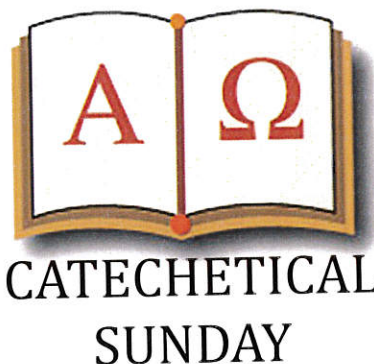


Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of baptism in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



What does the word "Catechetical" mean?

Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with Church teachings. The root word, *catechesis* comes from the Greek meaning "to echo, or resound". Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world.

Who are catechists?

We all are! The ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity. While some are called and trained to work specifically in faith formation endeavors, the entire church community takes responsibility for sharing our faith with others.

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. We commend parents and guardians (and grandparents!) and encourage them to take seriously their role in making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on the next generation.

Waterloo Catholic Faith Formation

The four Waterloo Catholic parishes are committed to collaborative ministry that enables us to share the gifts, talents, resources and opportunities for the benefit of the common good of the entire Catholic community in Waterloo.

Who is served?

A well-planned catechetical program includes ten areas of catechesis:

- Elderly
- Adults
- Young Adults
- Adolescents
- Family
- Children of Catechetical Age
- Early Childhood
- Catholic Schools
- Persons with Special Needs
- Marginalized

Six Tasks

The role of Waterloo Catholic Faith Formation is to develop and implement a comprehensive plan that supports the six tasks of catechesis:

- Promotion of the knowledge of faith
- Liturgical education
- Moral formation
- Teaching to pray
- Education for community life
- Missionary initiation

Waterloo Catholic Faith Formation



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Cedar Valley Catholic Schools



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