

RESOURCE TO CELEBRATE CATECHISTS

“Catechists Go Forth!”

**CATECHISTS
HEAR THE
GOOD NEWS!**



OPENING PRAYER

Loving God,

You call catechists to be witnesses, storytellers and companions. Strengthen and nourish them with your Spirit so they may faithfully serve Your People.

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



CATECHISTS HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

“On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: ‘Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.’”

(Pope Francis. *Evangelii Gaudium: On the proclamation of the Gospel in today’s world*, 164 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013))

In this clip, Dr. Anne Walsh describes the role of the catechist as one who echo's Jesus Christ and one who participates in the creative work of God.

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FOR REFLECTION...

- Q Who handed on the stories, traditions and practices of the faith to you?
- Q In what ways do you share the abundant love of God with others?
- Q How does the way in which you live your life give witness to your faith?
- Q As storytellers – catechists share God’s revelation through the Gospel and in stories of the lives of the saints. We also find God in the everyday experiences of our lives through the people we encounter. How is God revealed in the stories that you tell?
How is God revealed in the stories that others tell?
- Q Catechists are companions who walk with people on the journey of life. We are called to respect and honour them. How would you characterize the way in which you journey with others as a catechist?
- Q As a catechist how do you echo Jesus Christ for others?



CLOSING:

The term catechesis means to “echo the teaching”. Having heard the Good News how do you echo it in the lives of the learners with whom you journey?



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