

# Catechesis & Youth Ministry

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# What is Catechesis?

Catechesis is the **Church's** practice of **handing on the faith**.

The purpose of catechesis is **Understanding and Change...** (CT 20)

...and communion with **Christ (Trinity)** (CT 5)

# What is Evangelization?

Evangelization is "the **process** by which the **Church... proclaims and spreads** the Gospel." (GDC 48)

The purpose of evangelization is others' **interior change**. (EN 18)

"There is no true evangelization if...**Jesus** [is] not proclaimed." (EN 22, GDC 50)

*The  
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of*

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## CHURCH

**III.  
Pastoral  
Activity**

**5**

**Continuing  
Catechesis  
& Conversion**

Acts 2:42    GDC 69, 71, 56

**6**

**Community**

Jn 15:12    GDC 47, 48  
81, 86

**7**

**Mission**

Mt 28:19    GDC 47, 48,  
86, 87

**II.  
Initiatory  
Catechesis**

**4**

**Catechumenate &  
Christian Initiation**

Mt. 28:19

GDC 47, 48, 51, 68, 91

**I.  
Missionary  
Activity**

**1**

**Witness**

Lk. 24:48    GDC 47-48  
Acts 1:8

**2**

**Charity**

Jn 15:12    GDC 47, 48,  
51

**3**

**Proclamation  
&  
Conversion**

Mk 16:15    GDC 47, 48  
Mk 1:15    51

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# **TEACHING DOCTRINE: The Five Components**

I. Premise

II. Essentials

III. Common Misunderstandings

IV. Scriptural Basis

V. Related Doctrines

# I. Teach the Premise

**The premise is the underlying truth upon which the doctrine is based.**

**WHAT? and SO WHAT?:** What is the foundation? and What is the purpose and why is this important?

Not always the definition. Teach as certitudes.

Keep it short and sweet. Use the Catechism.



# **I. Teach the Premise: FAITH**

**The premise is the underlying truth upon which the doctrine is based.**

**"We believe because of the authority of God who reveals. He cannot deceive nor be deceived" (CCC 156).**

## II. Teach the Essentials

**Essentials are aspects of the doctrine which cannot be left to chance that they will get them on their own.**

The basics are best. They are what God wanted to say, what He wanted us to be sure about.

Make this compelling with your witness and how culture has distorted the essentials.

## **II. Teach the Essentials: FAITH**

**Essentials are aspects of the doctrine which cannot be left to chance that they will get them on their own.**

Faith

1. is certain.
2. is necessary for salvation.
3. seeks understanding.
4. a gift.
5. can be lost and increased. (CCC 153-165)

# III. Teach the Common Misunderstandings

**Address and clear away misconceptions that resulted from insufficient/ineffective catechesis and the culture.**

Consider your audience, not just your own misunderstandings.

Define words and concepts so that they can fully understand the premise.

# III. Teach the Common Misunderstandings: **FAITH**

Address and clear away misconceptions that resulted from insufficient/ineffective catechesis and the culture.

**Misconception:** Faith is a blind leap.

We believe not just because of natural reason but by God's authority; He willed these external proofs. (CCC 156)

## IV. Teach the Scriptural Basis

**ALL Catholic doctrine is grounded in Scripture.**

All doctrines are not necessarily explicit in scripture but are implicit in the text. (e.g. Infant Baptism)

Let Scripture undergird all your teachings. However, let the scriptures have the first say - Don't just use them to back you up.



# IV. Teach the Scriptural Basis: **FAITH**

**ALL** Catholic doctrine is grounded in  
**Scripture.**

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

## V. Teach Related Doctrines

**Teach the harmony of faith and the interconnectivity of God's revelation.**

The doctrines of the Faith form a certain organic unity. They are not independent.

Doctrines build upon each other – No such thing as Cafeteria Catholicism!

See The Hierarchy of Truths. (CCC 90)

# V. Teach Related Doctrines: **FAITH**

Teach the harmony of faith and the interconnectivity of God's revelation.

**Jesus** is the perfecter of our **Faith**.

By **Prayer**, we can increase in **Faith**.

**Mary** is the perfect role model for the life of **Faith**.

The **Church** hands on the **Faith**.

**Faith** is necessary for **Salvation**.



**Now it's your turn!**

# **I. Teach the Premise: SCRIPTURE**

**The premise is the underlying truth upon which the doctrine is based.**

**"God has chosen to speak to us in human words. He is the author of these human words" (CCC 105).**

## II. Teach the Essentials: **SCRIPTURE**

**Essentials are aspects of the doctrine which cannot be left to chance that they will get them on their own.**

1. The human authors are true authors, so Scripture has a very human element to it, though without error.

2. The Magisterium is the authentic interpreter of Scripture.

3. Christ is the center of all of Scripture

(CCC 101-141)



# III. Teach the Common Misunderstandings: **SCRIPTURE**

Address and clear away misconceptions that resulted from insufficient/ineffective catechesis and the culture.

**Misconception:** Scripture is the only source of God's revelation to us..

Apostolic Tradition is a co-equal channel by which God's Divine Revelation comes to us. (CCC 74-83)

# IV. Teach the Scriptural Basis: **FAITH**

**ALL** Catholic doctrine is grounded in  
**Scripture.**

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is  
useful for teaching...." (2 Timothy 3:16)

# V. Teach Related Doctrines: **SCRIPTURE**

Teach the harmony of faith and the interconnectivity of God's revelation.

**Scripture** together with **Tradition** makes up the single sacred **Deposit of Faith**.

Reading **Scripture** can give increase to one's **Faith**.

The **Church** determined the canon of **Scripture**.

The **Trinity** is the principal author of **Scripture**.

**Scripture** was written for the sake of our **Salvation**.