

WELCOME!

**Confirmation Catechist
Specialization**



Overview of Specialization

Session 1: The Catechist & the Confirmation Process

Session 2: The Candidate

Session 3: Shared Christian Praxis & Prayer

Session 4: Classroom Management and Youth Ministry

Introductions

- Name and Parish
- What brings you to this specialization?
- What do you hope to gain from this specialization?

I would like to be a better catechist

More knowledgeable catechist

Interact with teens

Grow in faith to share with the teens

Reinforcement

Increase holiness in teens

More patience

The various knowledge of students– Catholic School kids vs. the kids who don't have a strong background

Watch kids grow

Continue my journey to be certified Catechist

How to get the kids to participate to engage them

Want to learn more

What's new

What to learn from the team



Appointment Game

9:00 Why did you say yes to being a Confirmation Catechist?



Appointment Game

1:00 Share
about
someone who
inspires you.



Appointment Game

3:00 What is your favorite thing about working with teens?



Appointment Game

5:00 Name at least 1 strength and 1 area you'd like to grow in that you bring to the ministry?



Appointment Game

10:00 What makes you nervous about being a Confirmation Catechist?



Archdiocesan ORE Mission

The Office of Religious Education is engaged in continuing the mission of Jesus Christ through evangelization and catechesis. We are called to form catechetical leaders, integrate a justice perspective and respond to the multicultural diversity of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



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LIVES*
*TRANSFORMANDO
VIDAS*

Confirmation Myths

- I can't let this child out of my class without having prayers and doctrine!
- Every child must have a conversion experience before they leave my class!
- Teaching moments always happen in the classroom!
- I am the messiah and not just a catechist!
- Each class must stick to the wonderful lesson planned that I was given or prepared!
- Community building is not important! It's just playing games!

BREAK



I Call You Each By Name



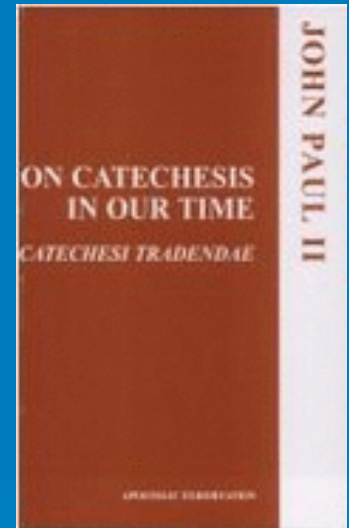
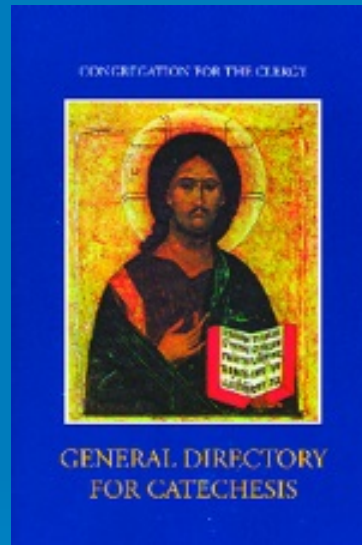
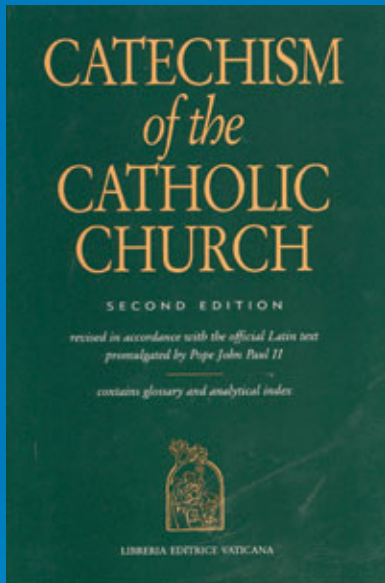
The call comes in a variety of ways and from a variety of people but the call always comes from Jesus.

The Catechist



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Documents Referenced in this Session



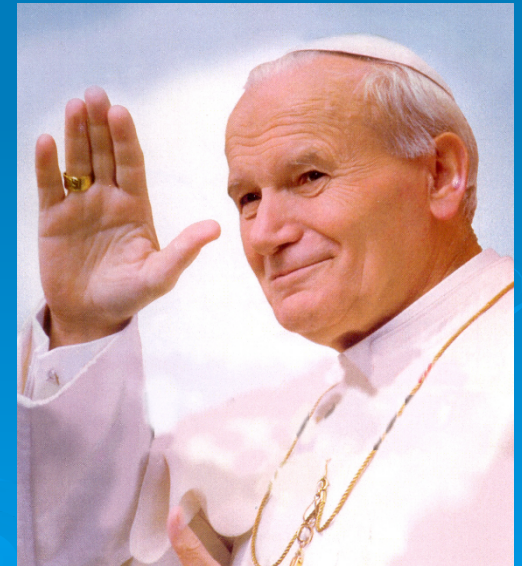
The apostolic work of the catechist
springs from the Sacrament of
Baptism through which all believers
come to share in the prophetic
ministry of Christ and the
evangelizing mission of the Church.

NDC pg. 228



The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy with Jesus Christ.

– CT, #5



National Directory of Catechesis

- Teaches the core of the Catholic faith
- Recognize faith development is lifelong
- Integrate knowledge of faith with liturgical and prayer experiences
- Utilizes the life experiences of the adolescents
- Engages adolescents in the process

National Directory of Catechesis

Three Goals:

- To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world
- To draw young people to responsible participating in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community.
- To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person

(National Directory for Catechesis, 2011)

A Catechist is....



- A teacher of our **faith**
- The meaning of the word *catechist* is “to echo”
- One who passes on, or “echoes” the word of God
- One who’s own **faith** plays an important part in this “echoing”
- One who fully participates in the prayer, worship and life of the **faith** community
- One who continues to develop their own **faith** formation

Personal Qualities of a Catechist

- Faith that manifests itself in their daily life
- Love for the Church
- Apostolic spirit and missionary zeal
- Love for their brothers and sisters and desire to give generous service
- Willingness to continue their own religious education and formation
- The human, moral, and technical qualities necessary for the ministry of a catechist
- Respect for the diversity of cultures
- An ability to appreciate different stages of individual growth and development
- An ability to communicate effectively with the persons to be catechized.

Trusting the Spirit

- What we do and who we are is rooted in Spirit in our Baptism commitment to be a disciple and to share the life of a disciple
- Our lives has been changed by others who have shared their faith and engaged us in our faith
- How do you identify the Spirit in your life?
- No matter how long we've been in ministry we must remember our need - that we must rely on the Spirit

The Heart of Catechesis is . . .



**the Heart of
the Catechist.**

The gift of faith rooted in the church and alive in your heart is the gift you will share!

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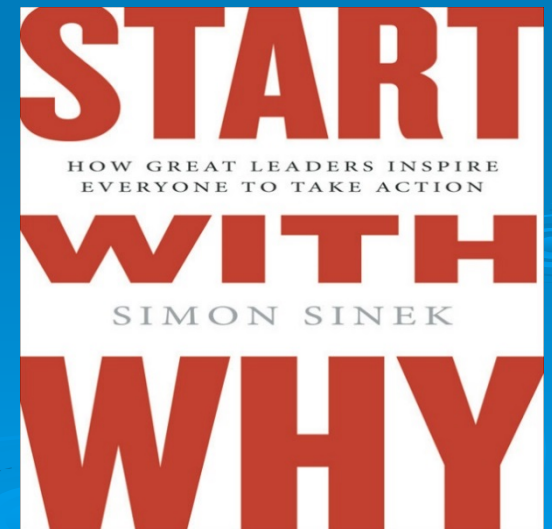
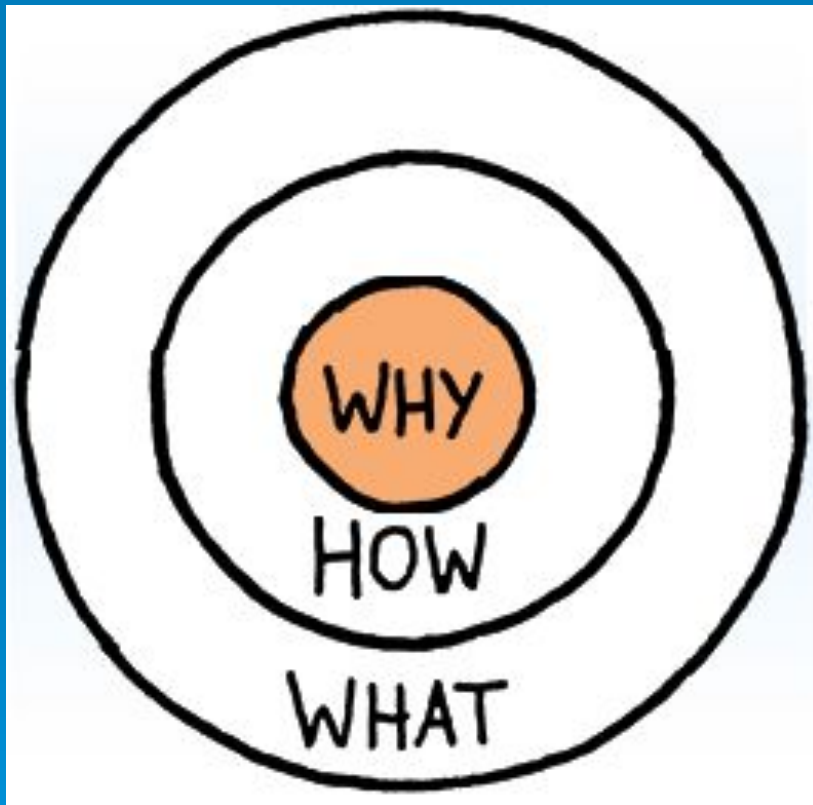
a formal account of an employee's responsibilities.

- Task
- Abilities
- Additional Involvements
- Length
- Training
- Supervision & Support
- Benefits

Draw a Catechist



Why are we Catechists? Why do we do Confirmation?





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPYeClXpxw>

➤ What do you want to remember?

