

Parish Vision for Catechesis: What are you seeking?



Figure of Christ, Heinrich Hoffmann, 1884

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, 'What are you seeking?' And they said to him, 'Rabbi' (which means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and you will see.

John 1:35-39

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Thinking of our **Parish Vision** enables us to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord – it helps us look up out of the everyday-ness of parish life, the joys and the challenges and helps lift our eyes to the Lord – to remind ourselves of where we are headed. To remind us of what God is calling our specific parish in the specific area of Catechesis to be. This is vital for helping us to see what is needed for our parish plan.

And it starts with us!

We pray together with scripture:

- ◆ What struck you about this passage? Perhaps just one word.
- ◆ What did you notice that you hadn't before?
- ◆ What are you seeking? The Lord asks every one of us this question.
- ◆ Jesus waits until John and Andrew decide to follow him. What does this tell you?

Take 5 minutes to reflect on this.

- ◆ What does the Lord want for this parish?
- ◆ What is his dream for this parish?
- ◆ What do we want this parish to be?
- ◆ What would you like those outside to say about this parish if they visited?

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A Parish Vision for Catechesis

What is our vision for the families whose children participate in FHC / Confirmation – do we, as a parish, actually desire something for these people?

1. What would it be like if we had the personal and ongoing conversion of everyone in our parish at the heart of our catechesis / parish activities?
2. What would it be like if the parents were at the heart of our catechesis, for Baptism, FHC and Confirmation?
3. John and Sarah have brought Jacob for Baptism, and have attended the Baptism Course. They do not attend Sunday Mass. What would we desire for them?
4. Jenny attends the FHC course. Her family did not attend Mass before the course began but have been attending since the course began. What would we desire for them?
5. Philip is 14 and attends the Confirmation Course. What would we desire for Philip as a result of his having attending the course? What role does his family play in this? What would our hope be for Philip in his ongoing relationship with Christ?
6. Margaret and Joshua have come for Marriage Preparation. They both attend Mass every week, come to confession regularly, and both teach RCIA. What would we desire for them as they take this next step in their Christian Vocation?

