

Ways to Use CATECHIST Magazine

* **Sunday Throughout the Week** offers a reflection, discussion ideas, action items, and a prayer on the Gospel reading each Sunday, designed for you to share with your students. Here is everything you need for your opening prayer or closing prayer for each class period!

* **From the Field** gives you creative ideas that have worked successfully for other catechists just like you. Here is motivation for you to reflect on your own successful classroom experiences and to consider sharing those successes with CATECHIST readers!

* **Catechist Keyboard** brings you simple ideas for using your computer to create educational and other useful items for your ministry. Clear directions help you access a special project in each month's issue.

* **Craft Clip** presents a common household object and offers suggestions for how it can be used in religious education projects. Create for yourself a "recipe box" so that you can copy, clip, and file each Craft Clip for future reference. This small treasure of simple ideas will help you generate quick-and-easy, hands-on activities for your students.

* **A Family Together** is a ready-to-use reproducible activity page that you can share with your students or send home with them to enjoy with their families. Here is a way for you to interact with the adults in your students' lives! Invite them to complete the activity page with the child and to help their child prepare to share with other students at your next class time how the family worked together to complete the activity.

* **Catechist Formation Series** offers readers in-depth spiritual formation essays for study and reflection. This is an easy, affordable way to help meet the mandate for catechist formation. By reading this material and completing other specific requirements, readers can even earn a continuing education unit (CEU) or graduate credit issued through the University of Dayton.

* **Advice from Master Catechists** offers practical and insightful responses to questions you've submitted to CATECHIST Master Catechists. Here is a great opportunity for you and your fellow catechists to organize a discussion group, using these same questions for further discussion based on your own personal learning situations!

* **What's Your Catholic IQ?** offers a reproducible page of 20 multiple-choice items about the Catholic faith that helps your students and your students' families improve their knowledge of the Catholic faith. Here is a great exercise for your middle-school and teenage students! Have them select one item from the 20, do some research, and develop five more multiple-choice items about that topic or person. Encourage students to include additional information in their answer key, just as the answer key does in each issue of CATECHIST.

* **Complete-A-Project Bible Search** offers your students a fun and engaging way to learn about salvation history. Here is an excellent tool that older students can use to teach and interact with younger students because it comes complete with an easy-to-follow teacher's guide!

* **We Gather to Pray** presents opportunities for shared prayer among catechists, with guidance on a theme and preparation, a centering point, and a complete prayer service. This allows each person to participate fully.

* **From Your USCCB: Modern Questions. Gospel Answers** is your direct connection to the excellent support that the bishops of the United States offer catechists, students, and their families. Each month, you will find mention of web sites and/or print products that you can consider using to enhance your home, classroom, or parish resource library.