

# RESOURCE TO CELEBRATE CATECHISTS

**“Catechists Go Forth!”**

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**CATECHISTS  
NAMED  
FOR MISSION!**

# OPENING PRAYER

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Good and gracious God,

By our baptism we have been named for mission and called to go forth to proclaim the Good News of our salvation by the death and resurrection of your son Jesus Christ.

Nurture us in faith and strengthen us to be authentic witnesses of love, especially to the poor and vulnerable in our midst.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**AMEN**



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*When we live out a spirituality of drawing nearer to others and seeking their welfare, our hearts are opened wide to the Lord's greatest and most beautiful gifts. Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. Whenever our eyes are opened to acknowledge the other, we grow in the light of faith and knowledge of God. If we want to advance in the spiritual life, then, we must constantly be missionaries. The work of evangelization enriches the mind and the heart; it opens up spiritual horizons; it makes us more and more sensitive to the workings of the Holy Spirit, and it takes us beyond our limited spiritual constructs.*

(Pope Francis. *Evangelii Gaudium: On the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world*, 272 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013))

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CONSIDER THIS:

We are called to proclaim the person of Jesus Christ to those who don't know Him, to those who know Him but don't proclaim Him, and to those who know Him and want to continue to grow in faith.

Each of these situations in the life of God's people requires our care, our love and our witness. If we are to be witnesses to the power of Jesus' love we must first examine the ways in which He is present in our own lives. Jo Ann Paradise provides us with a reflection on the spirituality of the catechist [HERE](#)



## FOR REFLECTION...

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- Q What is the name that you were given at baptism? What is the meaning of your name?
- Q As a catechist how do you echo the names that God has given your learners? What difference does it make when a person is known by their name?
- Q Catechists who know themselves as beloved children of God will always see the image of God in others. How do you help your learners to know themselves in the same way?
- Q As a catechist, how do you create a sacred space where learners' hear their names proclaimed loudly and clearly and know they are beloved children of God?
- Q In what ways do you nurture your spirituality so that you can proclaim God's love to others authentically? How is God present in your life?



## CLOSING:

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By my baptism I have been named for mission. As a catechetical leader in my diocese/eparchy or parish what is the particular mission to which I am called?



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