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The Catechism of the Catholic Church: Its Purpose

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the promulgation of *the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, I will run a series of articles on the *Catechism* to help us understand its purpose, its contents, and how it is a go-to resource for all Catholics.

In his prologue, St. John Paul II addresses those who pass on the faith and goes on to write the purposes of this *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It does speak for itself:

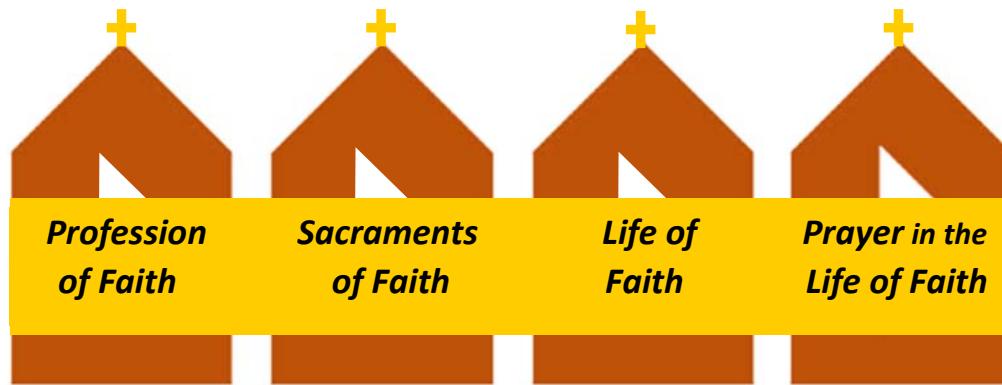
“This catechism aims at presenting an organic synthesis of the essential and fundamental contents of Catholic doctrine, as regards both faith and morals, in the light of the Second Vatican Council and the whole of the Church's Tradition. Its principal sources are the Sacred Scriptures, the Fathers of the Church, the liturgy, and the Church's Magisterium. It is intended to serve ‘as a point of reference for the catechism or compendia that are composed in the various countries.’

This work is intended primarily for those responsible for catechesis: first of all, the

bishops, as teachers of the faith and pastors of the Church. It is offered to them as an instrument in fulfilling their responsibility of teaching the People of God. Through the bishops, it is addressed to redactors of catechisms, to priests, and to **catechists. It will also be useful reading for all other Christian faithful.**” (CCC, 11-12)

In other words, for catechetical leaders and for catechists, it is a great resource and reference as you lay out and plan your lesson plans, whether you are catechizing children, youth, or adults. When students, disciples, are asking questions of the faith, it becomes a valuable resource to answer their questions. And these questions are asked by young children to their parents, by children and youth wanting to know how the Church answers their questions, by those who are inquiring about becoming Catholic at the beginning of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process, by adults in small Christian communities continuing to learn about the Catholic faith, and by older adults who ask about end of life issues, especially regarding their goal: their heavenly home.





Regarding the texts, you use for faith formation, many of them are in conformity with the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church*** as the four pillars inspire their structure, the material does quote often something from the *Catechism*, and the *Catechism* gives further reading for the catechist as he or she looks more deeply at the topics to be covered.

So regarding the four pillars, here is what St. John Paul II writes regarding these four pillars:

“The plan of this catechism is inspired by the great tradition of catechisms which build catechesis on four pillars: the baptismal profession of faith (the Creed), the sacraments of faith, the life of faith (the Commandments), and the prayer of the believer (the Lord's Prayer).”

Part One: The Profession of Faith

“Those who belong to Christ through faith and Baptism must confess their baptismal faith before men. First therefore the *Catechism* expounds revelation, by which God addresses and gives himself to man, and the faith by which man responds to God (Section One). The profession of faith summarizes the gifts that God gives man: as the Author of all that is good; as Redeemer; and as Sanctifier. It develops these in the three chapters on our baptismal faith in the one God: the almighty Father, the Creator; his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior; and the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, in the Holy Church (Section Two).”

Part Two: The Sacraments of Faith

“The second part of the *Catechism* explains how God's salvation, accomplished once for all through Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit, is made present in the sacred actions of the Church's liturgy (Section One), especially in the seven sacraments (Section Two).”

Part Three: The Life of Faith

“The third part of the *Catechism* deals with the final end of man created in the image of God: beatitude, and the ways of reaching it--through right conduct freely chosen, with the help of God's law and grace (Section One), and through conduct that fulfils the twofold commandment of charity, specified in God's Ten Commandments (Section Two).”

Part Four: Prayer in the Life of Faith

“The last part of the *Catechism* deals with the meaning and importance of prayer in the life of believers (Section One). It concludes with a brief commentary on the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer (Section Two), for indeed we find in these the sum of all the good things which we must hope for, and which our heavenly Father wants to grant us.”

So as catechetical leaders, use the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church*** and ***Sacred Scripture*** as your two main resources and points of reference. Have your catechists do the same. In addition, there are other catechisms inspired by the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church*** that you can use as well: ***The United States Catechism for Adults***, the ***YouCat*** for youth and young adults, and now the ***DoCat*** for youth and young adults. The ***DoCat*** challenges youth and young adults to change their lives, to be instruments of change in their neighborhoods and other local settings, and to be even instruments of change throughout the whole world as they live Catholic Social Teachings.

The following is the online version of the *Catechism*:

<http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/index.html>

Upcoming Opportunities



Moments of Mercy

- **Saturday, November 12, 2016** – Closing of the Holy Year Door at the Schoenstatt Shrine – 11:00 a.m. Mass – followed by social and lunch
- **Sunday, November 20, 2016** – Closing of the Holy Year Door at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm – 2:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Confessions available; 3:15 p.m. Benediction and reposition; 3:30 p.m. Mass presided by Bishop John LeVoir

Fatima Centennial Tour

The World Apostolate of Fatima's Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace

The historic tour, marking the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, will feature the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, traveling worldwide for nearly 70 years. Please join us on one of these days to hear the story of Fatima and to grow in love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as we ask for her intercession for all of our needs.

- **Sunday, October 16** – Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm
5 p.m. - Solemn Entrance and Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
5:10 - Presentation on Our Lady of Fatima
5:30 - Rosary Procession
6:30 - Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop John LeVoir and Closing of Fatima Visit (confessions will also be available beginning at 4)
- **Monday, October 17** – Church of St. Aloysius
8:30 a.m. Procession and Mass, devotions throughout day, and Fatima presentations at 9:00 a.m./12:00 p.m./6:30 p.m.

Gathers

for catechetical leaders and youth ministers

9:30 gather; 10 a.m. start til 3 p.m.

St. Aloysius Jubilee Center in Olivia

302 S 10th St. (unless otherwise noted)

Monday, October 10

We will continue with the *Parish Catechetical Leader Formation Workbook*. Contact Cindy (507-

233-5325 or cblickem@dnu.org to RSVP by Friday morning, October 7.)

Other Upcoming Gathers:

- Monday, November 7 – Olivia
- Monday, December 12 – Olivia
- Monday, January 9 – Olivia
- Monday, February 13 – Olivia
- Monday, March 6 – Olivia
- Monday, April 3 – Curriculum Day, New Ulm
- Monday, May 8 – “Spring Fling” – TBA

Cor Jesu 2016-17 - 7:15 p.m. “Heart of Jesus”

Cor Jesu (pronounced *core yay-zoo*), is an opportunity to encounter our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during adoration, while singing contemporary songs of praise, hearing a short sermon, and reconciling oneself with God in the Sacrament of Penance. This event will travel around the diocese and is open to all ages, with a specific focus on youth and young adults.

- **Friday, October 21** ~ St. Mary, Sleepy Eye w/ recitation of Rosary!
- **Saturday, December 3** ~ St. Boniface, Stewart
- **Saturday, January 7** ~ Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm
- **Saturday, February 11** ~ St. Andrew, Granite Falls
- **Friday, March 31** ~ St. Clotilde, Green Valley w/ Stations of the Cross!
- **Saturday, May 6** ~ St. Aloysius, Olivia
- **Friday, June 2** ~ Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm | w/ Bishop John M. LeVoir!

Make a road trip to see Jesus!

Riverbend TEC ...

Together Encountering Christ

retreats for adults and youth:

RB TEC 263	Nov 19 - 21, 2016	Bird Island
RB TEC 264	Jan 14-16, 2017	Marshall
RB TEC 265	April 1-3, 2017	New Ulm
RB TEC 266	August 5-7, 2017	Winsted

To sign up, contact: riverbendtec@gmail.com to receive an application.

“Living Catholic in a Secular World”

presented by Maria Cahill

November 20, 2016 6:45 p.m.

Church of St. Raphael in Springfield

Maria Cahill, former Miss Delaware and advocate for life for all God’s children and for Christian values, is a dedicated Catholic living her faith and spreading a message of life and the love of God.

The Catholic Church and Sexuality

presented by Nic Davidson

November 30, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Church of St. Mary in Bird Island

Is your parish looking for an effective way to address sexuality with your 11th and 12th grade students? This presentation is for 11th and 12th grade students and their catechists. Join the Heart of Jesus AFC for an evening with **Nic Davidson** what the Catholic Church teaches about sexuality, homosexuality, and transgender and how we as Christians are to respond to these issues.

Please RSVP to Joan Honzay with an approximate number of attendees at 320-523-2030 or stalreligiousdjh@gmail.com by November 23. If the group becomes large; event may be moved to the ballroom. A Goodwill Offering will be given for his presentation.

Parish Visits

I am continuing my parish visits. I can visit to do catechist trainings, parents sessions, catechetical sessions with youth and adults, visiting classrooms for all elementary, middle school, and high school grades, visiting an RCIA session, doing an intergenerational session, or visiting a small Christian community.

My schedule so far:

I have openings throughout the Fall and Winter; e-mail me or call me!

So far I have visited:

- Wednesday, September 7 – Henderson
- Wednesday, September 14 – Milroy

University of Dayton’s VLCCFF

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

We are no longer partners with the University of Dayton’s VLCCFF, but we will continue to promote it and offer scholarships for these courses. Be a

part of these online learning opportunities! This is a great gift for your catechists!

Cycle 7: October 16 – November 19, 2016

(Registration: Aug 31; Closes Oct 12)

A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry

Bible Basics

Catechetical Methodology: Archdiocese for the Military Services Only

Catholic Beliefs

Catholic Teaching on Chastity, Family Life, and Human Sexuality Education

Church History 2

Communication and Community

Conscience

Creative Methodologies: ADHD in Parish Life - Pastoral Implications (SN 3)

Designing a Parish Catechetical Plan

Disabilities in Parish Life: An Overview (SN 1)

Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church

Ecclesiology: Pilgrim Church

Evangelization and Discipleship

Faith and Human Development

Faith Formation for Adults with Special Needs (SN 5)

Fundamentals and Vision for Adult Learning and Faith Formation (AFL 1)

Fundamentals in Deaf Faith Formation Methodologies (SN 2)

Images of Jesus

Introduction to Catechesis

Introduction to Liturgy

Introduction to Paul's Life and Letters

Introduction to Practical Morality

Introduction to Prayer

Introduction to Scripture

Leadership in Ministry

Marianist Studies: Prayer

Marianist Studies: Social Justice

Mary in Scripture and Tradition

New Testament

Old Testament

On Bended Knee

Our Hearts Were Burning

Parish and Social Action

Praying With Children

Principles for Addressing Diversity Issues in Youth Ministry

Sacraments

Survey of Catholic Doctrine

The Parish Nurse as Counsellor and Spiritual Companion

The Second Vatican Council: An Overview

Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life Vocation, Spirituality and Discipleship of Catechists

- **For new students to register for VLCCFF:** <http://vlc.udayton.edu/profile/agreement.php>
- **For returning VLCCFF students to register for another course:** <http://vlc.udayton.edu/register/>
- VLCCFF has certificates for catechists, for ministry leadership, for youth ministry, for adult faith formation, and social justice. Encourage your catechists to get the Certificate for Catechesis.



- For further information and discussion of further ideas, call 507-233-5324; breising@dnuc.org.
- Cost for the 3-Week Seminar is \$80 and the five-week course is \$105. Certificates are \$35.
- Scholarships are available: Web site for the Hilary and Elizabeth Mohr Catechist Fund for scholarships: <https://www.dnu.org/rescholarships/>

NIKA - Another online learning opportunity for those in the Diocese of New Ulm

NIKA Catholic Catechetical Institute (NCCI) exists to make Jesus Christ better known and better loved. It offers faith-filled college level continuing education for non-traditional students and adults who are seeking to deepen their faith life. The course aims primarily at personal faith formation (intellectual and spiritual) and secondarily are helpful to those seeking classroom applications. Faith formation is the primary emphasis because the faith-filled person will be more effective in communicating faith and making Christian disciples than the unconvinced technician who has not developed a consistent prayer life. "A theologian is one who prays..." Enjoy continuing education from the convenience of your home. Free online presentations for continuing education as well as mini-courses have begun. For further info, <http://www.nikacatholic.com/>

Religious Education Safe Environment Compliance Reminders

VIRTUS Lessons 5 and 6 are to be taught in a combined session this fall. Please schedule your VIRTUS Children's Training for October or early November. The deadline to mail the diocese the completed children's training sheet, the Opt-Out forms, and the children absent listing form for the initial training is November 10, 2016. The deadline to resubmit the absent form noting those attending a make-up session is February 2, 2017.

Opt out forms: The expectation is that all children are trained in a class held at the local parish/AFC program; however, parents are given the opportunity to opt out their child. Opt out forms are to be provided to the parent/guardian before your training in the fall along with a copy of the Overview and *Teaching Touching Safety Quick Reference Guide*. In signing the Opt Out form, the parent/guardian is agreeing to train

their child. You are required to use the Opt Out form provided by the diocese. Do not change the content of the form. Any Opt Out forms signed by the parent/guardian are turned in to you before the training in the fall. The program director is to personally contact parents choosing to opt-out and confirm they are in understanding as to what has been signed and what the expectation is. Often times, parents believe it is simply a form that needs signed and are not truly intending for their child to be opted out. Verification is necessary. After your initial training takes place, Opt Out forms are not provided to the parent/guardian.

An absent form is also provided by the diocese for reporting and to track those absent. One copy of the absent form is submitted on the November due date and one copy is kept for planning purposes in preparing a required makeup session opportunity. The form is then resubmitted to the diocese listing the make-up session information by February 2, 2017. Children completely home-schooled are not attending classes so there is no expectation of reporting unless it is a sacramental year and they are attending sessions for these purposes. Catechetical Leaders (PCLs/DREs) can access the *Guide for Parents* in English or Spanish by logging into the VIRTUS account; go to the Educators tab, then to Lesson Plans, Step 2: Click here to read or print: *Teaching Touching Safety*.

Catechist Rosters: We sent you a catechist roster in August: an excel sheet to record your current catechists. They were to be returned to Cindy Blickem (cblickem@dnuc.org) by October 1. If you have not turned these in, please do so as soon as possible. The form is available on the Safe Environment Catechist Web page if you misplaced your original copy. You may not have your entire catechist positions filled, but additional names and information (position, grade level taught, and e-mail address) can then be sent to Cindy as they become known. Any PCL/DRE, youth minister, catechist, adults helping with youth ministry, or anyone who may be in a ministry with minors is required to be in total compliance with safe environment requirements. All new users should immediately go online and register at www.dnu.org/safeenvironment

The essential requirements are met by registering online. There are three essential requirements which are a condition of beginning employment or beginning volunteer service:

- 1) Complete the required background checks
- 2) Electronically sign receipt of Policy 13 (March 2016) and the Code of Conduct, complete Form B and submit it to your parish
- 3) Attend a VIRTUS training session. If there is a serious reason that prevents attendance prior to employment or volunteer service, a grace period of 60 days is allowed, but this only pertains to long term ministries lasting a school or catechetical year.

In addition to the Day-One Essential Three requirements, there are also ongoing online trainings assigned. Online training is to be completed within 30 days of being posted to the VIRTUS account.

Annual training for volunteers will be posted in late August each year (it is late this year because we are working with the company to incorporate the signing of the updated Policy 13). Once the training is posted, communicate with your volunteers to complete the online training as soon as possible. Accurate e-mail addresses are essential for the notification process to be effective. Users should also add system@virtus.org to their contact list so the notice is not processed as spam. Some large businesses will filter out e-mails that are sent in large batches such as the VIRTUS reminder e-mail notices.

Thank you for keeping our children and youth safe!

VIRTUS Trainings...Protecting God's Children for Adults

An updated listing of training is available on the www.dnu.org Safe Environment Web site (You can view them at the Large Red Button and then back-out before registering). More training will be scheduled soon. Individuals are expected to preregister for the sessions during registration or by logging into their existing account at www.virtus.org.

National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) Membership

Join NCCL and receive *CL (Catechetical Leader) Magazine*, CL Weekly every Monday, discounts on resources, and information on the national

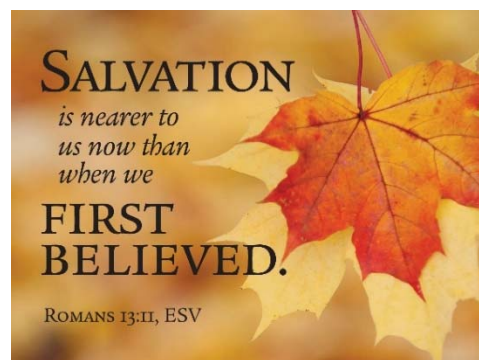
conference and regional workshops! The cost of an individual membership to NCCL is only - \$75.00. This is only \$6.25 a month. *Use the Mohr Scholarship Fund for this opportunity!* For further information about membership, check out the Web site: www.nccl.org

Adult Faith Formation

Word on Fire: Catholicism:

The Pivotal Players

Bishop Barron is on a new journey to unlock the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. You'll discover the places where St. Thomas Aquinas lived, learned, and wrote. Visit the countryside where St. Francis gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where St. Catherine of Siena ministered and prayed. Trek through England to where Bl. John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton left their mark and sparked an English Catholic revival. And through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of Michelangelo, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel. The box set includes six DVDs, one on each of the Pivotal Players. Each episode runs 50-60 minutes. English and Spanish subtitles and audio are included as configurable options.



Parish Catechetical Question:

Do you provide the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** to your catechists, to your families? Do you provide the **United States Catechism for Adults** to the adults of your parish? Do you provide the **YouCat** and the **DoCat** to your youth and young adults? How do you use these resources?