



CATECHETICAL FORMATION SERIES

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The *General Directory for Catechesis* reminds us that “No methodology, no matter how well tested, can dispense with the person of the catechist in every phase of the catechetical process.” (156) To that end, the Church needs to ensure that catechists are well-prepared and formed to effectively carry out their ministry. In fact, the Church teaches us that catechist formation must be a priority. Further, it must be three-dimensional.

The three-dimensional formation for catechists must cover **being, knowing, and doing**.

Here is a brief description of these three critical areas:

- **Being:** formation that helps catechists discover their vocation and mature as a person, a believer, and a disciple of Jesus.
- **Knowing:** formation that helps catechists embrace their faith and acquire sufficient knowledge of the Catholic Tradition they are called to transmit.
- **Doing:** formation that helps catechists more effectively proclaim the message of the Gospel and actively engage participants.

To ensure catechists and catechetical leaders have access to quality, well-rounded formation resources, Loyola Press has developed the **Catechetical Formation Series**. Each learning session of the series is focused on one of the three areas of well-rounded formation.

BEING

Learning Session 10: The Person of the Catechist

KNOWING

Learning Session 5: What We Believe—The Creed

Learning Session 6: What We Believe—The Sacraments

Learning Session 7: What We Believe—The Moral Life

Learning Session 8: What We Believe—Prayer

Learning Session 9: Understanding God’s Word—Scripture

DOING

Learning Session 1: Getting Started & Getting to Know Your Learners

Learning Session 2: The Catechetical Process

Learning Session 3: Prayer and Leading Prayer

Learning Session 4: Facilitation Skills and Handling Difficult Situations

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