TASKS OF CATECHESIS

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- Promote knowledge of the faith.
- Promote knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the Sacraments.
- Promote moral formation in Jesus Christ.
- Teach the Christian how to pray with Christ.
- Prepare the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.
- Promote a missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in Society.

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Catechist/ Youth Minister Faith Formation And Certification

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

2012-2013

Together in the Lord

Catechist/Youth Minister Certification for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Formation helps to bring catechists to a unified understanding of Sacred Scripture, Catholic doctrine, spiritual and moral development, prayer, and service.

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is actively involved in overseeing that those who work with youth are formally trained, continue to update training, and are provided with means of deepening their own personal faith. The revised Code of Canon Law states:

> **"Lay persons who devote themselves to special service in the Church are obligated to acquire appropriate formation that is required to fulfill their function properly and to carry it out conscientiously, zealously and diligently."**
> **(CN 776)**

REQUIREMENTS

Two tracks have been prepared as options for people to meet the necessary catechetical certification requirements. Contact your Catechetical Leader for a copy of these tracks. They include combinations of the following:

1) **A video assisted program entitled *Echoes of Faith (Plus)*** and published by RCLBenziger is approved for the initial level of certification.
2) **The *Adult Faith Enrichment*** consists of 18 booklets of foundational faith topics which is used in totality or in part, depending on the certification track. They are available by contacting St. Gregory's University in Shawnee.
3) **A series of five *Archdiocesan Youth Faith Formation Workshops*** present the fundamentals of catechesis and faith formation with children and youth. These are used to some extent in each of the tracks.

Visit the Office of Religious Education webpage to learn more about YFFCertification:
www.ArchOKC.org

As catechists, the ones who "echo the faith" to others, we also need to have personal contact with the Good News. Although teaching enriches our faith-life in ways we never expect, it is vital to remember that we are also called to be disciples and that we need to continue to journey along our personal faith-life as well. Here are some suggestions on how to keep yourself spiritually refreshed!

On Going Faith Formation

Learn

Continue to grow in faith through learning opportunities at an adult level. **Do some reading.** Subscribe to a Catholic magazine, ask your Catechetical Leader to recommend inspirational books, visit the library at the Catholic Pastoral Center, read up on saints, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or articles from catechist resources. **Sign-up for a workshop or class.** Take advantage of opportunities in your parish and the opportunities offered by the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City; especially the **Catechetical Congress** held each year in the Fall and the **Youth Faith Formation Workshops** offered throughout the Archdiocese from September - March.

Pray

Prayer is an immeasurable aspect of our spiritual lives. St. Augustine reminds us: *As our body cannot live without nourishment, so our soul cannot spiritually be kept alive without prayer.* This can be done through **personal** prayer, **communal** prayer, **devotions**, and **retreat** opportunities.

Reach Out

As a catechist, you are already taking up the **yoke of evangelization**, reaching out to others to share the faith that you have received as gift. Don't forget to also **reach out** and connect with a community **for support**. Relationships that you make will not only build up the community, but will nourish your ministry, as well. Meet with others for prayer, for study, for faith sharing, for family activities, for community projects, etc. Seek out moments to **connect with others.**

2012—2013 Dates to Know

Catechetical Congress

September 29, 2012, 8am-1pm @
Catholic Pastoral Center, OKC
Speaker: Fr. Ronald Nuzzi

YFFC Workshops

Sept. 15, 2012 - CPC, OKC
(special workshop, see CL for more information)
Oct. 27, 2012 - St. Francis, OKC
Nov. 3, 2012 - St. Francis, Enid
Jan. 26, 2013 - Holy Family, Lawton
Feb. 23, 2013 - St. Monica, Edmond
Mar. 9, 2013* - St. Mark, Norman
*(double session 8:30-12:15 &/or 1-4:40. Additional fee & early registration required **if** having lunch)

Workshops are on Saturdays from 8:15am - 12:30pm

Workshop Registration

Workshops are for current, past and future catechists; those who work with youth and other catechetical volunteers interested in attending.

Register by one week before the workshop through your Catechetical Leader.