

§200 PRIMACY OF ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"While aiming to enrich the faith life of individuals at their particular stages of development, every form of catechesis is oriented in some way to the catechesis of adults, who are capable of a full response to God's word." (NCD, # 32)

201.1. Policy The parish shall provide visible evidence of the primacy of adult religious education and formation. It shall commit adequate resources to adult religious education programs.

Procedures

- a) The parish plan addresses the needs of the variety of adult groups within it: (e.g., single, widowed, divorced, married; parents; young adults, adults in mid-life, and older adults of the parish.)
- b) Planning for adult catechetical programs includes representatives of those to be catechized.
- c) Adult catechetical programs are developed in accord with the Gospel message and the magisterium of the Church.
- d) Adult catechetical programs respect and draw upon the life experience and cultural history of adults.
- e) Adult catechetical programs are to respond to the needs, interests, concerns and human situations of the adults in the parish.
- f) Adult catechetical programs provide an opportunity for the participants to integrate doctrinal content with their own faith life.
- g) Adult catechetical programs enable adults to deepen their spirituality, and mature as Christians.
- h) Adult catechetical programs help adults to minister more effectively to one another.