

Reflecting on the Divine Pedagogy

Prayer:

God our Teacher and Guide,

We thank You for revealing Yourself to us with such tenderness and wisdom.

You invite us, personally and lovingly, into relationship with You.

You speak to our minds and hearts through the senses and through the beauty of Your created world and reveal yourself to us most fully in the person of Jesus Christ.

You place us in families and communities so that we may encounter love, belonging, and the witness of faith lived together.

You teach us patiently and purposefully, guiding us through every stage of life with structure, meaning, and grace.

And You remain with us always, forming us through Your Word and sending us forth as missionary disciples.

As we strive to teach in Your ways—

make us invitational,

make us incarnational,

make us communal,

help us to be systematic,

and keep us rooted in the perpetual mission of handing on the faith.

Fill our ministries with Your Holy Spirit,

that we may accompany the children, families, and communities You entrust to us with wisdom, love, and joyful hope.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reflection / Discussion Questions for Parish Catechetical Leaders

1. Invitational & Person-Centered

How can our parish catechetical program become more deeply invitational—helping children, teens, and parents recognize God’s personal call to them? What practical steps can we take to know our learners and their family stories more intentionally?

2. Incarnational

In what ways can we strengthen the sensory, sacramental, and experiential elements of our parish formation sessions—so that God’s truth is encountered not only in words, but through actions, symbols, environment, and lived witness?

3. Communal/Familial, Systematic, and Perpetual

Where do we currently support families as the “first heralds of the faith,” and where can we grow? How might we design a more systematic, family-connected formation process that not only builds community but forms missionary disciples who carry the faith forward beyond a single program year?

Reflection / Discussion Questions for Catholic School Leaders

1. Invitational & Person-Centered

How can our school climate, classroom practices, and faculty–student relationships better reflect a person-centered pedagogy that honors the experiences, interests, cultures, and learning differences of each child?

2. Incarnational

In what ways can the daily life of the school—including rituals, environment, curriculum, and the example of faculty—make the Incarnation visible? How can we strengthen multisensory, Christ-centered approaches across subject areas?

3. Communal/Familial, Systematic, and Perpetual

How can we more intentionally unite school, parish, and home in a communal, systematic, and ongoing approach to faith formation—one that forms students not only academically but spiritually, morally, and missionally as future Catholic leaders and disciples?