



PLANNING FOR THE FAITH FORMATION OF ADULTS

“...every parish needs to develop a coherent catechetical plan that integrates the various components of the overall program That plan should reflect the priority of adult catechesis...” [*National Directory for Catechesis*, p. 255]

How to Develop a Plan

- Identify your parish vision/mission for catechesis
- Establish core values
- Identify leadership model
- Identify needs of the parish
- Determine what can be done
- Set a time line
- Establish plan for implementation

Components of a Plan

A plan should include “goals and objectives specific to the parish community and include the regular assessment of progress toward the achievement of those goals and objectives. It should devise a schedule of catechetical activities ... that does not conflict with the calendars of local ... schools.” [*National Directory of Catechesis*, p. 255]

- Parish vision/mission for catechesis
- Core values
- Goals for the formation of adults
- Name leadership model
- Name strategies
- Implementation Process
 - Budget
 - Facilities
 - Time line
 - schedule
- Methods of Evaluation

What to Consider when Planning

Take into account the needs of everyone in the parish, and provide special accommodation for cultural, racial, and ethnic groups, persons with disabilities, the neglected, and those unable to represent their own rights and interests. ... The parish catechetical plan should be adequately financed and staffed by professionally trained catechetical leaders.... [*National Directory for Catechesis*, p. 255]

- Coherent plan for all catechesis
- Consider opportunities for all to
 - Hear the gospel message
 - Celebrate prayer and liturgy
 - Live it in their daily lives
- Reflect the priority of adult catechesis
- Consider the needs of all

Resources for Planning

National Directory for Catechesis, USCCB, Washington, D.C., 2005.

Creating a Catechetical Plan: A How-To-Do-It Resource, Rev. Robert D. Duggan, S.T.D., National Catholic Educational Association, Washington D.C., 2006.

Nurturing Adult Faith: A Manual for Parish Leaders, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, 2002. [Also published by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, Washington, DC]

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