

Evaluation Tool for Catechetical Programming

Title of Ministry, Event, or Program:
What is the mission or goal for this ministry, event, or program?
Who is the desired audience ? Who is the actual audience? What are their needs and desires, in general and related to this catechetical programming?
What space is available to host this programming? In what ways could the space be more hospitable to the desired audience?
What is the typical format of this programming? How does the format take into account the intellectual, spiritual, social, emotional, and physical needs of the audience? How could the format be adjusted to better meet the needs of the audience (e.g., facilitate small group sharing for community building, provide personal reflection time, build in physical movement or stretch breaks, etc.)?

Evangelization

In her book Forming Intentional Disciples: A Path to Knowing and Following Jesus, Sherry Weddell identifies five "thresholds of conversion," different phases of growth and transformation in people's journeys that start with an initial positive association, and culminate in a commitment to follow Jesus Christ as a disciple.

In what ways does this ministry, event, or program attend to those in each of the thresholds of conversion?

Note: Not all programming will attend to every threshold; however, in your assessment of parish offerings, check to make sure individuals in each threshold are offered opportunities for growth through a variety of ministries, programs, and events. Visit www.evangelizationatl.com/thresholds for more information on each threshold.

Builds initial trust:
Encourages spiritual curiosity:
Creates space to openly consider how the faith might impact one's life:
Facilitates opportunities to seek a relationship with Christ:
Invites a commitment to ongoing discipleship:

How often does this ministry, event, or program engage the stages of evangelization?

Stages of Evangelization	Never	Sometimes	Always
Missionary Activity // "Till the Soil"			
Sees work as missionary activity, going out and inspiring through witness			
First Proclamation of the Gospel // "Sow the Seed"			
Welcomes and invites those who are unengaged or are non-believers, stimulating			
them toward faith and conversion			
Initiation into Christian Faith and Life // "Germination"			
Facilitates encounters with Christ through catechesis, sacrament, witness, and			
community			
Ongoing Formation // "Tend the Vine"			
Accompanies and offers opportunities for people to continually be nourished in a			
relationship with Christ and his Church			
Send on Mission // "Harvest the Fruit"			
Provides a clear path for people to move to mission, entering into missionary			
activity as the missionaries themselves			

What is one way this ministry, event, or program can better do the work of evangelization?

Catechesis

How often does this ministry, event, or program attend to these various dimensions of catechesis?

Characteristics of Catechesis	Never	Sometimes	Always
Kerygmatic			•
Focuses on what is most essential, most beautiful;			
focuses on salvation and leads to an encounter with Jesus			
Return to the Sources			
Draws on and exposes parishioners to the interrelated biblical, magisterial,			
liturgical, moral, spiritual, theological, cultural, and beautiful sources of catechesis			
The Catechumenate as the Model for All Catechesis	Never	Sometimes	Always
Paschal in Character			
Orients toward the Paschal Mystery; brings into contact with the Risen One and			
helps reinterpret and live intense moments as paschal moments			
Initiatory in Character			
Forms in basic things from the beginning			
Liturgical, Ritual, and Symbolic in Character			
Uses signs and symbols to engage bodies and emotions			
Communal in Character			
Takes place in a community and reinforces a sense of belonging to the Church			
Character of Ongoing Conversion & Witness			
Creates space for reflection and fosters ongoing conversion			
Progressive Character of Formation			
Responds to the life of each individual and helps them each enter more deeply into			
their relationship with God			
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Overall Evaluation

What changes were made to this ministry, program, or event in response to the Covid-19 pandemic?
What did you learn from the changes that were made or, perhaps, from the elements that remained unchanged?
How does this ministry, program, or event serve the parish or diocese's overall mission?
How does this ministry, program, or event meet the needs of the parishioners it serves?
How could this ministry, program, or event be adjusted to better catechize and evangelize, serve the parish or diocese's mission, and/or meet the needs of the parishioners it serves? (Don't be afraid to get creative here!)