Catechesis

In Our

Catholic Schools

Archdiocese of Newark
INTRODUCTION
‘Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.’

Fr Pedro Arrupe, SJ
Primary Responsibilities

1. FORWARD IN FAITH

2. FURTHER DEVELOP & IMPLEMENT FORMATION PROGRAM

3. CERTIFICATION INVENTORY

4. CURRICULUM MAPPING
Four Elements of the New Evangelization

- Encounter
- Accompany
- Community
- Send (Mission)
TODAY, ONE-QUARTER (25%) OF AMERICANS CLAIM NO FORMAL RELIGIOUS IDENTITY, MAKING THIS GROUP THE SINGLE LARGEST “RELIGIOUS GROUP” IN THE U.S.

4 IN 10 (39%) YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-29) ARE RELIGIOUSLY UNAFFILIATED.

MORE THAN SIX IN TEN (62%) RELIGIOUSLY UNAFFILIATED AMERICANS WHO WERE RAISED IN A RELIGION SAY THEY ABANDONED THEIR CHILDHOOD RELIGION BEFORE THEY TURNED 18.
"Like many who leave the Church, Andrea did so only after feeling ‘defeated and crushed, alone, confused, mad, and sad.’ The saddest moment of all, Andrea reports, was remembering how she felt ‘as if no one cared that [she] left."
Catholics Make Up About 40% Of New Jersey

- Practicing Catholics: 20%
- Registered, Not Practicing Catholics: 20%
- Non Catholics: 60%
The Solution

Go and Make Disciples
Fulfilling the Great Commission of Making Disciples
Stages of Evangelization
God | Jesus

Spirituality | Church

Very few can clearly articulate WHY they do WHAT they do.

Some companies know HOW they do WHAT they do.

Every company on the planet knows WHAT they do.
The purpose of evangelization is to lead people to encounter Christ.

When the Church calls people to evangelize, she is simply pointing to the source of authentic personal fulfillment: a personal relationship with Jesus Christ which restores the joy of faith into a person’s heart and inspires a commitment to the Gospel.

Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet.

This missionary vision cannot be accomplished without shared effort by the whole church community.
Evangelization Methodology

Encounter
The purpose of evangelization is to lead people to encounter Christ.
DISCOVER JESUS

Mission
Evangelization leads disciples to accept God's desire to send them on mission.
SHARE JESUS

Community
Evangelization invites people to the Body of Christ, which is the Catholic Church.
WORSHIP JESUS

Accompaniment
The response to this encounter with Christ needs accompaniment.
FOLLOW JESUS

Sustained by the Holy Spirit
ELEMENTARY RELIGION COORDINATORS
MARCH 26
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL RELIGION CHAIRS & CAMPUS MINISTERS
MARCH 30TH
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
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