

**POPE FRANCIS**  
***EVANGELII GAUDIUM***



**EXTRACTS  
CONCERNING  
EDUCATION  
AND  
CATECHESIS**

# The Teacher

We need to remember  
that all religious teaching  
ultimately has to be reflected  
in the teacher's way of life,  
which awakens the assent of the heart  
by its nearness, love and witness (42).

# Education

We need to provide an education  
which teaches  
critical thinking  
and encourages the development of  
mature moral values. (64)

# Catholic schools ...

**are a most valuable resource for the  
evangelization of culture,  
even in those countries and cities  
where hostile situations challenge us  
to greater creativity in our search  
for suitable methods (134)**

# Catholic schools ...



always strive to  
join their work of  
education  
with the  
explicit proclamation  
of the Gospel  
(134)

# Education and Catechesis

- are at the service of growth.
- Magisterial documents and aids on catechesis issued by the Holy See and by various episcopates.

*Catechesi Tradendae (1979)*

*General Catechetical Directory (1997)*

# Catechesis

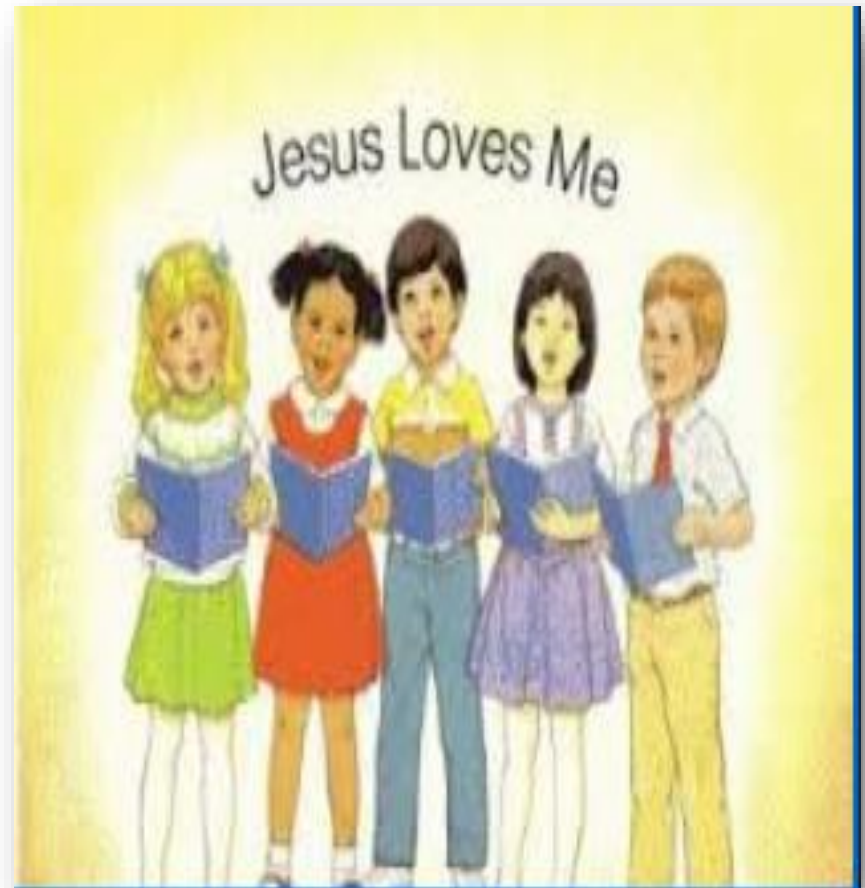
In catechesis, we have rediscovered  
the fundamental role of  
the first announcement or kerygma,  
which needs to be the centre  
of all evangelizing activity  
and all efforts at Church renewal.

(164)

# Catechesis

- On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: “Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.” ...
- This is the principal proclamation, the one which we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment

(164)





# Mystagogic Initiation

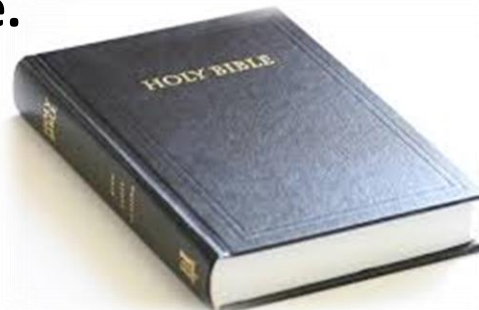
- An aspect of catechesis which has developed in recent decades
- Two elements:
  - 1. A progressive experience of formation involving the entire community
  - 2. A renewed appreciation of the liturgical signs of Christian initiation.
- Mystagogical renewal is needed

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# Mystagogic Initiation

**Catechesis is a proclamation of the word ...  
is always centred on that word,  
yet it also demands a suitable  
environment and an  
attractive presentation,  
the use of eloquent symbols,  
insertion into a broader  
growth process  
and the integration of every  
dimension of the person  
within a communal journey of  
hearing and response.**



# Catechesis and Beauty

Every form of catechesis  
would do well  
to attend to  
the “way of beauty”  
(*via pulchritudinis*)

(167)



# Catechesis and Beauty

- ...right and true, but also something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendour and profound joy, even in the midst of difficulties. Every expression of true beauty can thus be acknowledged as a path leading to an encounter with the Lord Jesus.

(167)





# Catechesis and Beauty

- Each particular Church should encourage the use of the arts in evangelization, building on the treasures of the past but also drawing upon the wide variety of contemporary expressions so as to transmit the faith in a new “language of parables” (167).



# Moral Component of Catechesis

- promotes growth in fidelity to the Gospel way of life,
- emphasise the attractiveness and the ideal of a life of wisdom, self-fulfilment and enrichment.
- In the light of that positive message, our rejection of the evils which endanger that life can be better understood.

Rather than experts in dire predictions,  
dour judges bent on rooting out every threat and deviation,  
we should appear as joyful messengers of  
challenging proposals,  
guardians of the goodness and beauty  
which shine forth in a life of fidelity to the Gospel (168).

# Scripture

- The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer.
- It is essential that the revealed word radically enrich our catechesis and all our efforts to pass on the faith (175).

