

Webinar Session 3: Handout

NEW DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS

Part 2: The Process of Catechesis - for personal or team reflection

Characteristics of Catechesis (from #165, DC)

- 1) Making present the initiative of God's gratuitous love;
- 2) Bringing into focus the universal destination of salvation;
- 3) Evoking the conversion necessary for the obedience of faith;
- 4) Adopting the principle of the processive nature of Revelation and the transcendence of the word of God, as also its inculturation in human cultures;
- 5) Recognising the centrality of Jesus Christ, Word of God made man, which establishes catechesis as *pedagogy of the incarnation*;
- 6) Valuating the community experience of the faith, as proper to the people of God;
- 7) Putting together a pedagogy of signs, where actions and words are in mutual relationship;
- 8) Recalling that God's inexhaustible love is the ultimate reason for all things

Methodology

- 1) Relationship of content and method
- 2) Human experience
- 3) Memory
- 4) Language - narrative, art, digital
- 5) Group
- 6) Space



Within your ministry setting, what would you say is the prime focus of Catechesis?

What does Religious Education look like in your ministry setting?

The Four Particular Tasks of Catechesis with Adults

- 1) To elicit faith
- 2) To purify the faith
- 3) To nourish the faith
- 4) To assist the sharing and witness of faith

In your lived experience in your ministry setting, which of these are you doing well? Which of these need more work?