

DIOCESAN CURRICULUM FOR CATECHESIS

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES:

“It can happen that in the present situation of catechesis reasons of method or pedagogy suggest that the communication of the riches of the content of catechesis should be organized in one way rather than another” (Catechesis Tradendae #31).

“The source from which catechesis draws its message is the Word of God. Catechesis will always draw its content from the living source of the Word of God transmitted in Tradition and the Scriptures, for sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture make up a single sacred deposit of the Word of God, which is entrusted to the Church” (Catechesis Tradendae #27).

“The relationship between the Christian message and human experience is not a simple methodological question. It springs from the very end of catechesis, which seeks to put the human person in communion with Jesus Christ.” (The General Directory for Catechesis #116).

“The instruments provided for catechesis cannot be truly effective unless well used by trained catechists. Thus the adequate *formation of catechists* cannot be overlooked by concerns such as the updating of texts and the reorganization of catechesis. Consequently, diocesan pastoral programs must give absolute priority to the *formation of lay catechists*” (The General Directory for Catechesis #234).

IN THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN:

1. The Offices of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Catholic Schools will provide a Curriculum for Catechesis for use in all Catholic Schools, Parish Catechetical processes for Youth and Children, and home based catechesis.
2. All Religious Education programs and opportunities for students in the Diocese will be derived from and implemented through the Curriculum for Catechesis.
3. The Offices of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Catholic Schools will provide ongoing formational opportunities and resources for catechetical administrators and catechists for continued growth in the curriculum areas.
4. The catechetical administrator will review and evaluate throughout the year the implementation of the Curriculum for Catechesis by grade levels with all catechists.