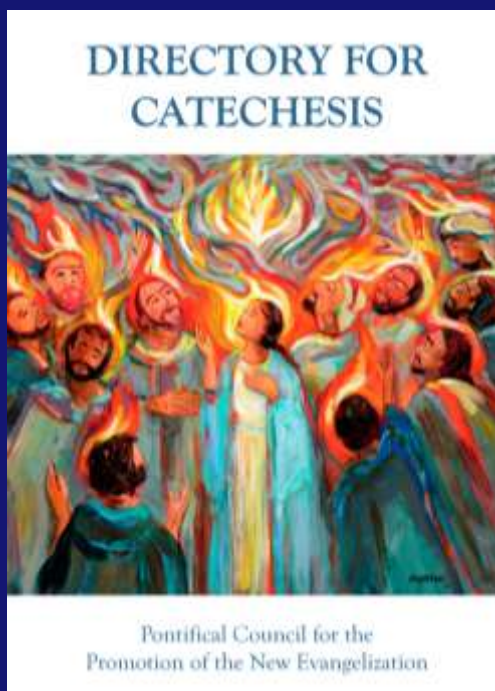


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SESSION ONE:

Introduction to the Directory for
Catechesis

M a r g a r e t S h e a - L a w r e n c e

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- Humility
- Gratitude





- Evangelization in the Modern World, 1975
–St Paul VI
- On Catechesis in Our Time, 1977 Synod
- Catechesis in Our Time, 1979 – St John Paul II
- The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith, 2010 Synod



THE GOAL OF CATECHESIS

“ to develop, with God’s help, an as yet initial faith, and to advance in fullness and to nourish day by day the Christian life of the faithful, young and old alike.”



- “being” a Catechist and “doing” Catechesis
 - Accompaniment
 - Encounter



STRUCTURE OF THE “NEW DIRECTORY”

- Part 1 Catechesis in the Church’s Mission of Evangelization
- Part 2 The Process of Catechesis
- Part 3 Catechesis in the Particular Churches



UNDERSTANDING THIS NEW 'VISION'

- The Globalization of Culture & Digital Culture
- Gospel-centered Catechesis (Kerygmatic)
- A Call to Holiness



THE GLOBALIZATION OF CULTURE & DIGITAL CULTURE



- The world is changing
- Interconnectedness
- Challenges



GOSPEL CENTERED CATECHESIS (KERYGMA)

- Connection between catechesis and evangelization
- Gospel message at forefront
- Joy of the Gospel !



A CALL TO HOLINESS



- Sacramentalized view of self and word
- Presents a sign of something otherwise hidden
- Called through baptism



AS WE CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY...

- Accompaniment
 - Encounter
 - Humility
- God's Mercy



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Introduction

- Bishop as First Catechist in his Diocese/Eparchy
- Parents as First Educators in Faith (Catechist in the Domestic Church)
- Adult Faith Formation





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- The Lord, having loved us first calls us to:
- **move forward**
- **boldly take the initiative**
- **go out to others**
- **seek those who have fallen away**
- **stand at the crossroads**
- **welcome the outcast**

(cf. EG 15)





Woman at the Well by Gisele Bauche

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Introduction

- Catechists as Evangelizers
- Kerygmatic Catechesis
- “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.” EG 164
- Catechesis as Mystagogical Initiation
 - Catechesis should be inspired by the catechumenal model
 - Liturgy and sacraments are formative as they help to understand, grow in and live out our faith.



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I n t r o d u c t i o n

- Throughout the Directory there is a “narrative thread” which helps to inform our work as *evangelizing catechists*.
 - Trust in the **Holy Spirit** present and acting in the Church, world and the human heart.
 - **Faith** is born from the love that **desires greater knowledge** of the person of Jesus.
 - **Christian community** as a setting for growth in faith
 - Process of **evangelization and catechesis** is a **spiritual action**
 - The **baptized as active participants** are called to become **missionary disciples**.
 - **Proclaiming the Gospel** requires overcoming any opposition between **content and method**, **between faith and life** (cf. DC 4)

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Discerning the Signs of the Times

- The **centrality** of the believer and of his/her life experience
- The considerable **role** of **relationships** and the **affections**
- **Interest** in that which offers **true meaning**
- The **rediscovery** of that which is **beautiful** and lifts the spirit cf. DC 5



October 13, 2020 - Part One: Catechesis in the Church's Mission of Evangelization

Chapter I – Revelation and Its Transmission

Chapter II – The Identity of Catechesis

Chapter III – The Catechist

Chapter IV – The Formation of Catechists

Presenter: Dr. Anne Walsh

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Chapter V – The Pedagogy of Faith

Chapter VI – The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Chapter VII – Methodology in Catechesis

Chapter VIII – Catechesis in the Lives of Persons

Presenters: Dr. Anne Jamieson, Mr. David Dayler

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Chapter IX – The Christian Community as Participant in Catechesis

Chapter X – Catechesis in the Face of Contemporary Cultural Scenarios

Chapter XI -Catechesis at the Service of the Inculturation of Faith

Chapter XII – The Organisms at the Service of Catechesis

Presenters: Sister Angela Marie Castellani, FSE, Mrs. Michelle Dabrowski



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