

## §200 PRIMACY OF ADULT CATECHESIS

*“It must however be noted that ‘catechesis for adults... must be considered the chief form of catechesis. All the other forms, which are indeed always necessary, are in some way oriented to it.’” (Directory for Catechesis, no. 77)*

**201.1. Policy** The pastorate shall prioritize catechesis of adults. It shall commit adequate resources to adult religious education offerings and programs.

### ***Procedures***

- a) The pastorate plan addresses the needs of the variety of adult groups within it: (e.g., single, widowed, divorced, married; parents; young adults, adults in mid-life, and older adults of the parish.)
- b) Planning for adult catechetical offerings and programs includes representatives of those to be catechized.
- c) Homilies, remain the primary means of communicating the faith and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
- d) Adult catechetical offerings and programs are developed in accord with the Gospel message and the magisterium of the Church.
- e) Adult catechetical offerings and programs respect and draw upon the life experience and cultural history of adults.
- f) Adult catechetical offerings and programs are to respond to the needs, interests, concerns, and human situations of the adults in the parish.
- g) Adult catechetical offerings and programs provide an opportunity for the participants to integrate doctrinal content with their own faith life.
- h) Adult catechetical offerings and programs enable adults to deepen their spirituality and mature as Christian disciples.
- i) Adult catechetical offerings and programs help adults to minister more effectively to one another.