PARISH CATECHESIS: CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EFFECTIVE PROCESS

WHO?
Professionally prepared catechetical or pastoral leader
Adult oriented
Youth centered
Children first
Teen friendly
Young Adult inclusive
Primacy of parents
Well formed catechists
Pastor involvement

WHAT?
Diocesan Curriculum for Catechesis
Approved textbooks and resources
Adequate parish budget
Lesson plans and session designs
Learning objectives
Ongoing assessment of learning, growth
Effective use of technology
Enriching Sacramental Preparation

WHEN?
Options for families
Convenient for families
Sufficient number of hours
Ministry year focused

WHERE?
Appropriate to age levels
Adequate space
Faith friendly environment
Well maintained building space
WHY?
   Deepen knowledge
   Conscience formation
   Build relationship with Christ
   Provide experience of community
   Lead to prayer and celebration of the sacraments
   Motivate to mission

HOW?
   Welcoming hospitality
   One model
   Multiple models
   Blended models
   Collaborative models in deanery
   Technology assisted
   Community Builders
Invitations extended repeatedly
   Inclusive of giftedness of all