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**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

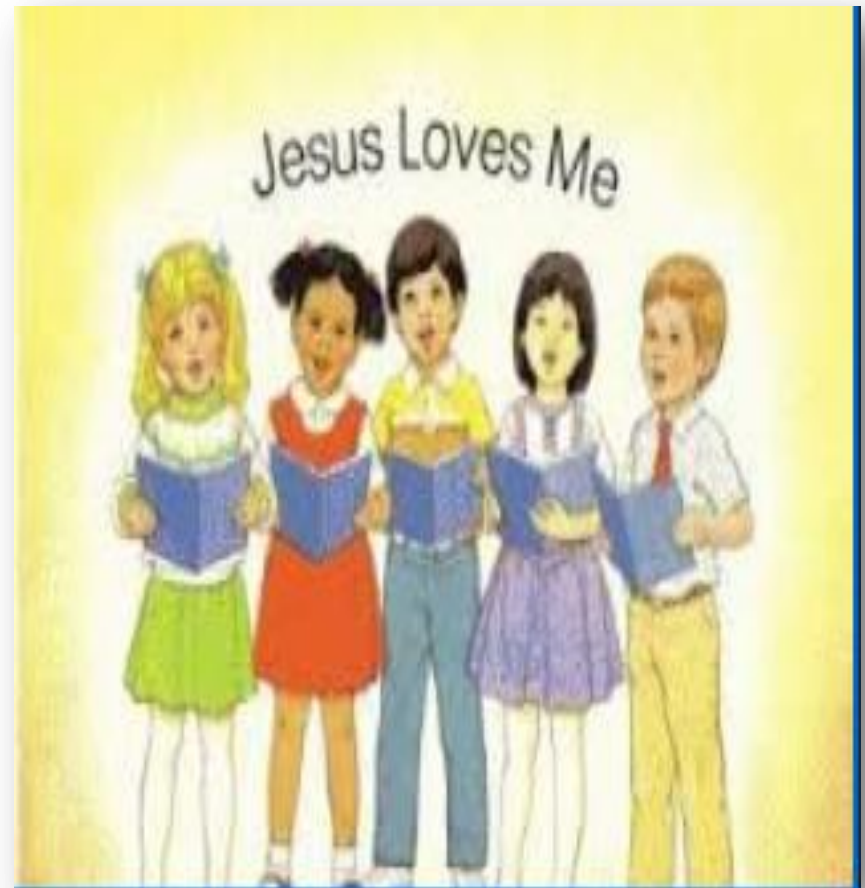
In catechesis, we have rediscovered the fundamental role of the first announcement or kerygma, which needs to be the centre of all evangelizing activity and all efforts at Church renewal.

(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

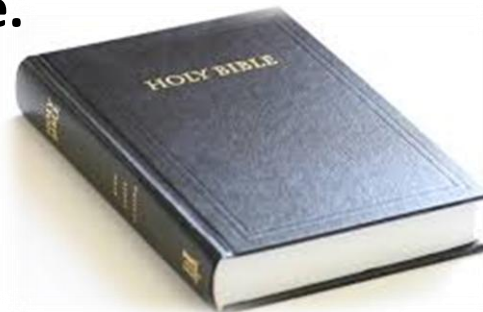
- **An aspect of catechesis which has developed in recent decades**
- **Two elements:**
 - **1. A progressive experience of formation involving the entire community**
 - **2. A renewed appreciation of the liturgical signs of Christian initiation.**
- **Mystagogical renewal is needed**

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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).

