



# The Diocese of Victoria Office of Catechetical Ministry

## Basic Formation for the Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL)

June 8, 15, 22, 2017  
9:00 - 4:00PM - Chancery, Victoria

"The single most critical factor in an effective parish catechetical program is the leadership of a professionally trained parish catechetical leader." (NDC p. 225) A Parish Catechetical Leader is one who has updated knowledge of theology, Scripture, Liturgy, catechesis and catechetical methodology, educational psychology and theory, and administration, as well as some practical catechetical experience with adults, youth, and children. (NDC, 54.5)

## Requirements of a Parish Catechetical Leader

Only fully initiated, practicing Catholics who fully adhere to the Church's teaching in faith and morals and who are models of Christian virtue and courageous witnesses to the Catholic faith should be designated as Parish Catechetical Leaders. (NDC, 54.5)

The PCL in the Diocese of Victoria (DOV)

- must complete the DOV Safe Environment & background check
- must complete the DOV Basic Formation training for PCLs
- must complete the DOV Pastoral Institute Catechist Certificate within two years
- must be willing to work toward the DOV Pastoral Institute Advanced Catechist Certificate
- must have a comprehensive knowledge of the General Directory for Catechesis, National Directory for Catechesis, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church

To register, fill out the enclosed form, and mail to:  
Catechetical Office, 1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, TX. 77901  
Program fee: \$150 Make checks payable to: Diocese of Victoria  
Includes materials, instruction, and lunch for each session.

PCL will receive the following:

- General Directory for Catechesis
- National Directory for Catechesis
- Our Hearts Were Burning With Us
- Go and Make Disciples
- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Documents of Vatican II
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Disciples Called to Witness

MINISTRY OF CATECHESIS  
& EVANGELIZATION

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VISION & GOAL of  
CATECHESIS /  
EVANGELIZATION  
MINISTRY OF PCL

PROGRAM  
DEVELOPMENT

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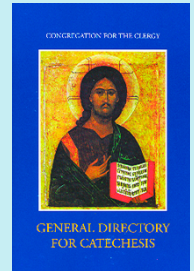
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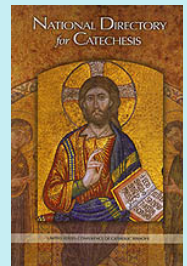
RELATIONSHIPS  
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PARENTS &  
STUDENTS

### General Directory for Catechesis



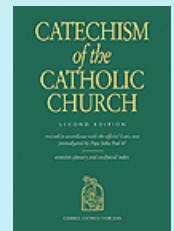
*Catechesis is one of  
the moments...a very  
remarkable one...#63*

### National Directory for Catechesis



*Catechesis always  
draws its content from  
the living source...  
Tradition and  
Scripture...#18*

### Catechism of the Catholic Church



*Catechesis aims at  
putting people in  
communion...with  
Jesus Christ. #426*

**"The effectiveness of  
catechesis is and always  
will be a gift of God,  
through the operation of  
the Spirit of the Father and  
the Son" (GDC, no. 288).**