

§400 CATECHETICAL PLANNING

"Planning is an essential part of any serious organizational effort....It is important that planning for catechetical programs at the parish, diocesan, and national levels be part of a total pastoral plan." (NCD, #222)

401.1. Policy The parish shall have a comprehensive plan for the catechesis of all parishioners. This plan shall include a statement of catechetical purpose consistent with the parish mission statement.

Procedures

- a) The parish religious education planning process includes: regular needs assessment; the development and periodic revision of a statement of catechetical purpose; goal-setting or updating; review and evaluation of existing programs; development of new programs when necessary; and the budgeting of resources.
- b) The development of the parish statement of catechetical purpose follows guidelines offered by the Archdiocesan Office for Catechesis.
 - 1) The catechetical staff, in dialogue with the pastoral staff and the parish education commission, develops the written statement of catechetical purpose. The pastor has final approval of the statement.
 - 2) The parish statement of catechetical purpose is available to parishioners and the Vicar and Dean.
 - 3) The catechetical staff re-evaluates the statement of catechetical purpose regularly.
- c) The catechetical staff develops long- and short-range goals in light of statement of catechetical purpose.
- d) The catechetical goals provide the basis for the development, implementation and evaluation of parish catechetical programs.