject.com)

# RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS AND CATECHETICAL MATERIALS

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

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### **Ignatius Press**

P.O. Box 1339, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Tel: 1-800-360-1714

<http://www.ignatius.com/>

### **Loyola Press**

3441 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60657

Tel: 1-800-621-1008

[http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index\\_cate.asp](http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index_cate.asp)

Infant Baptism: A sourcebook for Parishes

3 ring binder for parish coordinators

# RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS AND CATECHETICAL MATERIALS

## FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

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### **Ignatius Press**

P.O. Box 1339, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Image of God 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Tel: 1-800-360-1714

<http://www.ignatius.com/>

Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Sadlier**

9 Pine St. New York, NY 10005-1002

We believe and celebrate: First Penance 2011

Tel: 1-800-221-5175

<http://www.sadlier.com/>

Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Loyola Press**

3441 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 6065

God's gift: reconciliation 2016

Tel: 1-800-621-1008

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/sacramental-preparation/gods-gift-2016>

# RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS AND CATECHETICAL MATERIALS

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

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### **Ascension Press**

W5169 Jefferson Street, Necedah, WI 54646

Chosen 2014

Tel: 1-800-376-0520

<http://ascensionpress.com/>

High School

### **Diocese of Fort Worth**

800 West Loop 820 South, Fort Worth, TX 76108

Confirmation: A Handbook for Parents 2014

Tel: 1-817-945-9350

Parent/Child Workbook

### **Dynamic Catholic**

5081 Olympic Blvd. Erlanger, KY 41018

Decision Point

<http://dynamiccatholic.com/>

Tel: 859-980-7900

### **Ignatius Press**

P.O. Box 1339, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Image of God (Mass books & Confirmation)1986-1993

Tel: 1-800-360-1714

<http://www.ignatius.com/>

Grades 6-8

### **Loyola Press**

3441 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 60657

Confirmed in the Spirit

Tel: 1-800-621-1008

[http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index\\_cate.asp](http://www.loyolaeducationgroup.org/index_cate.asp)

Grades 6-8

### **Sadlier**

9 Pine St. New York, NY 10005-1002

The Spirit sets us Free 2000

Tel: 1-800-221-5175

<http://www.sadlier.com/>

Grades 6-8

# RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS AND CATECHETICAL MATERIALS

## FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

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### **Diocese of Fort Worth**

800 West Loop 820 South Fort Worth, TX 76108

Tel: 1-817-560-3300 ext. 267

Eucharist: A Parent Handbook 2014

For Parents

### **Ignatius Press**

P.O. Box 1339, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Tel: 1-800-360-1714

<http://www.ignatius.com/>

### **Loyola Press**

3441 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, IL 6065

Tel: 1-800-621-1008

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/sacramental-preparation/gods-gift-2016>

God's gift: first Eucharist 2016

### **Sadlier**

9 Pine St. New York, NY 10005-1002

Tel: 1-800-221-5175

<http://www.sadlier.com/>

We believe and celebrate: First Penance 2011

Grades 2nd – 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS AND CATECHETICAL MATERIALS FOR FAMILY CATECHESIS**

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### **Sophia Institute Press**

Box 5284, Manchester, NH 03108

Tel: 1-800-888-9344 1-603-641-9344

<https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/shop/family-of-faith>

A Family of Faith @2016

Parish base program for family catechesis for Grades K-8

### **Church of Saint Paul**

1740 Bunker Lake Blvd. NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304

Tel: 763-757-1148

<https://www.familyformation.net/>

Family Formation

Parish family base catechetical program for grades K-6

# RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS AND CATECHETICAL MATERIALS

## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

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### Ascension Press

[www.ascensionpress.com](http://www.ascensionpress.com)

### Enroute books and media

5705 Rhodes Ave, St. Louis, Mo 63109

Tel: (314) 706-1009.

<http://enroutebooksandmedia.com/childrens-books/>

Today I was Baptized

Today I made my First Communion

Today I made my first reconciliation

Today some I love passed away

### Lumen Ecclesia Press

4101 East Joy Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Tel: (734)-996-4245.

<https://educationinvirtue.com/>

Disciples of Christ/ Education in Virtue

Education on Christian Living

### My Catholic Faith Delivered

[www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com](http://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com)

### Our Sunday Visitor

200 Noll Plaza, Huntington, IN 46750

Tel: 1-800-348-2440

<http://www.osv.com/>

Catholic Parent Know How Series

Baptism

First Reconciliation Confirmation (grade 6-8)

First Communion

8 page magazine format – all grades

Discover the Rules: Lent

Discover the Riches: Advent Faith Filled Summer Activities

Forming Your Child's Faith:

Fundamentals Forming Your Child's

Faith: Church Forming Your Child's

Faith: Morality Forming Your Child's

Faith: Sacraments Forming Your Child's

Faith: Scripture Forming Your Child's

Faith: Living Faith

Forming Your Child's Faith: Church History

Parent Letters: Spiritual Growth of your Child 7 Different Mailings