

§500 CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMING

"Like other pastoral activities, catechetical ministry must be understood in relation to Jesus' threefold mission. It is a form of the ministry of the word, which proclaims and teaches. It leads to and flows from the ministry of worship, which sanctifies through prayer and sacrament. 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, #32)

501.1. Policy In accord with Church teaching and discipline, catechetical programming shall include proclamation, community, and service. Catechetical programming shall invite a response in faith and prayer.

Procedures

- a) The content of parish catechesis is presented according to the developmental level and individual circumstances of the participants including their racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.
- b) The content of parish catechesis is in accord with the Gospel message and the magisterium of the Church.
- c) Catechesis takes place within a faith community and in an atmosphere of mutual respect.
- d) Prayer and worship experiences are integrated with catechesis for participants of all ages.
- e) Catechesis fosters service to the community of faith and society in general.
- f) Catechesis faithfully proclaims the Word and consistently relates that Word to the lived experience of the participants.
- g) Catechetical programming for persons with special needs such as deafness or developmental disability is consistent with guidelines developed by the Archdiocese. Such guidelines are available from the Archdiocesan agencies that serve persons with special needs. (e.g. Office for the Deaf, SPRED, Office for Persons with Disabilities)