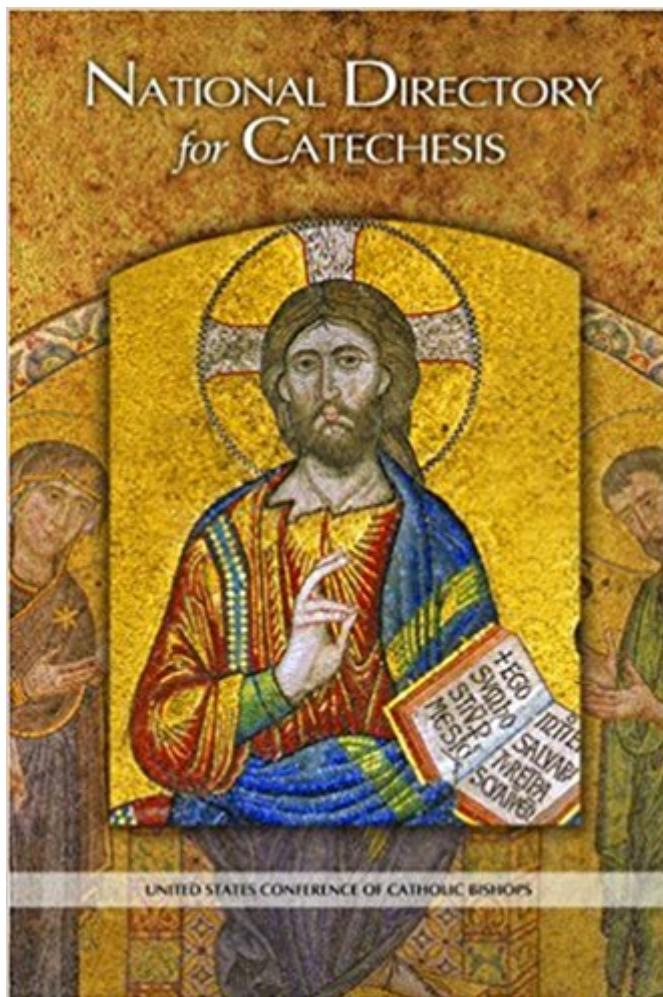


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National Directory For Catechesis



Synopsis

A companion to the General Directory for Catechesis (GDC), it builds on some of the core themes of the GDC like catechesis's relationship to evangelization and worship.

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"For fostering faith itself, the 'National Directory of Catechesis' can help; authoritative, clear, and practical, it will assist catechesis at every level." (Rev. Philip C. Fischer, S.J. Review for Religious 20050701)"This national directory is a companion to the General Directory for Catechesis. The bishops have intended this directory to be a reference resource for those responsible for catechesis from the bishops on down to those on the local level. Those preparing for ordination would also be interested in this directory. The purposes of the directory as stated by the authors are; first, to provide fundamental theological and pastoral principles and how to apply these to the pastoral activity of catechesis; second, to provide guidelines for application of those principles; and third, to help with the content and methodologies of catechesis (p. 17). This well-organized directory contains ten chapters, each subdivided, and a conclusion or summary is at the end of each chapter which is very helpful. There are several bibliographical footnotes and an index. Chapter one is an overview of the Church in the United States and its diversity. Chapter two discusses the tasks and proper role of catechesis. Chapters three and four discuss the sources of the Christian message and the methodology of presenting it. Chapter five discusses the role of liturgy, the Sacraments, and worship has in catechesis. Chapter six discusses the catechetical principles and guidelines needed for both personal and social moral formation. Chapter seven is about how to catechize the People of

God with its diversity of ages, nationalities, races, and other aspects. Chapter eight's focus is for catechists. Chapter nine defines how to organize catechetical ministry. Chapter ten discusses the various resources for catechesis and how to evaluate them. The national Directory for Catechesis is a Church document (which might be intimidating for some readers) full of information and material for meditation and prayer. All Catholics are called to evangelize or spread the Faith. This directory can be a helpful aid in this. It can also help us know more about our Faith and how to present it. This book of course is mainly for catechists who have the official ministry to catechize the People of God in whatever stage of life they are in. This directory has the approval of the U.S. bishops and of Rome." (Bro. Benet Exton, O.S.B. Catholic Exchange 20050802) The expansion of the term catechetical leader is worth noting in the NDC. . . . A Catholic school superintendent by virtue of the catechetical responsibilities "is a diocesan catechetical leader." Since the Catholic school is a center for evangelization, the Catholic school principal is also a catechetical leader who "plays a crucial role in achieving the catechetical objectives of the parish." . . . With the emergence of the NDC, all catechetical leaders are asked to engage in some reflection. In music, harmony requires the combination of simultaneous musical notes that are created according to the structure, relation, and progress of chords. . . . The NDC calls our attention to elements in our work that can help effect a melodic symphony. (Diana Raiche National Catholic Educational Association 20051101) "This is the long awaited companion volume to the General Directory for Catechesis. It builds on the original work and also serves as a reference point for the formation of catechists and the development of programs and resource. The Introduction underlines the importance of this essential ministry of teaching the Gospel message and also outlines the renewal of catechetics called for by the Second Vatican Council. The book optimistically describes the current catechetical situation and the challenges to catechesis in our world today. The introduction closes with a statement of the Bishops' purposes for the Directory. The book goes on to provide information on the general character and diversity of U.S. culture and catechesis and evangelization. The National Directory for Catechesis needs to be in every parish library and available to religious education directors and teachers in the United States. (Arnold Rzepecki Catholic Library World 20060111)

Great reference guide for Catechesis. It is full of inspiration and explanation about the role of catechists. I used this book as a reference while taking an online course in catechesis. My only complaint is that it is hard to reference page numbers, but you can just reference the sections.

This is being used as part of a course and so far has met all the needs for that course.

Good and very detail the role of Catechesis

There are so many resources that you often don't know where to turn. This compendium gives you an excellent resource for delving into topics and contacts for further information. I am still writing to various sources for help and clarification on topics I need to grow in! LOL Enjoy!

An important reference for Catholic Churches in the US. It is so convenient to use as an ebook especially after the publisher has now paginated it, so we can reference page numbers :)

This is like a textbook. If you want to get the love of Christ, read the Gospel of St. Mark. If you want a question answered, go to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If you are required to read it, for school, buy it and read it quickly, and get back to the Joy of the Gospel.

I really like this book. It is easy to read with good practical information. For the class that I am taking, I learned to read this book first because of the information given. it make the TDC book (said above) easier to understand and read. I prefer the style of writing in this book over said above. It gets right to the point without all the added extras. Sometimes going from theorist to theorist gets somewhat confusing to read.

This is the perfect book for me. It's a required text, yes, but as a new catechist, it has a great deal of knowledge that I seek--all in one place. Well written and readable. I recommend this book for new and experienced catechists!

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