Pope Francis' Message for Catechists

Archdiocese of Sydney
CCD Newsletter
From the New Director
Douglas Mawhinney

As catechists, you are doing something of eternal significance - as a former public school student I believe this with all my heart. When I left school I found myself wondering what life was all about. Architecture, building and pilot training did not satisfy me. Something was missing; it was only after a wakeup call year of illness that I went on to complete a theology degree.

To give God "first option", I joined the Marist Seminary in Auckland undertaking further theological studies. While completing a Diploma of Teaching specialising in Religious Education in Secondary Schools, I put these studies into practise as an RCIA catechist. The teachings of Saints John of the Cross and Teresa of Jesus on union with God then drew me to the Carmelite Monastery near Minto. During this time I also enjoyed being a CCD catechist at the local public primary school, even when students asked those tricky questions on ‘hot topics’ that required age-appropriate answers!

Having discerned being called to married life, I have been blessed with a lovely wife and three delightful children. For the last ten years I have served as Bishop Julian's assistant in the Archdiocese's works of evangelisation. In 2012, I returned to formal studies via the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham and recently completed their RCIA Catechist course that delved into the Scriptures and Tradition, including The Catechism of the Catholic Church, the General Directory for Catechesis and Pope John Paul II's Catechesi Tradendae.

The studies and work that I have undertaken have arisen from a deep desire to never forget my early wonderings, confusion, and yearnings "for more". I now hope to take what I have gratefully received back to where I started. I look forward to meeting you all and commend your devoted presence in our public schools. For the catechesis that you hand on so faithfully each week, from this ex-public school student, thank you.

A catechist changed my life: A catechist gave me a glimpse of God and the fullness of life.

Doug
From the Faith Education Officers

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The commencement of a new school year is often tinged with many emotions from excitement to apprehension but what is certain is your commitment to continue the journey of faith. Welcome back catechist team members to 2014. I greet you with the words of His Holiness, Pope Francis, “Be catechists, not work as a catechists.” Very strong words from the Holy Father at the International Catechist Conference in Rome, in September 2013, emphasising that catechesis is a vocation to be lived in everyday life. This is the journey you have embarked upon and I take my hat off to your continued commitment, dedication and inspiration. The children will be pleased to have you shaping their life in faith and morals.

This year brings a number of challenges. Firstly, we have the New Working With Children (NWWC) check procedure. All coordinators at the Eastern Area Coordinator Meeting on 3 February will be taken through the steps. An opportunity for coordinators to commence their check will be made available before and after the meeting. Coordinators will then be able to assist catechists throughout the year. The deadline to register is 31 December 2014.

The NSW State Government will be convening a review of SRE across the State in 2014. We would highly recommend that catechists (new and present) undergo at least a Basic One Accreditation course. This course is available in Term 1 as shown on page 7 and can also be arranged separately at the parish. A new on-line training mode of study prepared by CCRESS (Catholic Conference of Religious Educators in State Schools) will also be available (more on this throughout 2014).

Feel free to contact me on any matters arising, recruitment, courses, etc or just for a chat. Have a great year. Reminder there is no ‘I’ in the word TEAM. We are there for and with each other.

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you,

Robert

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Welcome to all catechists who are taking classes in 2014, especially those of you who are new to this ministry. I hope to meet many of you during this year at our Catechist Gatherings, Reflection Days, Area Mass, Annual Catechist Mass, Accreditation Courses and Child Protection/Clearance Number workshops. All of these activities will be advertised in the catechist newsletter. This newsletter comes out at the beginning of each term and it is also available on line.

The Basic One Accreditation Course is mandatory for all catechists. During Term 1 there will be several Basic One courses held at the Miranda CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Road Miranda. The times and places for all Term 1 Accreditation Courses are listed in this newsletter. Please remember you can come to any Basic One course at any of the venues. Pictured are the students catechists from De La Salle College Cronulla and St Patrick’s College Sutherland who also attended Basic One Accreditation Courses in 2013.

An Intermediate Course will be held in Term 1 commencing Monday February 24, 2014. An Advanced Accreditation Course will be held in Term 2 beginning Monday May 12, 2014.

The Southern Area will host the Annual Catechist Mass in September. This means we ask for volunteer ushers before the Mass and hospitality servers after Mass.

I hope that you have an enjoyable year teaching your students our Christ our Light and Life curriculum. Please contact me if you need help and I will get back to you.

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Greetings to all in the Central Area.

Welcome to another year of sharing the Good News with your students. I trust you have all had a great break and festive season. As always, I remind you of the great work and the wonderful impact you have on the lives of those in your classes.

This year is set to be a busy one at CCD, particularly with the implementation of the new Working with Children Check for volunteers. Having completed my own check at the RTA in early December, I can confirm that the process is not as intimidating or time-consuming as we initially feared.

I will be liaising with your coordinators to help transition each of your parishes throughout the year, but I would like to remind you of the importance of ensuring that you have the correct documentation and that you fill in the online form with EXACTLY THE SAME DETAILS as on your identification documents. This means that your name, address and date of birth need to be identical to those on your Driver’s Licence, Birth Certificate or other identifying documents.

My goals this year are to work harder with you to increase our numbers of trained catechists. In light of the review into SRE this year, I would like to ensure that all catechists have some Child Protection Training. Even if you are a seasoned catechist, it’s always great to refresh. I am available to visit your parish for an intensive one day workshop to ensure you’re all covered.

And as always, I’ll be holding various Accreditation Courses throughout the year. Not only are they a great way to increase your skill and knowledge, but they’re a wonderful way to meet like-minded catechists.

I look forward to seeing you, and working with you, this year. I hope the year is fruitful for our mission and that it is blessed and joyous for you and your families.

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Greetings to all in the Western Area!

Welcome to all new and returning catechists for 2014. You have given your "Yes" to go out as Pope Francis says, "to the outskirts". These are the students, who have been living in the outskirts of the Church, and the Lord has chosen you to lead them back to Him. When we think of it in this way, we see how important this mission is and how much it is needed. Yet, you are not alone in going out in this unfamiliar place because, ‘God is already there.’ He waits for you. What is required for this mission is love of God and love for His people.

Pope Francis said that we catechists are "to be faithful, to be creative; we need to be able to change. To change! And why must I change? So that I can adapt to the situations in which I must proclaim the Gospel.” If your lessons could use some extra creativity please do not hesitate to ask your coordinators for different resources for classroom use. Have a look at what is available in your catechist room. Attend the Accreditation Courses.

Later this year the NSW Parliament will conduct a review into Special Religious Education (SRE). It has been over 30 years since the last review was held and the outcome was very favourable toward SRE. However, with the huge amount of hostility toward our work, I ask you to pray for this review, so that once again SRE may be recognised as a positive aspect of a child’s development.

There will be added pressure on our coordinators this year with the New Working with Children Check. Their work is not easy and they are a beautiful gift lighting the way in this ministry. Please continue to support and pray for them.

I wish you every blessing this year.

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Welcome back to all catechists in the Northern Area!

I hope you had an amazing Christmas and a relaxing break with your family and friends. I welcome all new catechists who may have just started and look forward to working with you this year.

This year it is mandatory for all catechists to apply for the Working With Children Check (WWCC) and obtain their clearance numbers in order to teach in the public school system. I have completed my check and was surprised how simple the process is. I am more than happy to come to your parish and assist you with the process.

1. Information on how to obtain the New Check is available through the website at www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au.
2. Under the heading Start Here, select Apply (then Apply for Your Check) to see the online form. Complete the required fields and follow the prompts. Applicants will be provided with a Working With Children Check Application Number which starts with the letters APP. This Application Number will be sent to the email address supplied by the applicant.
3. Take the Application Number and a Proof of Identity to a Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) Registry (formerly known as the RTA). Once processed, the WWCC clearance number will be sent to the same email address supplied.

I strongly encourage all catechists to attend a Basic One Accreditation Course if they have not done so. Basic One Accreditation Course covers in great detail Child Protection and the professional standards of a teacher. The Basic One course also provides an opportunity to immerse oneself in new information to assist with classroom management practice and explore aspects of the Catholic faith. These are beneficial for the journey in coming to know, worship and love God through teaching others.

If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. God bless.

Chris

How will I manage the class?

Sections of the CCD’s Accreditation Courses explore the meaning of discipline and allow participants to identify specific concerns relating to classroom management. There are also opportunities to observe and discuss creative strategies to avoid discipline problems.

What if I do not know enough about my faith?

In reality none of us ever know enough about our faith. It is a lifelong learning process. These Accreditation Courses provide an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith and how to present it to students at an age-appropriate level.

Our faith is based on both Scripture and Tradition. Thus, the Basic One Accreditation Course covers the basic skills in using both Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It is ideal for those who feel a little intimidated when asked to find something in either book.

What will I teach?

Catechists must be accredited and authorised and use an approved curriculum. The Accreditation Courses help catechists gain basic skills in preparation and planning your lessons using the Christ our Light and Life curriculum. They help you gain an understanding of the necessity of teaching from an authorised curriculum. Each of the Accreditation Courses during 2014 will have ample opportunity to explore this curriculum and the resources available to enhance it.

These Accreditation Courses give participants an opportunity to explore many different ways of telling a Biblical story. It equips them with many practical ways of improving the way lessons are presented in class.

CCD offers free Accreditation Program as four successive classes:
1. Basic One Accreditation Course
2. Basic Two Accreditation Course
3. Intermediate Accreditation Course
4. Advanced Accreditation Course

Upon completion of all four courses, catechists are awarded and commissioned in the Annual Catechist Mass at the Cathedral.

See page 7 for the Term 1 schedule of Accreditation Courses.
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### Teaching Holy Week and Easter

Learn from Br Julian as he demonstrates many great and interesting ways to present Holy Week and Easter lessons. He will also show how to use simple props and resources.

CCD Miranda (next to St Vincent de Paul’s Opportunity Shop)
50 Kiora Road, Miranda
Friday 28 March 10am to 1pm

Registration essential due to limited places. Please ring 9390 5122 or send an email to mimi.rivera@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au.

### Interactive Whiteboard Courses

**SMART Board Beginner Classes**

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**SMART Board Master Classes**

- None offered in Term 1

### Catechist Ministry Certificate

**Call to Holiness (MC04)**

*Robert Milan*

March 19 & 26
Wednesdays 10am - 2pm
Polding Centre
133 Liverpool St, Sydney

Catechists who wish to enrol in Catechist Ministry Certificate (CMC) subjects must have completed Basic One, Basic Two, Intermediate and Advanced Accreditation Courses (or their pre-approved equivalent) prior to CMC course attendance.
## Accreditation Courses - Term 1, 2014

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- Pre-bookings are essential.
- Class size is limited.
- Classes could be cancelled if there are not enough bookings.
Preparation Prevents Pandemonium

Classroom discipline and management cause the most fear and consternation in new teachers. However, classroom management is a skill that is not only learned but also needs practice. Here are a few tips that can lead to successful lesson preparation and classroom management.

Long Range Planning

Educationalists state that lesson planning and preparation make up 70 percent of the total act of teaching a lesson.

Each lesson is part of a larger plan for the whole year. Make sure you get a picture of the whole year and see how much time you have to carry out what you hope to achieve. Lent and Easter lessons will need to be slotted into the correct spot each year. Advent and Christmas lessons are often taught in November before SRE classes finish for the year. When is your parish Feast Day? Are your students preparing for a Sacrament this year?

Get to know your Teacher’s Manual and Student Activity Book

Catechists often need to spend time working out what they are going to say and do during the lesson. You may need to shift the focus away from what you are doing to ask yourself, "What are the students doing?" Each lesson in the Christ our Light and Life curriculum starts with a Teaching Focus and a list of Learning Outcomes. These are statements about perceiving the results of a class as "My students will do XYZ," rather than, "I covered XYZ in class". Know the difference between the two.

Make Rules Understandable

You need to be selective in your rules. No one can follow 180 rules consistently. You also need to make them clear. Students should understand what is and what is not acceptable. There is usually a poster showing the rules on these.

A few clear rules work best.

should make sure that the consequences for breaking your rules are also clear and known beforehand.

When teaching the Stage One (Infants School) child you need to state what you want them to do, rather than what you do not want them to do.

Below are Five ‘L’s’ for Listening you might like to adapt for your class. You could use pictures to reinforce these rules.

We listen with:

1. our eyes looking (at the teacher)
2. our legs crossed (Students are usually gathered in a group on the floor for instruction)
3. our hands in our laps
4. our ears listening
5. our lips still

Learn the Student Names

You should have a list of all the students in your class. If this is not provided by the school you should make your own list. Calling your students by name is a way of letting them know that you are interested in them. It is also a very effective tool in gaining their attention if they are misbehaving.

Providing name tags, especially in the first few lessons, is an effective classroom management strategy.
Catechesis is the Pillar of Faith Education


By Sarah Christie

Pope Paul VI once said that the Gospel should be “proclaimed through witness”. The importance of this statement was highlighted in the address that officially opened the International Congress of Catechesis, where the role of catechists, who have “pride of place as witnesses and evangelisers” was highlighted as both vital and irreplaceable in the life of our Church today and always.

The congress, which was attended by over 2000 catechists from around the world, was held in the Paul VI Hall in the Vatican on the 26 and 27 September, and saw catechetical and theological experts from around the globe deliver presentations on the various concerns of catechesis in the modern day. Presenters emphasised that without evangelisation, without catechesis, there is no Church.

Dr Petroc Willey, Deputy Director of the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham, England, spoke about God communicating with us through revelation. Dr Willey described the Holy Spirit communicating with us so that we in turn may be boldened to communicate with others. He said Jesus opened the eyes of the disciples on the road to Emmaus so they could communicate what they had experienced to others. It is by communicating with others that we empower them to share.

Reverend Manual Rodriguez, Chaplain of the University of Colombia, highlighted the Church’s role as the ‘first confessor of the faith’, discussing our faith as not something private, but something that needs to be shared, a “link...sustained by believers”. This is something that all catechists can credit themselves with, and a link that is sustained through the work of our established catechists, as well as our newer High School Catechists, who continue with this link after they finish school.

Professor Pierangelo Sequeri, Dean of the Theology Faculty of Northern Italy discussed the role of memory – in the confession of faith, celebration of sacraments, and obedience of the commandments. This was great to hear because the faith that we practise today – founded on Scripture and Tradition – is based on the memories of the apostles and fathers, and reminds us that we are creating memories and experiences in our classrooms, with our very own students.

Professor Robert Dodaro, a Dean at the Pontifical Lateran University of Rome discussed the importance of catering to the audience – children and adults alike. He pointed out the media's success in targeting religion as “ideological and irrelevant” by the clever use of language and emotional depictions of characters and situations. Listening to this presentation highlighted the importance of educating ourselves for the classroom, through courses, workshops and the gathering of resources that transmit the message beyond our own words.

The Holy Father’s address focused on catechesis as a way of life and what it can achieve. Pope Francis encouraged all in attendance to remember the words of Benedict XVI, who said that the Church does not grow by proselytizing (forcing people to join), but grows by attracting others. And the attraction is steeped in witness, witness in our teaching and witness in our personal life.

In light of this, Pope Francis invited all present to “start anew in Christ” with three pointers:

1. **By being close to Him:** Pope Francis cited the example of the vine and the branches, reminding us that Christ himself told us to stay close to Him. He explained that it is important for a disciple to be with the master to learn and listen, and though it may be hard, we can do it according to whatever state in life we have chosen, because Christ will warm our hearts to enable to continue.

2. **By imitating Him as we encounter others:** It is the imitation of Christ that paves the way for real catechesis, because as Pope Francis explains, the more that we unite ourselves to Christ the more He leads us out of ourselves and opens us to others.

3. **By going out with Him into the outskirts:** Why? To preach beyond our comfort zones. Taking a class we don’t normally take, sharing a story we might not ordinarily share, with someone we don’t necessarily talk to. Pope Francis joked that the Church has enough statues in museums, but what the church needs is creativity and change in order that catechists may be able to adapt to situations in which they must proclaim the Gospel. And proclaim it without fear because the Lord Himself told us that He will be with us.

Pope Francis described faith as a gift which we receive and pass on to others, adding that in faith, “whatever we receive, we give”, finishing off with a thank you that is an ideal to keep with us in the coming year:

“I thank you for everything that you do, but above all, because you are part of the Church, the pilgrim people of God, and you accompany God’s people on that pilgrimage. Let us remain with Christ – abiding in Christ – and let us always try to be one with Him. Let us follow Him, let us imitate Him in His movement of love, in His going forth to meet humanity. Let us go forth and open doors. Let us have the audacity to mark out new paths for proclaiming the Gospel. May the Lord bless you and the Blessed Mother be always at your side.”

Life Members Function 2013

CCD warmly welcomed ten new Life Members in a special Mass at Lidcombe and lunch at Dooleys' Catholic Club on 29 November 2013. Catechists are awarded Life Membership after serving at least 30 years.

From left to right, front row:
Caterina Mauro of Smithfield, Guest Speaker Sister Joan Bell CSB, Kathleen Hanrahan of Bass Hill.

Back row:
Mary Lyburn and Rhonda Ashley of Sutherland, Barbara Kovaloff of North Ryde, Veronica Flanagan of Eastwood and Catherine Whelan of Greenacre.

Apologies:
Gail Elizabeth Instance of Riverwood, Kathleen Cattanach of Como-Oyster Bay and Margaret Edwards of Gymea.
Thanksgiving Mass at St Joachim’s Parish Church, Lidcombe

Fr Dinesh, Fr Eduardo, Fr Michael and Fr John

Fr Eduardo

Procession of Gifts

Caterina Mauro with Teresa Culjak

Rhonda Ashley

Robert Milan welcoming guests

Sarah Christie with Central Area catechists

Chris Cox with Northern Area catechists
The Jesuit Guide
To (Almost) Everything

By Fr James Martin SJ

A practical spiritual guidebook based on the life and teachings of St Ignatius of Loyola.

How to Survive Being Married to a Catholic

A practical guide to Catholic attitudes, benefits and practices.

Children of God Storybook Bible

By Archbishop Desmond Tutu

In this beautiful book, Archbishop Desmond Tutu retells the story of the Bible in his own words for all children around the world.

Your Faith: A Popular Presentation

By Rosemary Gallagher and John Trenchard, CSSR

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