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AoA Visioning Process

Homily for the Beginning of the Visioning Process

“We are the fastest growing diocese in the United States. And so, it is important that goals are clearly articulated and formulated, to respond to the needs of our people. It is appropriate that this formal process begin with the celebration of the Eucharist, the “source and summit of the Church’s life.” We are in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival in the Church, which Pope Francis has described as “a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ”—particularly the transforming power and mercy of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

This is the task of evangelization – to proclaim the Gospel so that Christ may be encountered. I invite all of us to pray for the process that begins today and ask the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us in this time of discernment.” Archbishop Hartmayer (1.23)

Catechist Certification in light of the Directory for Catechesis & Visioning Process

When the Visioning Process is completed, we will begin steps toward discernment of a holistic Catechists' Formation Process that at its heart is:

- ❖ An on-going encounter with Christ
- ❖ An on-going accompaniment of catechists
- ❖ A place where catechists become faith sharing and learning communities
- ❖ Evangelizing the catechist through the proclamation of the kerygma
- ❖ Emphasizing current research and strategies for evangelization for today's families.

Spiritual growth is a continual process...

Emphasize opportunities that will evangelize each other and foster spiritual growth throughout each year, moving away from “checking off” a requirement mentality.

- ❖ PCL lead gatherings such as prayer before sessions/evenings of refectio/lectio divina, etc...
- ❖ Parish Mission
- ❖ Bible Studies
- ❖ Women's and men's mornings of reflection
- ❖ Eucharistic Congress
- ❖ Rescue Atlanta
- ❖ Retreats

What are you already doing at your parish for your catechists?





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Catechist Certification

- ❖ Possible every-other-year Catechist Conference.
**For discussion at the end of this presentation.*
- ❖ Catechist Formation Days by deanery at parishes
- ❖ Online Resources from past conferences will be made available - [Catechist Formation - \(archatl.com\)](http://archatl.com)
- ❖ Franciscan Catechetical Institute
- ❖ Loyola Press
- ❖ Notre Dame
- ❖ U Dayton
- ❖ U Dallas - [Certificado en Ministerio Pastoral \(CPM\)](#)



Discussion

We need your feedback!

- ❖ Possible Bi-yearly Catechist Conference that alternates with the Eucharistic Congress.
- ❖ *Virtual? In-person?*
- ❖ *Identify parishes and groups of PCLs that can organize and host Catechist Formation Days.*
- ❖ *Ideas for on-going spiritual formation of catechists?*
- ❖ *Promote Rescue Atlanta, Sept. 9, 2023 – what else do you need?*