

THE REVISED CATECHETICAL CURRICULUM GUIDELINES: A TIMELINE for IMPLEMENTATION in PARISH PROGRAMS

2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

The preliminary edition of the Revised Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines were made available for grades one through five. Catechetical Directors were trained in the context of the Curriculum Guidelines, flowing directly from the *National Directory for Catechesis* of 2005. This includes, among other things, the Six Tasks of Catechesis, the context of catechesis within evangelization, and the inclusion of inculturation. Catechetical Directors were encouraged to become familiar with the Curriculum Guidelines. Catechetical Directors have had the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of Catechesis about ideas to make the curriculum more accessible, understandable, and effective.

2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

The first edition of the Revised Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines were available for Preschool/Kindergarten through Grade Six, as well as the Confirmation component of the Junior High Curriculum. Catechetical Directors and Catechists were encouraged to become familiar with the Curriculum Guidelines and to begin experimenting with them in the classroom. Forms were sent to Directors and catechists, providing an opportunity for formal written feedback. Much dialogue occurred between the Office of Catechesis and Catechetical Directors as the Junior High Curriculum Guidelines continued to be created.

2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

The first edition of all components of the Junior High Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines will be available at the end of August 2009. In the early months of 2010, feedback forms will be sent for the Junior High Curriculum, and dialogue will continue between Catechetical Directors and the Office of Catechesis. Both the Elementary and the Junior High Grades of the Revised Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines will be sent to experienced Catechetical Theologians for final review. The Office of Catechesis will give priority to helping catechists learn to use the Curriculum Guidelines.

2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

It is projected that the final editions of both the Elementary Grades and the Junior High Revised Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines will be available in time for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. Thus, full implementation of the Curriculum Guidelines in all catechetical classrooms will be expected by the Bishop. The Office of Catechesis will continue to assist Catechetical Directors and catechists as they use the Revised Catechetical Curriculum Guidelines to provide catechesis that is systematic, comprehensive, age appropriate, and effective.