Catechist Training 102

To See, To Know, To Love; Becoming Trusted Adults

Order of Topics:

- 1. To See, To Know, & To Love; Becoming Trusted Role Models.
- 2. Resources to Understand Current Social Issues Affecting Catholic Life.
- 3. Creating a Culture of Prayer in Your Classroom.
- 4. Time for You!
 - > Share Your Burning Questions, Biggest Ideas & Best Resources.

Introductions:

Please introduce yourself:

- ★ Include your name
- ★ Parish/City,
- ★ Number of years serving as a catechist
- ★ Current age group serving

To See, To Know, & To Love; Becoming Trusted Role Models

- Prayer/ Meditation
 - o "Cipher in the Snow"
 - o Mark 3:13-19
- Reflection
 - Think of someone who noticed or saw you.
 - O How did that affect you?
- Art of Being a Catechist
 - Integrating Relationship and Content
 - Being the Caring Adult who "Notices" Young People
- Goals of faith formation
 - Cultivating Whole and Holy Adults
 - It's about helping to form souls.

Resources to Understand Current Social Issues Affecting Catholic Life

- Overview of Current Social Issues
 - Gender, Sexuality, Racism, Mandates, Bullying, Drugs, Pornography...
 - Social Media, Cancel Culture, Lack of Freedom of Thought/Opinion/Belief/Speech
 - "The world does not need a new secular religion to replace Christianity. It needs you and me to be better witnesses. Better Christians." Archbishop J. Gomez (Archd. Los Angeles)
- How do we Respond, Protect, and Teach?
 - What do we believe?
 - Truth & Love.
 - What is truly best for the person and society?
 - Output Description
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 - Truth & Love.
 - Speak Up, Courageously & Compassionately.
- Helpful Resources: <u>www.dioceseofbaker.org</u>
 - https://personandidentity.com/

Creating a Culture of Prayer in Your Classroom

- Make Prayer Important
 - Make Prayer First
- Cultivate Own Payer Life
 - Scripture Reading/Bible in a Year/Daily Readings
 - o Apps: iBreviary, Hallow, . . .
- Vary Prayer Experiences
 - Provide Experiences of Different Ways to Pray
- Find Spaces Outside the Classroom or Space
 - o Church, Garden, . . . even into the Homes of your Families
- Value of Quiet
- Small Group Learning & Leading

Time for You!

- ★ Share Your Burning Questions
- ★ Share Your Biggest Ideas (& Smallest)
 - ★ Share Your Best, Go-To Resources

Closing Prayer

Litany of Gratitude

R: "We thank you, O' Lord"

Adapted from the "Litany of Thanksgiving", from Magnificat