

Catechist: 24/7 and 365 Days A Year (By the way, this article is about YOU!!)

This Sunday we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Often times we think that this day is set aside to recognize only the catechists in the Church. That is only partially true. Actually, we are celebrating **YOU!** Why are we celebrating **YOU?** Because each one of us is a catechist. What is a catechist? First and foremost, every baptized Catholic is personally called by the Holy Spirit to make their contribution to their faith. To spread the Good News. The catechist is a person of faith who helps others in understanding the faith according to the official teachings of the Church. The role of the catechist is a vital part of the Church worldwide. Because each one of us is a catechist, our words and actions are the message of Christ. We model God's love to others. Your "lesson plan" is ultimately helping each person grow in their personal faith and spirituality. The word catechize literally means "to echo." It is easy to take that too literally and limit ourselves. But in reality the whole life of a parish needs to echo to each other and to the whole community of the beauty and richness of the Catholic Traditions. **YOU ARE called. YOU ARE a witness. YOU ARE representing the Church. YOU ARE a witness to the community. YOU ARE willing to serve. YOU ARE willing to learn.** *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature". Mark 16:15 –Sherrie Clutts DRE*