

Memorandum

To: Priests, Deacons, Religious, Parish Directors of Religious Education
From: Dr. Marlon De La Torre, Sr. Director for the Department Evangelization
CC: Fr. Adam Streitenberger-Vicar for Evangelization; Fr. David Arroyo-Vicar for Hispanic Ministry
Date: 4/08/2024, Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord
Re: **Department of Evangelization Parish Elementary Religious Education Curriculum Resource**

To ensure the continued active support of parish catechetical formation opportunities for families and their children, the Department of Evangelization is pleased to offer the following *Parish Religious Education Curriculum Resource*. This resource is meant to serve as a guide to assist parish catechetical leaders and families in the formation of their children in the Catholic faith.

A central objective of this resource is to assist the evangelist-catechist to serve as an effective pedagogical witness and teacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. St. John Paul II echoes this gift when he describes that the aim of all Catechetical instruction is to place the student in an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. (Catechesis In Our Time, 5, 20)

The catechumenal structure of this resource provides a Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth-grade pedagogical synthesis of Sacred Scripture, Catholic Doctrine (Creed), Liturgy and Sacraments, Moral Life, and Prayer to be covered at each grade level. This structure follows the order of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will serve as a sure guide in the catechetical formation and assessment of all students who participate in a parish catechetical environment.

I appreciate your willingness to serve the people of God to further the catechetical mission of the Diocese of Columbus in the proclamation of Jesus Christ to the faithful. May St. Francis De Sales patron of the Diocese of Columbus guide us in our ministry as evangelists and catechists and may our Blessed Mother Mary intercede and protect us in our work for the salvation of souls.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Marlon De La Torre, Sr. Direct for the Department of Evangelization mdelatorre@columbuscatholic.org.

