


The Six Tasks of Catechesis

Introduction

Drawing on the example of Christ himself, the National Directory for Catechesis (NDC) identifies six fundamental tasks that constitute catechesis. They are:

1. promoting knowledge of the faith;
2. promoting knowledge of the meaning of Liturgy and the Sacraments;
3. promoting moral formation in Jesus Christ;
4. teaching individuals how to pray with Christ;
5. preparing Christians to live in community and for active participation in the life and mission of the Church;
6. promoting a missionary spirit.

These six tasks inspire all catechesis at every level within the Church of Wheeling-Charleston. Keeping in mind the call of the NDC for lifelong faith formation,¹ the sections that follow will outline how these tasks may be accomplished across the lifecycle.



Please note that while each task is organized chronologically from infancy to the senior years, the primary focus of the Church as defined in her catechetical documents remains on adults.

¹ NDC, n. 48