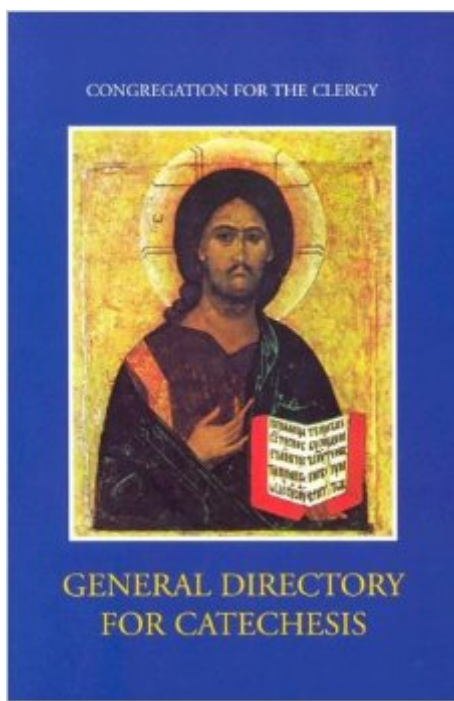


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# General Directory For Catechesis



## Synopsis

The General Directory for Catechesis provides religious educators, teachers, and catechists with a single point of reference for all aspects of catechetical instruction.

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This is an official book of the Catholic Church on "catechesis" or teaching and handing on the faith. It is not a how-to manual, but a statement of vision, goals and methods. Published in 1997, it addresses the contemporary church and the challenges it faces, and it benefits from four decades of catechetical renewal and research following the Second Vatican Council. Readers in the United States should also read the National Directory for Catechesis, which expands on this general text, applying its principles to the situation in the United States today.

I read the General Directory for Catechesis as part of a seminar class. I had an instructor and fellow students to help me read the GDC and make sense of it. Reflecting the ideas from this book with the National Directory of Catechesis was critical to my understanding of the Church's international direction for religious education. The GDC tells you the Church's international plan for religious education, and the NDC applies it to the American situation. I recommend buying them together. That said I was pleased to learn the Church puts adult catechesis above all else and considers all other religious education activities to radiate from the primary emphasis on grown-ups!

I saw that one reviewer said it was "dense" reading. I agree. But it is dense because it is so full of

wonderful material. Take it slow. Read and "chew" it meditatively. Drink it in deeply. It gives the big picture on teaching the faith. It's more than just teaching weekly CCD or RCIA class. It is about witnessing Christ to people who need to hear our message. It's easy to develop a limited (dare I say parochial?) view based on our own little world. This general directory gives a much bigger/broader picture. A world-wide, centuries-long, effort to share the "good news" of salvation. Thought provoking, challenging, just like our faith!

I had to purchase this book for a course I was taking. It has really come in handy outside of the course. I am also a catechist and use this book when planning lessons. It clarifies some of the deeper points found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. By referring to this book, I am able to better understand a lesson topic and in that way can teach a better lesson because I know the material better. If you are a catechist or someone looking to understand the Faith better, this is a useful reference book.

Perfect to go with the National Directory for Catechesis. Anyone involved in teaching, ministry, evangelization, and catechesis needs this book. It is one to review again and again - a great tool to stay Christocentric in all our undertakings serving the Church.

This is a great resource for those who want to know more about our Catholic faith. It's also a necessity when compiling lesson plans for religion class. It helps to pull everything together.

Superb reference book for today's Catechist. Tips on teaching various religious subjects and up-to-date insight into all ages of participants. Keep this book handy.

The General Directory for Catechesis is another good reference to have when teaching the Catholic Christian faith.

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