

FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS

Christianity consists, in the simplicity of the Gospel, in following Jesus Christ, in abandoning oneself to him, and in letting oneself be transformed by his grace and renewed by his mercy. These are gifts which come to us in the living communion of his Church. Catechesis in both parishes and schools is governed by and conforms to the principles, declarations, and norms presented in Sacred Scripture and in magisterial and official Church documents. Opportunities ought to be provided for parish catechetical leaders, catechists, school administrators, campus ministers, religion teachers to read, understand and discuss these documents and their essential content.

Documents on Catechesis

- *Lumen Gentium*, Vatican II (1964)
- *General Catechetical Directory*, Congregation for the Clergy (1971)
- *To Teach as Jesus Did: A Pastoral Message on Catholic Education*, USCCB (1972)
- *Sharing the Light of Faith: National Catechetical Directory*, USCCB (1979)
- *Catechesi Tradendae (On Catechesis in Our Time)*, Pope St. John Paul II (1979)
- *Lay Catholics in Schools: Witnesses to Faith*, Congregation for Catholic Education (1982)
- *The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School*, Congregation for Catholic Education (1988)
- *Guidelines for Doctrinally Sound Catechetical Materials*, USCCB (1990)
- *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Holy See (1992)
- *General Directory for Catechesis*, Congregation for the Clergy (1997)
- *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, USCCB (1997)
- *Fides et Ratio (On the Relationship between Faith and Reason)*, Pope St. John Paul II (1998)
- *Ecclesia in America*, Pope St. John Paul II (1999)
- *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*, USCCB (1999)
- *Gathered and Sent: Synod Initiatives*, Archdiocese of Los Angeles (2003)
- *National Directory for Catechesis*, USCCB (2005)
- *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (2005)
- *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Holy See (2006)
- *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, USCCB (2006)
- *Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework*, USCCB (2008)
- *Circular Letter to the Presidents of Bishops' Conferences on Religious Education in Schools*, Congregation for Catholic Education (2009)
- *Guidelines for Obtaining the California Catechist Certificate and the California Master Catechist Certificate*, California Catholic Conference (2009)
- *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*, Pope Francis (2013)
- *Christus Vivit (Christ is Alive!)*, Pope Francis (2019)
- *Directory for Catechesis*, USCCB (2020)



- *Antiquum Ministerium (Instituting the Ministry of Catechist)*, Pope Francis (2021)
- *The Identity of a Catholic School for a Culture of Dialogue*, Congregation for Catholic Education (2022)

Documents on Liturgy

- *Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)*, Vatican II (1963)
- *Mysterium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith)*, Pope St. Paul VI (1965)
- *Dominicae Cena (On the Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist)*, Pope St. John Paul II (1980)
- *Dies Domini (On Keeping the Lord's Day)*, Pope St. John Paul II (1998)
- General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Holy See (2002)
- *Ecclesia de Eucharistia (On the Eucharist in its Relationship to the Church)*, Pope St. John Paul II, (2003)
- *Redemptionis Sacramentum (Sacrament of Redemption)*, Congregation for Divine Worship (2004)
- *Sacramentum Caritatis, (Sacrament of Charity)*, Pope Benedict XVI (2007)
- *Summorum Pontificum (On The Use Of The Roman Liturgy Prior To The Reform Of 1970)*, Pope Benedict XVI (2007)
- *Traditionis Custodes (On the Use of the Roman Liturgy)*, Pope Francis (2021)
- *Desiderio Desideravi (On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God)*, Pope Francis (2022)

Documents on Human Sexuality

- *Humanae Vitae, (On Human Life)*, Pope Paul VI(1968)
- *General Audiences on the Theology of the Body*, St. Pope John Paul II (1979-1984)
- *Educational Guidance in Human Love*, Congregation for Catholic Education (1983)
- *Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (1986)
- Catechism of the Catholic Church, Holy See(1992)
- *Veritatis Splendor (Splendor of Truth)*, St. Pope John Paul II (1993)
- *Evangelium Vitae (Gospel of Life)*, St. Pope John Paul II (1995)
- *The Truth and Meaning of Human Sexuality: Guidelines for Education within the Family*, Pontifical Council for the Family (1995)
- *Deus Caritas Est (God is Love)*, Pope Benedict XVI (2006)
- *Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination: Guidelines for Pastoral Care*, USCCB (2006)
- *Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living: Guidelines for Curriculum Design and Publication*, USCCB (2008)
- *"Male And Female He Created Them" Towards a Path of Dialogue on the Question of Gender Theory in Education*, Congregation for Catholic Education (2019)

