

THE COORDINATOR'S TOOLBOX:



Introductions

Name

Parish/ACC

Position

What made you say
“yes” to ministry
this year?





Opening Prayer

Jesus said:

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

- Matthew 11:28-30

Vocare



Christ calls

We respond

What was your call?

Who called you?

How did he/she call you?

How did you respond?



“Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble.”

- 2 Peter 1:10

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt. 28:19)

“But you are ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises’ of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”
(1 Peter 2:9)

“By virtue of Baptism and Confirmation, Christians are incorporated into Christ and participate in his office as priest, prophet, king. They are witnesses to the Gospel, proclaiming it by word and example of Christian life.”
(Directory for Catechesis, 110)



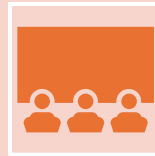
“The whole Christian community is responsible for the ministry of catechesis, but each one according to [his or her role in the Church].”

“The catechist belongs to a Christian community and is an expression of it. [The catechist’s] service is lived within a community that is the main provider of accompaniment in the faith.”

(Directory for Catechesis, 111)

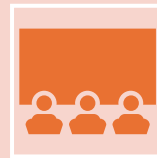


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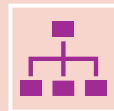
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- Give directions for next steps.
 - How do I volunteer?
 - Orientation and training available
 - Safe Environment requirements



A few ideas...

Signs in gathering space

- Grade, name of catechist
- Other faith formation roles
 - Hall monitor
 - Aide
 - Substitutes

Personal invitation

- In-person
- Email & follow up call
 - Name the gifts you see.

Partner Catechists

- Aide (first year)
- Team teach (second year)
- Lead catechist (third year)

Come and See event

- Meet other catechists
- Review materials
- Explore rooms

Bulletin and
Social media posts

At Mass

- Intercessions
- Announcements
- Witnessing
 - Faith Formation Staff
 - Priest
 - Catechists
 - Children/youth



Closing Prayer

So when [Jesus] had washed their feet [and] put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, “Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me ‘teacher’ and ‘master,’ and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.” (John 13:12-15)

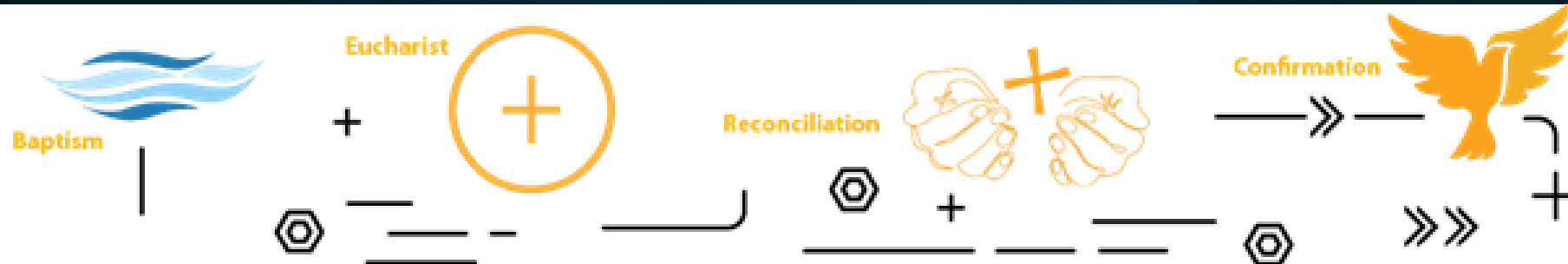


Join us for Part 2: Forming and Supporting Catechists

Thursday, July 25

9:30-11:00 AM

Zoom



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