

Why Should Children go to Catechism Classes?

When you are young, you have to learn a lot. In school, you study many different subjects, and, of course, you have to know how to work with a computer. When you finally receive your high school diploma, you may go on to college or take other courses related to your job. And in the meantime, you may get your driver's license. You certainly have a lot to learn. •

Now let's talk about the, most important lesson: the knowledge, about eternity. Every Sunday you can hear about eternity at Mass. When we want to speak about teaching about things, we first need to mention the catechism class. There are not that many hours that you will spend in catechism class! We can see that in a simple calculation: if you have 2 hours in catechism class each week for 9 months out of the year, and you go for eight years, you spent approx. 300 hours. Compare that with a school subject! Let us take English for an example because we use English in our daily life. You have English for 4 years in high school for 3 hours a week; you would have already more time for that Subject than you would spend in catechism class in your whole life!

It is necessary to give specific teaching on behalf of the Church, and that is an official teaching. That means that it has a proclaiming character. The lessons in catechism class are given in the realization of, "thus saith the Lord." It is a work that is done by or on behalf of the consistory with an official mandate. In catechism class you will hear an explanation of the doctrine, in order that you understand more of the homilies. Catechism lessons are given to lead you in the doctrine which is after godliness, to be instructed in the Word of God and in the Confessions of Faith. These are the two main sources for all Sunday homilies!