

CATECHETICAL SUMMIT

TIME TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CATECHESIS



Home Study

"The act of faith is a free response to God's grace; and maximum human freedom comes only with the self-possession and responsibility of adulthood. This is one of the principal reasons for regarding adult catechesis as the chief form of catechesis — To assign primacy to adult catechesis does not mean sacrificing catechesis at other age levels; it means making sure that what is done earlier is carried to its culmination in adulthood. Because of its importance and because all other forms of catechesis are oriented in some way to it, the catechesis of adults must have high priority at all levels of the Church." (NCD 188)



Field Reps Provide Link to Diocese

"Whatever its structure, the Diocesan Catechetical Office should have sufficient professional personnel to serve as resources to parishes, areas or regions in relation to all aspects of catechesis" (NCD 238).

"As far as possible, parish catechetical programs are to be established, financed, staffed, and evaluated in light of the goal of meeting the needs of everyone in the parish". (NCD 224)

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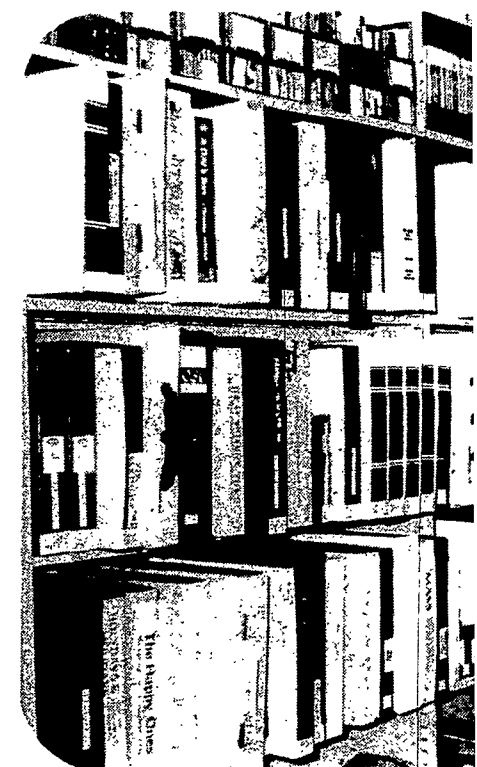
MINISTRY

The recently published National Catechetical Directory (NCD) presents Catholics with a vision of the catechetical ministry in the U.S. In the hope that all religious educators be aware that their purpose is growth in faith, the American bishops have given this document the title "Sharing the Light of Faith."

THE MISSION

The Church continues the mission of Jesus, prophet, priest and servant-king.

Its mission, like His, is essentially one — to bring about God's kingdom — but this one mission has three aspects: **proclaiming** and teaching God's word; **celebrating** the sacred mysteries, and **serving** the people of this world. Corresponding to the three aspects of the Church's mission and existing to serve it are three ministries: the ministry of the word, ministry of worship, and ministry of service . . . Like other pastoral activities, catechetical ministry is a form of the ministry of the word. It leads to and flows from the ministry of worship and it supports the ministry of service which is linked to efforts to achieve social justice and has traditionally been expressed in spiritual and corporal works of mercy. (NCD 30,32).



Tools For Learning

"The media are relevant to every aspect of catechetical development and are capable of deepening understanding and to faith experience on a diocesan or regional basis, can play a significant role in the use of media." (NCD 252, 260)

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SHARING THE LIGHT