



**Welcome New Elementary
Administrators**

• Opening Prayer

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5ldljeiPWM#action=share>

The Church's Mission of Catholic Education



The definitive aim of catechesis (or the Church's teaching ministry) is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ.

- We Teach Jesus



“Christ is not valued at all, unless he is valued above all.”

St. Augustine

Pontifical Council for the
Promotion of the New Evangelization

DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS



The Catholic School move from “scholastic Institutions to scholastic communities of faith, which sees the teaching of religion as an *educational project, based on Gospel values,* distinct but complementary to the Catechism.

**The mission of Catholic Education
is part of the Church's mission...**



**To invite young people into a relationship
with Jesus Christ ...**

The Catholic School is...



a spiritual place which teaches the dignity of the human person as a reflection of God with eyes set on an eternal goal which gives incredible possibility to one's life...

The Catholic School is...



committed to integral formation- body, soul, heart and mind...and teaches discipleship- that is, the role of faith in one's daily life and society at large...

The Catholic School is...



animated by communion and community
based on the Gospel values of Jesus Christ...

The Catholic School is...



A school of prayer ...

The Catholic School...



Equips its students to be a saint!

The Tasks of Teaching the Faith



Catholic School Principal = Catechetical Leader



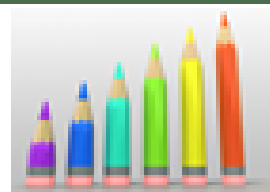
Principal as Catechetical Leader

- Practicing Catholic...understands and is true to the faith.
- Recognizes that all staff is integral to the mission of Catholic Education
- Recruits teachers who are practicing Catholics...role models of faith
- Fosters a Christian community
- Follows guidelines set by diocese
- Provides for ongoing spiritual and religious growth of faculty and student body
- Embraces his/her role as a Parish and Archdiocesan Leader

• Practical Points to be the Spiritual Leader

- YOU were called to principal of your school this year.
- Begin EVERY meeting with a prayer. Create your own spontaneous prayer or template of one. It may be uncomfortable at first.
- Example: Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit to be us during this meeting. Calm any fears or anxieties we are experiencing. Allow us to be open and honest with each other. Allow us to grow in love of You as a result of this meeting.
- Pray to the patron saint of your school.
- Give your school to God every night for Him to take care.
- Send a spiritual message out. Consider a scripture or inspirational quote.
- Catholic Visuals should be throughout the school. What is the condition of the items – the crucifix, statues

- When you get up in the morning say, “Good Morning, God.”
- Use something to praise God as the password on your computer. Ex: Glory2God, Praiseb2Him, Godisgood! Jesus#1, Mary#2
- Pray a decade of the rosary on your way to work in the car.
- Listen to Catholic/Christian music in the car.
- Say prayers over the PA. Morning, Grace Before and After Meals, End of the day – the Act of Contrition.
- Consider asking your teachers to give written religion homework every night. Why? Only the important subjects have written homework.
- Religion across the curriculum – art, music, social studies, science



Catechesis in the Catholic School Rubric

ELEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY	BASIC	PROFICIENT	DISTINGUISHED
Faculty Retreat Experience	Teacher has poor opinion of the faculty retreat; sees little or no value in the day.	Teacher attends the annual faculty retreat because it is a requirement.	Teacher understands the importance of the annual faculty retreat; recognizes the need for his/her spiritual growth.	Teacher holds the annual faculty retreat in high esteem; extremely important to his/her spiritual growth and development as a Catholic educator.



CATECHIST

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**To teach the faith,
one must know the faith.
To know the faith,
one must study the faith.**



- A History

- Post Vatican II (1962-65): Lay teachers may teach religion

- Archdiocese of Philadelphia

- *Cadet Program- circa 1955

- *early 1970's: lay greater than religious; from secular colleges

- *Circa 1974—LAY TEACHER Catechetical Certification/courses

- N.B.: full time elementary teachers are teachers of religion

- *By 1980: levels with the advent of part-time enrichment teachers or full time, non-religion teachers

- *Circa 1974-1995: Teacher and school held records

Catechetical Certification Policy (1974-2005)

• 18 credits

+At least Six
(6) credits
from a
Catholic
College

+ (8) 1.5 or 15
hr. core or
elective
courses

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
OFFICE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION
RELIGION CERTIFICATION
COURSE RECORD CARD

ELEM. TEACHER _____ PARISH CATECHIST _____ ADULT ENRICHMENT _____
SR. _____ BR. _____ MISS _____ MRS. _____ MR. _____

FAMILY NAME FIRST NAME IN. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

HOME ADDRESS PHONE

CITY/TOWN STATE ZIP HOME PARISH

NAME OF SCHOOL / PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM GRADE LEVEL

COURSE: (15 HOURS : 1.5 CREDITS) SITE OF COURSE _____
INTRO/PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____ JESUS _____ MORALITY I _____
INTRO/THEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND _____ CHURCH _____ MORALITY II _____
BASIC CATECHIST _____ SACRAMENTS _____
OLD TESTAMENT _____ LITURGY I _____
NEW TESTAMENT _____ LITURGY II _____

OTHER Exploring World of Wisdom

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MASTER TEACHER'S NAME _____ DATE 7/23/96

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Catechetical Certification Policy (2006-present)



- 16 credits

+ Orientation DAY

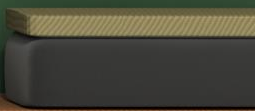
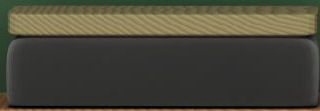
+ 8 (10 Hr.), 1 credit core courses or DVDS on basic tenets of the faith

+Catholic College credits may be accepted

+7 (less than 10 hr.) elective courses

+Annual Update

All principals should be certified catechist.



• Today's presentation...



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