



Planning Your Lesson

You are provided with many tools to help you become a successful catechist. You will have a Catechist Manual and a prepared lesson plan for each session. The Catechist Manual will provide background materials to help you grow in your faith, an outline of the lesson, key religious vocabulary words and definitions that are used in the lesson, a Catechism reference, prayer suggestions and a webpage to go to for additional help.

Don't know an answer? Be honest. If you do not know the answer to a question, admit it and tell your class that you will find the answer by the next session.

Create a warm and welcoming atmosphere by arriving early to welcome your learners, getting to know them by name, disciplining with respect and providing them with positive praise and reinforcement.



"A catechist is the voice of Jesus in the ears of our children."

(unknown)

Adult Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School Dates: July 6 - 10, 2020
Adults Needed from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

If teaching is not for you, come and help out during one of the most delightful weeks in the summer! Vacation Bible School is held for children ages 3 1/2 - students entering Grade 4. We need adult helpers to supervise our team of teens in crafts, games and drama.



____ Yes, I am interested in sharing my faith with our young people who need to hear about Jesus. Please contact me with more information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Adult Teaching Opportunities

Weekly FFF Programs:

Saturday Mornings

- Little Cherubs (Ages 3 and 4), 9:00 am - 10:30 am
- Grades K - 8, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Monday Evenings

- Grades K - 4, 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm
- Grades 5 - 8, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- Grades 9 - 10, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Monthly FFF Program:

aka **Generations of Faith:**

Once a month September through April (Grades K - 10)

Choose from the following sessions:

- Session A: Sunday, 10:30 am - 12:00 Noon
- Session B: Sunday, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
- Session C: Thursday, 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm

Summer FFF Programs:

Summer High School Program:

Week-long Program for Public high school students Grades 9-10.

Dates: June 26, 29, 30, July 1 and 2, 2020

Choose from the following shifts or full day:

- Mornings, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm OR
- Afternoons, 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Disciple Camp:

Week-long Program for Public school students Grades 5-8 .

Dates: July 13 - 17, 2020

Choose from the following shifts or full day:

- Mornings, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm OR
- Afternoons, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

"A teacher affects the universe, a catechist affects eternity."



ST. GREGORY THE GREAT Family Faith Formation

Catechist Information



"A Catechist is the busiest person in the parish, who somehow finds time to do those important things which everyone else is too busy to do."

- Father John Francis Murphy, S.T. D.

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Family Faith Formation



Catechesis is derived from a Greek term which means "to echo."
As a catechist you echo the Word of God.

A Family Faith Formation Catechist at St. Gregory's must attest to the fact that they have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, attend Mass and receive Holy Communion regularly, that any school-aged members of their family are under religious instructions, and if married, they have entered a ceremony performed in conformity with the regulations of the Catholic Church. They must promise to teach in accordance to the teachings of the Catholic Church and to give example and encouragement by their Catholic lifestyle to the students they instruct.



"The quality of catechists is more important than the quality of their tools. But good tools in the hands of skilled catechists can do much to foster growth in faith."
(NCD, 249)

Catechetical Terms

Catechesis: a process of handing on our Catholic faith.

Catechist: a teacher, one who instructs others in the faith.

Session : a lesson or class.

NCD: Sharing the Light of Faith: National Catechetical Directory for Catholics of the United States. Washington, D.C.: USCC, 1979

As a catechist you have the opportunity to:

- Share your knowledge of the Bible
- Give back to God what you have received from God
- Help children learn to pray and become closer to God
- Help them realize the presence of God in their lives and instill values, direction and Christian principles to help them make good moral decisions for the rest of their lives.

"The purpose of catechesis is to make a person's faith become loving, conscious, and active through the light of instruction."

(Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church, 140 NCD 32)



Tasks of Catechesis

- To promote knowledge of the faith.
- To promote knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the sacraments.
- To promote moral formation in Jesus Christ.
- To teach the Christian how to pray with Christ.
- To prepare the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.
- To promote a missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in society.

(Kate Ristow – Catechist Magazine April/May 2007)

Spirituality of a Catechist

Ways to enrich your Spirituality

- Prayer
- Visiting the Eucharistic Chapel
- Daily Mass attendance
- Praying the Rosary
- Reading the Bible
- Attending Mission and other spiritual opportunities offered here at St. Gregory's.

Catechist Training

- **September Teacher Orientation at St. Gregory's**
- Catechist Training is provided by the Diocese, our Vicariate and our parish.
- Scripture Study
- Regularly scheduled sessions for our Catechists.

Tasks of the Catechist

- Spirituality
- Training
- Planning your lesson
- Creating a welcoming atmosphere

