

Principles of Continuing Catholic Education

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church 426.

"At the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son from the Father. . . who suffered and died for us and who now, after rising, is living with us forever.' To catechize is 'to reveal in the Person of Christ the whole of God's eternal design reaching fulfillment in that Person. . . . Catechesis aims at putting 'people . . . in communion . . . with Jesus Christ: only he can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity.'"

From Canon Law 226.2

"Because they give life to their children, parents have the most serious obligation and the right to educate them. It is therefore primarily the responsibility of Christian parents to ensure the Christian education of their children in accordance with the teaching of the Church."

Our Philosophy

Although parents are the primary catechists of their children, the Church also has rights and obligations regarding her baptized. Each Catholic child is not only part of a Catholic family but also of a Catholic community, and this community shares in the responsibility of catechizing each child. This is the mission of Catholic schools and religious education programs. The child who has been catechized by his or her parents from infancy now receives catechesis from others within the Catholic community. *This role of the Church community does not diminish the responsibility of the parents.* On the contrary, parents continue in their role as primary catechists as they continue to initiate learning and as they reinforce and enrich what their children are learning in their formal religious education. Indeed, the role of the parent remains absolutely essential in daily guiding and developing the prayer life and sacramental life of the young person.



...Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14



CCE Continuing Catholic Education

Providing Religious Education for
children age 3 through High
School

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Religious Education Classes for
3 year olds through High School
on Sunday Mornings
during the School Year.

11:00 AM – 12:15

The Curriculum used “Christ Our Life” features a “spiral curriculum” in which each grade level builds upon the previous level’s content, increasing in scope and depth.

The five areas of focus are:

- Scripture – God’s Words of Love
- Commandments – God’s Laws of Love
- Sacraments – God’s Signs of Love
- Liturgy and Prayer – Our Response to Love
- Creed – Our Proclamation of Love

When a child is baptized, the parents make a commitment to help the child in his/her religious formation. At Christ the King Cathedral, we believe the complete development of a child’s formation in the Catholic faith is composed of three parts:

- ❖ Attending religious education classes regularly
- ❖ Parental support of the catechist’s teaching
- ❖ Attending Mass each Sunday as a family

Sacramental Preparation

RECONCILIATION

Second Grade

The preparation program for Reconciliation is during the fall semester in the regular class setting. It is very important students not miss any classes. It is a program for parents to work with the catechist in preparing the children for this sacrament. The reception of this sacrament is during the winter.

EUCCHARIST

Second Grade

The preparation for First Eucharist is during the spring semester in the regular class setting. It is very important that students not miss any classes. It is also a program for parents to work with the catechist in preparing the children for this sacrament. The reception of this sacrament is in the beginning of May.

CONFIRMATION

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Confirmation is a two-year program. Preparation begins in the seventh grade and continues in the eighth grade with Confirmation in the spring. It is very important that students not miss any classes. Students will be asked to participate in the Youth Group to help form community and will participate in service projects in the eighth grade.

Sponsors will be an important part of the preparation process during these two years, as will parents.

Missed Sacraments/Children’s Catechumenate

If you have a child age seven or older who has not received the Sacrament of Baptism or if you have a child in the third grade or older who has not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Eucharist, or a child in the ninth grade or older who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Charlotte Amato, DRE at 792-6168 ext. 222 or email camato@ctkcathedral.org

We have special programs for these children to fully initiate them into the Church.

A COPY OF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE OF ALL CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES IS REQUIRED WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE OF THE SACRAMENT.

IF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS NOT PROVIDED TO CHARLOTTE AMATO, DRE, AT LEAST ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE DATE SCHEDULED FOR THE SACRAMENT, THE CHILD MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT.

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION IN PARENT CLASSES IS ALSO REQUIRED.

