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Session Two: The Catechetical Process

Pause #2: A Language of Mystery

What is your understanding of a “language of mystery”? What are the components of a language of mystery? How are some of these components present in your own everyday life?

Pause #3: Resembling Mass More Than Class

What does it mean to say that your faith formation sessions should “resemble the Mass more than class”? Identify and briefly describe each of the components of a language of mystery.

Pause #4: Transforming Your Space

What are some specific things that you can do as a catechist to transform the space you are in for faith formation and to establish a climate of prayer as your participants gather?

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Pause #5: The ENGAGE Step

What is your understanding of the ENGAGE step? What did St. Ignatius mean when he advised teachers to “enter through their door but be sure to leave through your door”? How can the following components of a language of mystery enhance the ENGAGE step: music & song, silence, movement & gesture, sign & symbol, and sacred space?

Pause #6: The EXPLORE Step

What is your understanding of the EXPLORE step? Why is it important to begin this step with a proclamation from Scripture? Why is presenting the content of our Catholic faith so important? How can the following components of a language of mystery enhance the EXPLORE step: music & singing, ritual, movement & gesture, and storytelling?

Pause #7: The REFLECT Step

What is your understanding of the REFLECT step? Describe the steps involved in leading participants in reflective prayer. How can the following components of a language of mystery enhance the REFLECT step: silence, sacred space, ritual, music, movement & gesture, and sign & symbol?

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Pause #8: The RESPOND Step

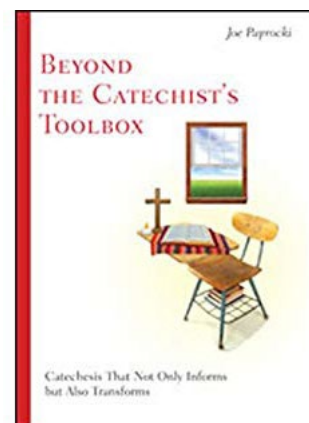
What is your understanding of the RESPOND step? How is this step similar to the dismissal rite at Mass? Why is it important to include assessment in faith formation? How can the following components of a language of mystery enhance the RESPOND step: silence, movement & gesture, ritual, music & singing, and works of mercy?

Summary

What are 3 to 5 main takeaways you gained from this session? Describe how these insights will affect your approach to serving as a catechist.

Assigned Reading

After reading *Beyond the Catechist's Toolbox: Catechesis That Not Only Informs but also Transforms*, describe 3 main insights you gained and how they will have impact on your role as a catechist.



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- Learning Session 1: Getting Started and Getting to Know Your Learners
- Learning Session 2: The Catechetical Process
- Learning Session 3: Prayer and Leading Prayer
- Learning Session 4: Facilitation Skills and Handling Difficult Situations
- Learning Session 5: What We Believe—The Creed
- Learning Session 6: What We Believe—The Sacraments
- Learning Session 7: What We Believe—The Moral Life
- Learning Session 8: What We Believe—Prayer
- Learning Session 9: Understanding God’s Word—Scripture
- Learning Session 10: The Person of the Catechist

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