

Catechesis

Pope John Paul II gave the Church an indispensable document called *Catechesi Tradendae* which outlined the importance of catechesis for the Church today. The document opens describing Christ as the one true teacher. To catechise is to lead another person to Jesus Christ, and to all that He taught.

"Christocentricity in catechesis also means the intention to transmit not one's own teaching or that of some other master, but the teaching of Jesus Christ, the Truth that He communicates or, to put it more precisely, the Truth that He is. We must therefore say that in catechesis it is Christ, the Incarnate Word and Son of God, who is taught-everything else is taught with reference to Him-and it is Christ alone who teaches-anyone else teaches to the extent that he is Christ's spokesman, enabling Christ to teach with his lips. Whatever be the level of his responsibility in the Church, every catechist must constantly endeavour to transmit by his teaching and behaviour the teaching and life of Jesus." - CT 6

In the wake of the responsibility given to lay catechists as the Church continues to grow after the Second Vatican Council, the material available to catechists is not always the most helpful at making the goals set out above very clear. We hope to equip you with material, free for your use, to help you grow in holiness and become a better catechist.

The aim of all catechesis is to bring others to the "love that never ends." (CCC 25)

You will find that every section of this website is aimed to give you easy access to tools that will help you become a better catechist and Christian.

"Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people, and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life." - CCC 5