

Catechetical Leader Certification Program – Session 2 – Preview Sheet

Catechesis and Evangelization

Our next session will be on Saturday, November 11th at Holy Family. To prepare for this class, please read *Developing Disciples of Christ* by Julianne Stanz and pages 41-63 in the *National Directory for Catechesis*. The NDC selection presents the nuts and bolts concerning the evangelizing character of catechesis. It's of essential importance to our class and our catechetical ministry, so I encourage you to read these pages closely.

Here are some questions to reflect on as you read *Developing Disciples of Christ*:

1. The General Directory for Catechesis says that *catechesis is “an essential ‘moment’ in the process of evangelization.”* This is a very important statement for us to consider. So, what are the implications for your work in catechesis? That is, how does the truth of this assertion impact your ministry in the parish?
2. Chapter 3 focuses on “the Kerygma.” What is it? What role does it play in our ministry? How can you best present it to others?
3. In *The Joy of the Gospel* Pope Francis says, “*every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are ‘disciples’ and ‘missionaries,’ but rather that we are always ‘missionary disciples.’*” Do you resonate with this statement? What has led you to become more passionate and intentional about your faith? How do you evangelize on a personal level? How is your catechetical ministry evangelizing?
4. The GDC #67 states that “*comprehensive formation includes more than instruction: it is an apprenticeship of the entire Christian life.*” What does this mean and what do you see as the implications for your involvement as a CL?
5. In chapter 7 Stanz, reflecting insights from the GDC, discusses “*the Catechumenate as a model and guide for catechesis.*” What does this mean? How does RCIA look in your parish? What is your response to her comments about RCIA in this chapter?
6. On page 116, Stanz notes that “mature faith” is “living, explicit and fruitful.” What do these qualities look like? How is adult faith formation promoted in your parish?
7. What's the most important take-away for you from reading Stanz's book?

I am looking forward to our session. Enjoy reading and reflecting on this material which is so essential to your catechetical ministry. May the Holy Spirit guide you in your prayerful preparation.