



Office of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry
Directory for Catechesis

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