# Directory for Catechesis: Introduction to Part 1

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# (Adapted from the Catechist's Prayer US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon us that we may be good catechists of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ.

Render our minds and hearts so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, we might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help us to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive.

Let the fire of your love so enkindle our hearts that we may be instruments of drawing others to love you in the Church of your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, and through the intercession of Our Lady of Peace, and Saints Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i. Amen.

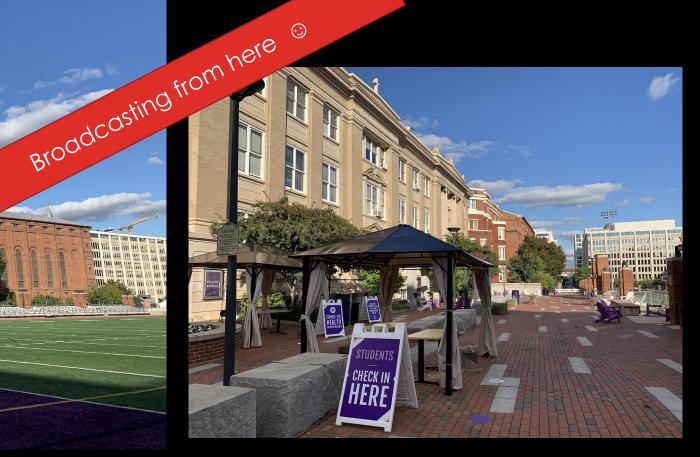
## Gratitude

I am grateful to the priests, religious, teachers, and catechists of the Diocese of Honolulu who taught me about Jesus. Your dedication and witness shaped and prepared me to answer Christ's call to religious life as a Jesuit priest. I would especially like to extend a warm mahalo to:

- The Parish Community of St. Elizabeth, Aiea
- The Faculty and Staff of St. Elizabeth School, Aiea
- The Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary
- The Franciscan Capuchins
- The Faculty and Staff of Damien Memorial School, Kalihi
- The Congregation of Christian Brothers
- The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
- The Newman Center / Holy Spirit Parish, UH Manoa
- The Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs
- The Knights of Columbus

#### Jesuit Community (19 Jesuits), ministering in various apostolates:

-Gonzaga High -Georgetown Law School -Grad students at Catholic U -Parish Work (Richmond) -Journalism, Finance work for Religious -Chaplaincies: Hospital, Homeless Shelter, Prison, US House of Representatives -Leadership for the Conference of Jesuits in the US and Canada (approx. 2,200 in North America)



Aloha!

Gonzaga Jesuit Community at Gonzaga College High School, Washington DC

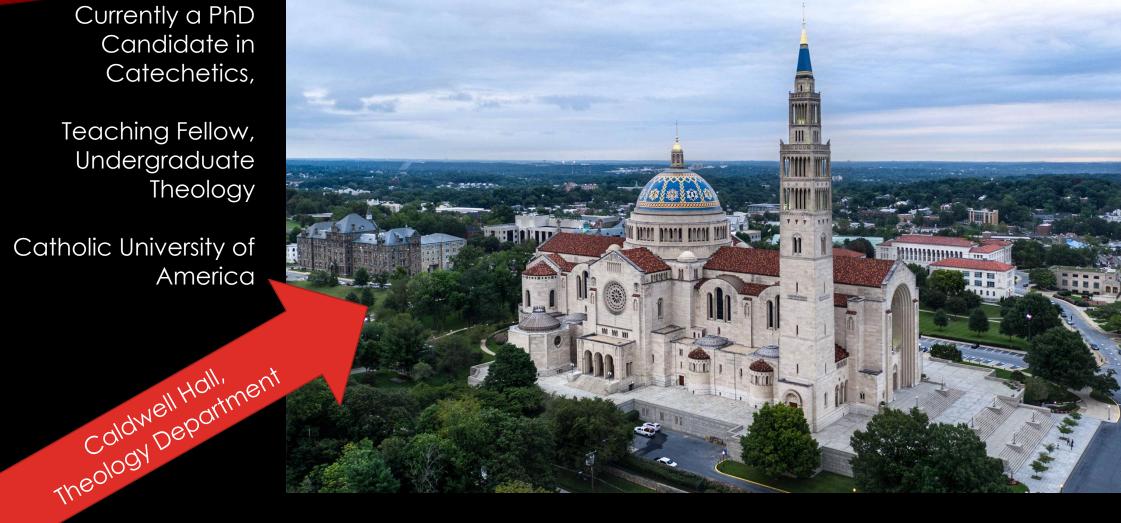
## Aloha!





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## On Mission



Currently a PhD Candidate in Catechetics,

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## Why Jesus?

Some responses:

- He loves me and teaches me how to love.
- We know faith, hope, and love through him.
- He shows us (true) freedom.
- I need Jesus (can't survive without him).
- I haven't found anyone better.

# Why (still) be Catholic?

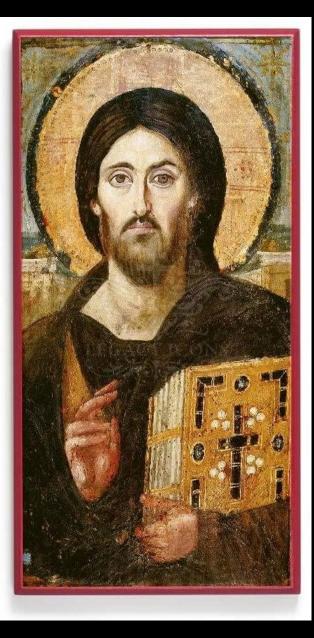
Some responses:

- The Church is home.
- The Church tries to model unity (and thus holiness).
- Fullness and perfection is expressed there.
- We have a community (sinners who know they are loved)
- Our history is a gift to the world.
- I need the Church.
- I haven't found anything better.

### What is our Gift?



### Not Object



### Who is the Gift?

### Person

### Jesus Christ

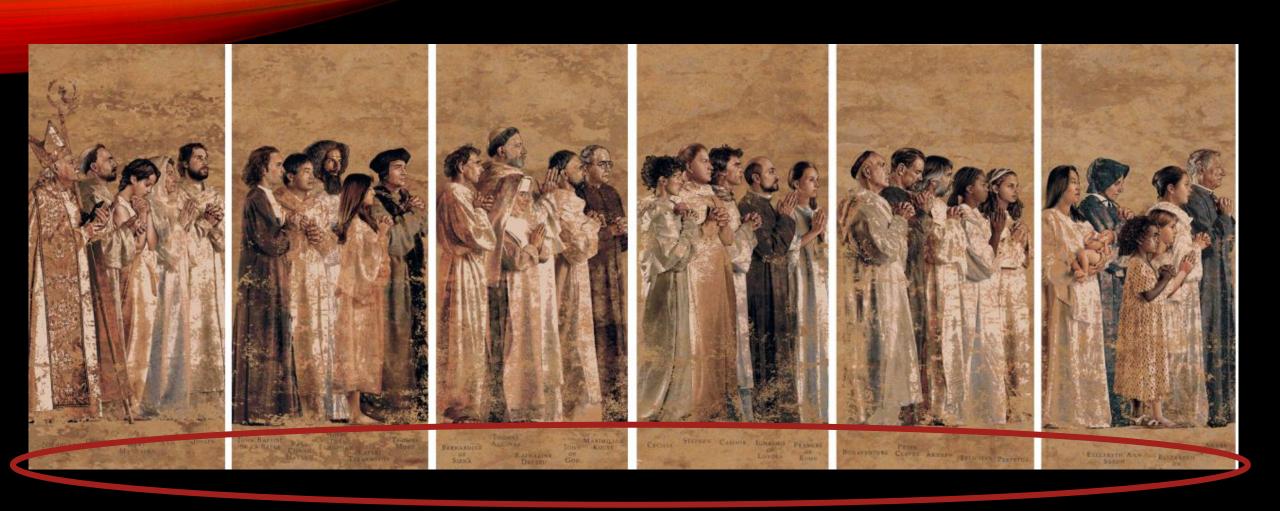
### Christ expressed through the Gift of the Church

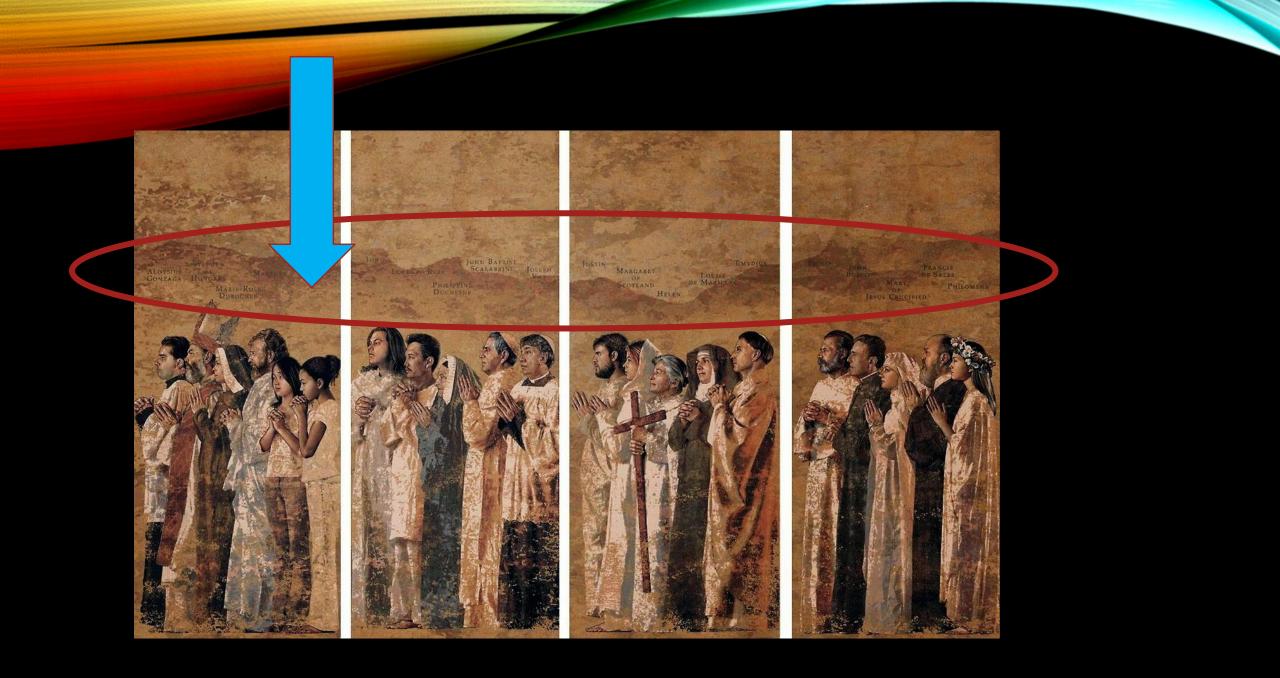
- Saving love of God, through Christ, in the Spirit
- Worldwide Diversity
  - Worldwide engagement
- Intellectual Tradition
  - Sustained reflection with philosophy, arts, sciences
- Depth of Spirituality
- History
  - Saints and Sinners
  - Scandal and Heroism
- Art
- Ethics
  - Worldwide reach (hospitals, schools, charities, refugees, homeless, etc.)
- Works towards unity
- Communion of Saints (across time and space)
  - In our unity of following Christ, we find diversity of holiness.

#### John Nava Tapestries, Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral , Los Angeles









# Global Unity and Diversity

#### St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Aiea, Hawaii











Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary, Philippines

## We know Conflict and Scandal

#### Father Alapaki Kim to discuss racism in Hawaii: a faith response

09/16/2020 BY HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD

### Damien relatives decry N.Y. rep's depiction of Molokai saint

09/02/2020 BY HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez calls Hawaii's choice for Washington's Statuary Hall a white supremacist colonizer



A sculpture of St. Damien of Molokai is seen at the U.S. Capitol in Washington July 6, 2017. The 19thcentury Belgian missionary spent his life ministering to people with Hansen's disease in Hawaii. (CNS photo/Tyler Orsburn)



Father Alapaki Kim (HCH File Photo)

#### MARIANIST LECTURE

### Response to recent news about the scandal of sexual abuse in the Church

08/27/2018 BY HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD

August 24, 2018

#### To the Clergy, Religious, and Parishioners of the Diocese of Honolulu

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Peace be with you!

#### Satan is dancing with great joy! A Cardinal of the

Catholic Church is now a former Cardinal because of credible accusations of abuse of minors and using his power to gain sexual favors from various priests and seminarians — while all the while moving up the "ladder" of the hierarchy in respect and prestige. A Pennsylvania Grand Jury report shocks the nation by putting together sexual abuse claims in six dioceses over 60 years, indicating 1,000 minors who were abused by priests or other Church workers and that some bishops covered up the abuse. Some non-Catholics are wondering why anyone would remain a Catholic, and some Catholics have had their faith shaken to the core, doubting the

### But we also know the Call of the Spirit

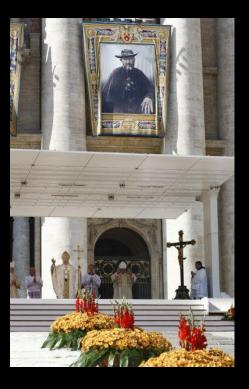


# A Catholic (Universal) Mission



## The Church is Enriched by Hawaii's Saints

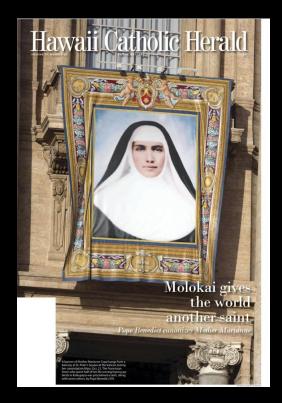
#### St. Damien DeVeuster, SS.CC.



Hula Halau at St. Damien's Canonization in Rome

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St. Marianne Cope, OSF





At a Mass in honor of St. Marianne at St. Francis Basilica



DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS

Pontifical Council for the





# To Introduce the Directory

By way of discussing salient themes and showing development from the 1997 Directory

#### To Engage in Dialogue

By providing an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session, and integrate your concerns in future sessions (Catechesis as a "Laboratory of Dialogue, DC 54)

### To Model Methods

By highlighting the emphasized methods in the Directory. (This will be "theoretical" in nature by providing orientations, and not so much concrete ideas for lessons plans.)

## METHODS



Gospel Proclamation Online Easter Mass 2020



Our Lady of Peace, Honolulu



Painted Church Honaunau, Hawaii.

### Kerygmatic

Proclamation of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ

### Mystagogic

Theological Reflection based on Liturgy

Artistic Via Pulchritudinis

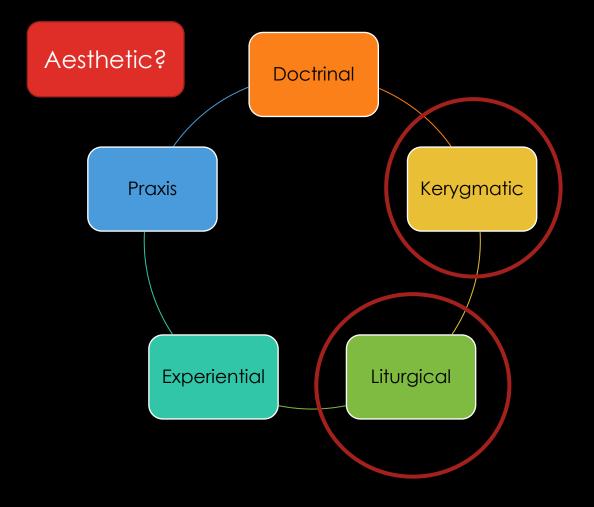


### AVERY CARDINAL DULLES, S.J.

- □ (1918 2008)
- Former Presbyterian, agnostic
- Ordained Jesuit Priest in 1956
- Professor of Theology
- Author of more than 22 books and 700 articles
- Died at Fordham University (New York)

## MODELS OF CATECHESIS

from Evangelization for the Third Millennium (New York: Paulist, 2009)



**Doctrinal:** Emphasis on Magisterial teaching, Scripture, apologetics (Baltimore Catechism)

**<u>Kerygmatic</u>**: Proclamation / Narrative nature of Scripture

**Liturgical:** Mystagogy (the Liturgical event)

**Experiential:** "Religious Education" movement, emphasized people's free choices, based on one's experience

**<u>Praxis:</u>** Emphasized action (movement from the Pedagogy of the Oppressed, Liberation Theologies)

**<u>Aesthetic?</u>**: Knowing through Beauty

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### SECOND EDITION

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# PRELIMINARY: ON THE CATECHISM

Most Recent Edition:

November 2019

No change except a revision of paragraph 2267 promulgated by Pope Francis:

"...the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person', and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide."



#### Catechism of the Catholic Church

### Catechetical Directory

 The summary of the faith
 The "what" of faith

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#### DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS



- 1. The "how" of teaching the faith
- Directory not in terms of "Telephone Directory", but a document that "directs"

<u>Fides Qua</u> -the Faith which believes, the "How of Faith"

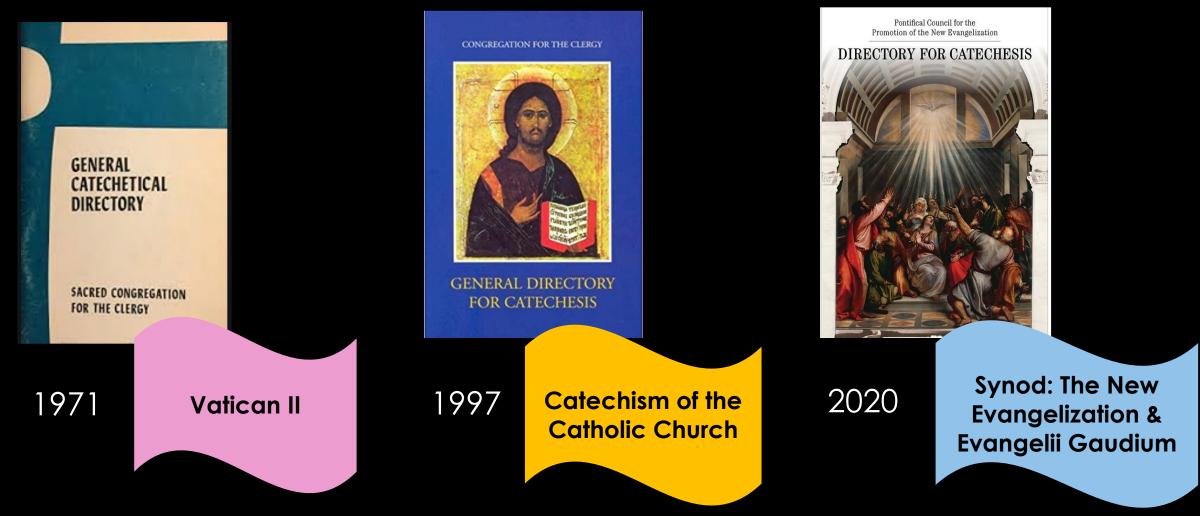
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-the Faith which is believed

-Content, the "What of

faith"

## THREE DIRECTORIES



### EMPHASIS MATTERS

An excerpt from Marlene Davis:

- "The bandage was wound around his wound.
- "The farm was cultivated to produce produce.
- "When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes."
- "I did not object to the object which he showed me."
- "They were too close to the door to close it."

Practically: No change in meaning; but how we emphasize the teaching impacts how the teaching is received.



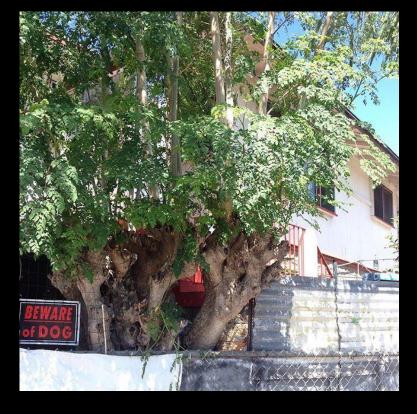
## CHURCH DOCUMENTS

Church documents are an "ecclesial event".

They need to be interpreted pastorally, not just legally.

> Fr. Michael Driscoll Professor Emeritus in Liturgy, University of Notre Dame

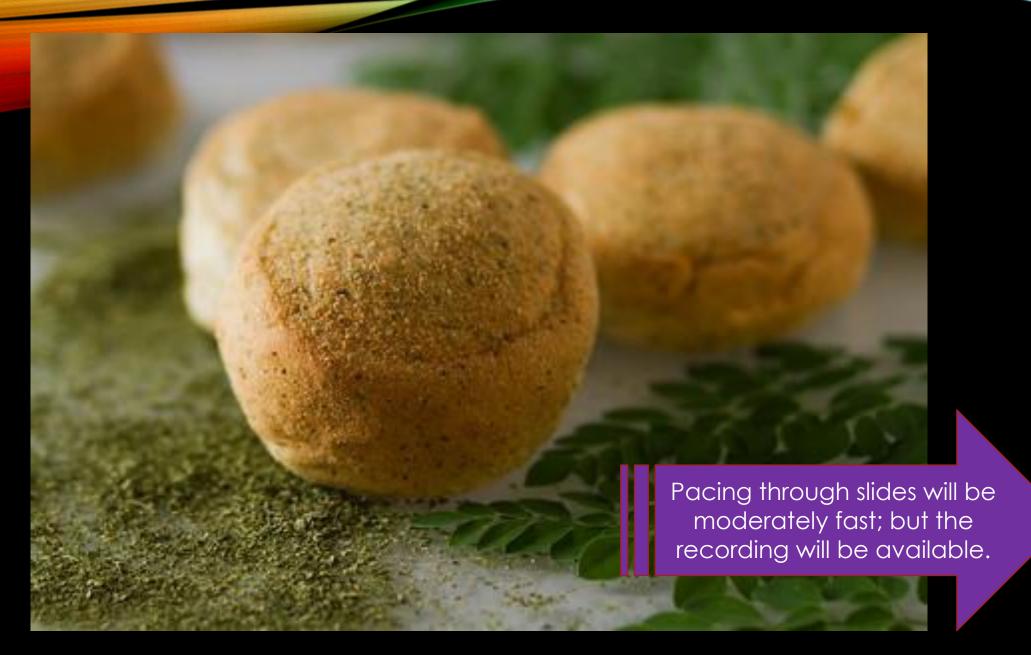
## On Theology and...Marunggay (Moringa)











# PART ONE

Catechesis in the Church's Mission of Evangelization

- 1. Revelation and Its Transmission
- 2. The Identity of Catechists
- 3. The Catechist
- 4. The Formation of Catechists

## SHIFT IN TONE







### 1971 Meeting the World and its Problems

### 1997 Preaching in a Modern World

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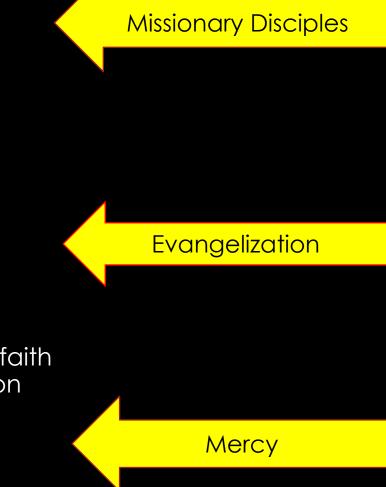
## INTRODUCTION & CHAPTER I

#### Revelation and Its Transmission

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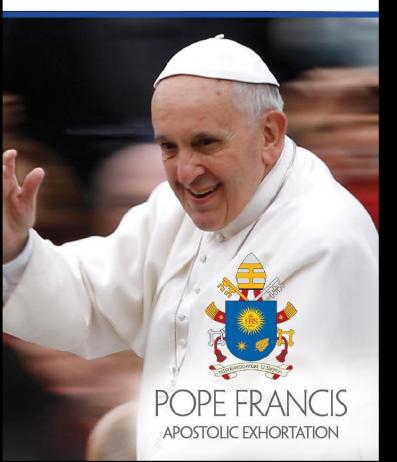
**Missionary Disciples** 

### MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

EG 120: "In virtue of their baptism, all members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19)...

Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather we are "missionary disciples."





Missionary = person sent (by Christ)

Disciple = Those who accepted Jesus' message to follow him (CCC, 767, 787)

Missionary Disciple = Person Grounded in and animated by Christ's call

#### Identity of Catechist:

"Teacher" / "Teaching Assistant" "Sunday School Teacher" "CCD Coordinator" "Director of Religious Ed"

Missionary Disciple?

Published, 2013

## A THOUGHT EXPERIMENT

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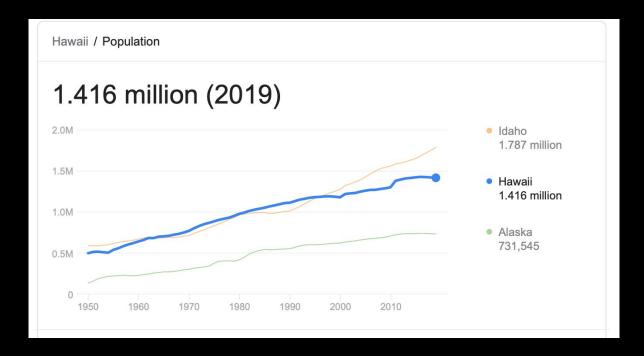
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(assuming no death or changes in a 25 year period)

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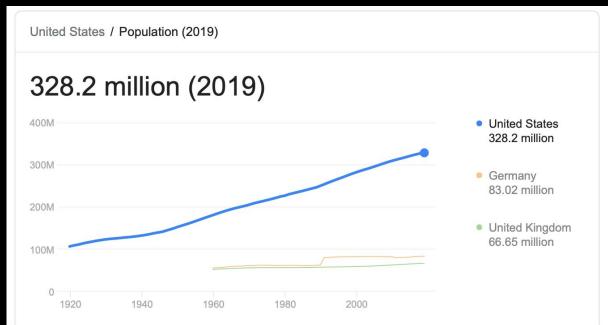
| 11 | 12,288    |
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| 12 | 24,576    |
| 13 | 49,152    |
| 14 | 98,304    |
| 15 | 196,608   |
| 16 | 393,216   |
| 17 | 786,432   |
| 18 | 1,572,864 |
| 19 | 3,145,728 |
| 20 | 6,291,456 |



# A THOUGHT EXPERIMENT

| 21 | 12,582,912  |
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| 22 | 25,165,824  |
| 23 | 50,331,648  |
| 24 | 100,663,296 |
| 25 | 201,326,592 |





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**Evangelization** 

# DEFINING 'EVANGELIZATION'

Catechism of the Catholic Church (905,861): The proclamation of Christ and his Gospel (Greek: evangelion) by word and the testimony of life, in fulfillment of Christ's command.

DC 29: Evangelization is...making present and announcing Jesus Christ.

DC 30: Ultimate aim: Fulfillment of human life

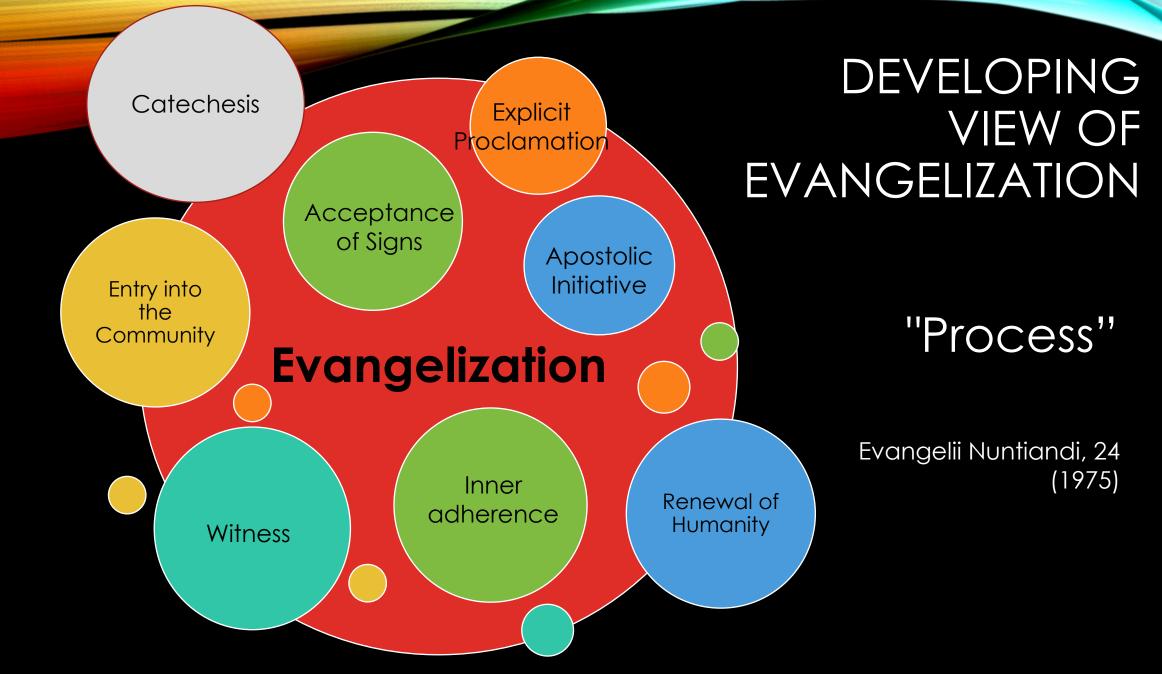
DC 31: An ecclesial process, driven by charity, initiates one into Christian faith and life, includes various stages and moments

# ON EVANGELIZATION (Traditional)

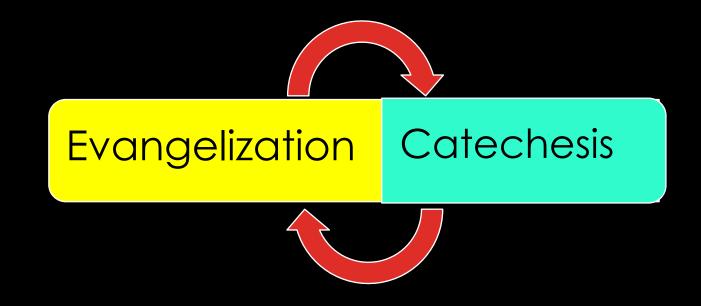
#### Evangelization (GCD, 1971)

Catechesis (Can be during Evangelization)

#### Ongoing Formation



# ARTICULATING THE RELATIONSHIP



DC 48: Catechesis at the service of Evangelization

Dr. James Pauley, Franciscan University, Steubenville: "Evangelizing Catechesis"

# IMPORTANCE

DC 29: Evangelization is not in the first place, the delivery of doctrine; but rather, making present and announcing Jesus Christ.

DC 56: (Catechesis is not) ...A formal proclamation limited to the bare enunciation of the concepts of the faith...[that] would not permit an understanding of the faith itself...

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Catechesis

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Mercy

### WALTER CARDINAL KASPER & MERCY



Evangelii Gaudium, 114: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the gospel. "This book has done me so much good." —Pope Francis

# MERCY

The ESSENCE of the GOSPEL and the KEY to CHRISTIAN LIFE Cardinal Kasper's work on mercy influential on Pope Francis:

Kasper: "Mercy is 'criminally neglected' in the Church...[it] is treated only as one of God's attributes... a 'soft' spirituality or a vapid pastoral concern" (9-10).

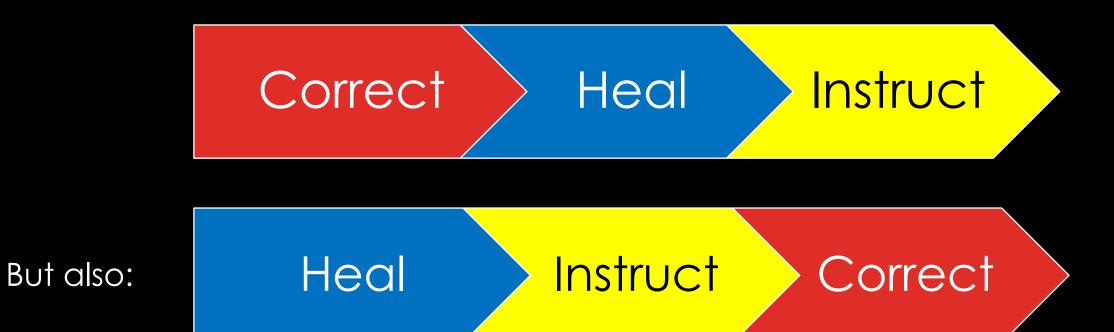
Argues: God's Mercy is the "Source and Goal of God's Activity" (97).

#### WALTER KASPER

DC 51: The essence of the mystery of the Christian faith is mercy...It is the ideal of evangelical life, the true criterion of Faith's credibility...

DC 52: Catechesis, moreover, can be considered a realization of the spiritual work of mercy: "instruct the ignorant."

## EMPHASIS (ORDER) MATTERS



Not mutually exclusive categories, but orientations

### To what extent do we make room for 'Healing' in our teaching?

A Place of Healing

A Place of Rules





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# CHAPTER II

#### The Identity of Catechesis

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#### Kerygma

#### Mystagogy

On Evangelization and the Tasks of Catechesis

On Beauty

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### KERYGMA

#### DC 58: The kerygma...is simultaneously an act of proclamation and the content of the proclamation itself.

#### Content of proclamation:

Central idea: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." Pope Francis (2019): "God loves you; Christ is your savior; he is alive."

Act of Proclamation:

Making explicit

## CLASSIC EXAMPLES OF KERYGMA

## Preaching

Deacon Michael Weaver at St. Stephens



## Teaching

Catechist Lana Vargas, St. Jude, Kapolei

# KERYGMA APPLIED: IN CONVERSATION



#### Gratitude

Someone realizes how generous God is and is now grateful.

Kerygma: "Praise God for His goodness."

#### Sorrow

Someone experiences guilt for sin, wrong action.

Kerygma: "Trust that Christ can guide you through this darkness."

#### Desire for Change

Someone wants to help "make a difference".

Kerygma: "Be attentive to Christ's call to serve as Christ did."

# KERYGMA APPLIED: OTHER SITUATIONS



#### Truth

When people find faith credible.

Kerygma: "Christ is the way, truth and life."

#### Goodness

When people are moved by right and good actions.

Kerygma: "Christ directs our action for greater good—especially when it is hard."

#### Beauty

When people are attracted to beauty beyond themselves.

Kerygma: "All that beauty that we experience is a reflection of God, and what God has done in Christ."

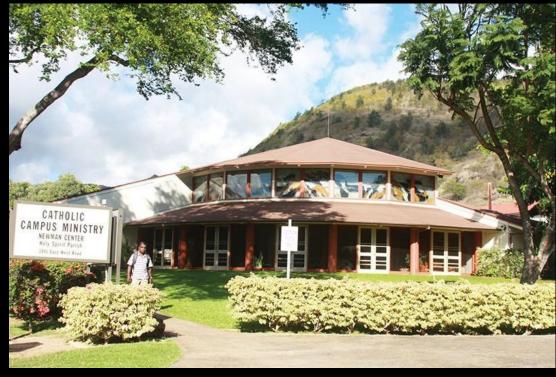
# KERYGMA APPLIED | An example



#### Damien Memorial School, c/o '94 Go Monarchs!

With Cleo and Robert Eubanks after my first mass, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, 2013.





Newman Center, UH Manoa

Don't forget to ask Jesus to help you.

Science can help you understand God better.

Effect of the Kerygma: Better appreciation for God's love for me and the world.

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Mystagogy

## DEFINING "MYSTAGOGY"

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) "Period of Post-Baptismal Catechesis" (no. 244)

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC):

"Liturgical Catechesis aims to initiate people into the mystery of Christ (It is mystagogy.) by proceeding from the visible to the invisible, from the sign to the thing signified, from the 'sacraments' to the 'mysteries'" (no. 1075). Critique: Mystagogy is more than 50 days after Easter, and not just limited to the newly baptized.

Critique: Mystagogy is not just the role of leader, but also the experience of neophytes and the baptized.

## DEFINING "MYSTAGOGY"

"Mystagogy is a form of theological reflection integral to and born of the liturgical event itself."

-Condensed working definition from A Commentary on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2011, pg. 83)

For an expanded theological definition see pg. 100



Sr. Mary Collins, OSB

Fr. Edward Foley, Capuchin

# MYSTAGOGY | Traditionally Draws from / applied to Easter







#### MYSTAGOGY Fuller Understanding comes from the Experience of Liturgical Events



Hearing God's Mercy in Confession



Anointing the Sick



Smell of

Incense



Celebrating Weddings

Listening and Applying the Homily



Mourning and Celebrating the Life in Funerals



Walking in Procession

### MYSTAGOGY All aspects of liturgical experience is catechesis

Praying Psalms at the Benedictine Monastery, Wailua

Dancing Hula, **K** St. Augustine, Waikiki



Kneeling at Prayer, Blessed Sacrament, Honolulu

Praising through Music St. Theresa, Kalihi Praying for the dead, St. Joseph, Makawao

Blessing Graduates, St. Raphael, Kauai

#### MYSTAGOGY Liturgical experience can shape & sustain



Taize Prayer, Newman Center



St. Anthony, Kalihi, Santo Niño Blessing Diocese of Honolulu Webingr 1 Renewing Vows, St. Joseph, Hilo



Blessing of the New Altar, St. Damien, Molokai



First Communion, Maria Lanakila, Maui



Stations of the Cross, St. Rita, Nanakuli

Preparing the Advent wreath for worship, Sacred Hearts, Lanai City





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On Evangelization and the Tasks of Catechesis

# SHIFT: TASKS OF CATECHESIS

#### 1997 (6 Tasks)

- 1. Promoting Knowledge of Faith
- 2. Liturgical Education
- 3. Moral Formation
- 4. Teaching Prayer
- 5. Education for Community Life
- 6. Missionary Initiation

#### 2020 (5 Tasks)

- 1. Knowledge of Faith
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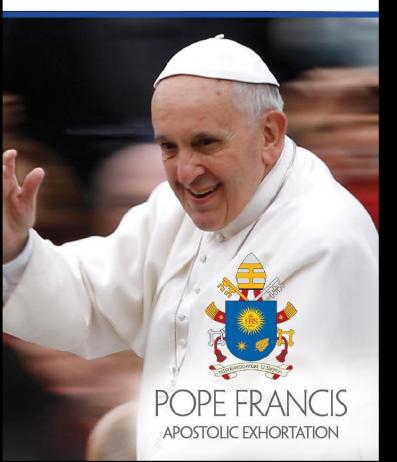
Integration of "Missionary Disciples" into all aspects

#### MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

EG 120: "In virtue of their baptism, all members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19)...

Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather we are "missionary disciples."





Missionary = person sent (by Christ)

Disciple = Those who accepted Jesus' message to follow him (CCC, 767, 787)

Missionary Disciple = Person Grounded in and animated by Christ's call

#### Identity of Catechist:

"Teacher" / "Teaching Assistant" "Sunday School Teacher" "CCD Coordinator" "Director of Religious Ed"

Missionary Disciple?

Published, 2013

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Via Pulchritudinis

On Beauty

## BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Director of the "Word on Fire" Institute

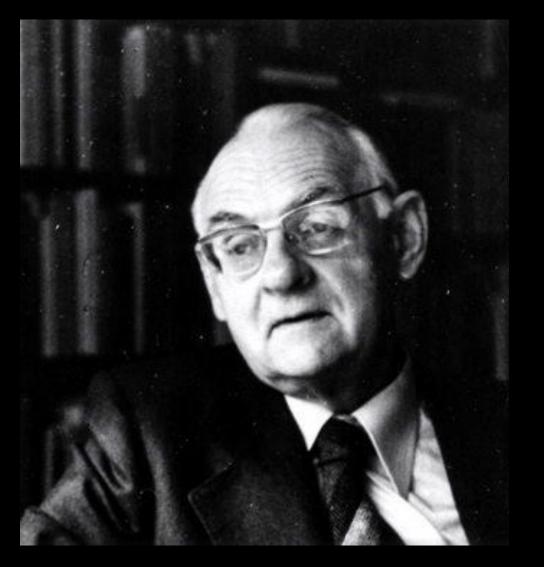


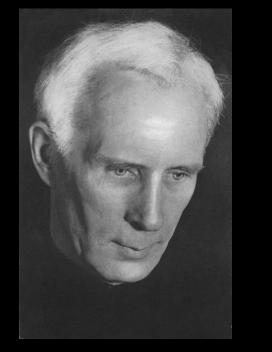
At the Red Mass, Diocese of Honolulu, 2017

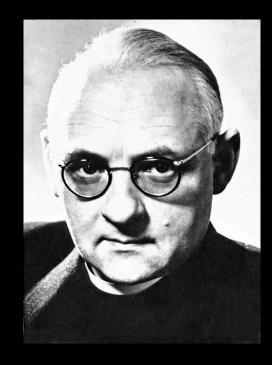
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#### 1905-1988 | Swiss Theologian

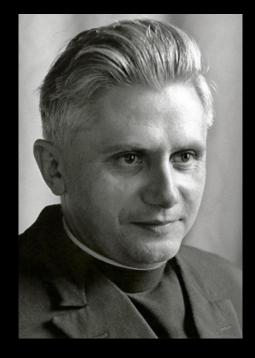
- Trained in German humanities and music; Joined the Jesuits after initial studies
- Bored with traditional approaches to theology; but developed interest with Henri de Lubac, S.J., later Cardinal
- Befriended Adrienne von Speyr, a mystic, and became a secular priest; and founded Community of St. John
- Not involved with Vatican II, but increasingly grew in importance theologically
- Rejected offers to become Cardinal by John Paul II, but when agrees, dies days before elevation











Henri de Lubac, S.J.

#### Hans Urs von Balthasar

Karol Wojtyla

Joseph Ratzinger

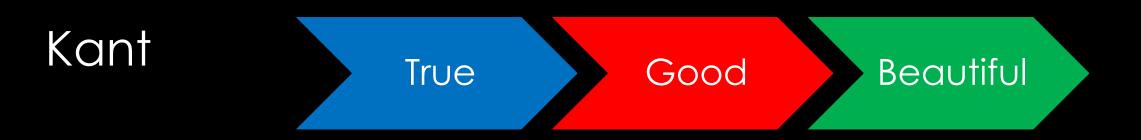
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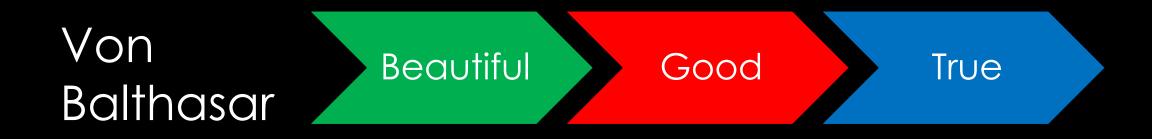
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Christ as Reconciler
Begin with Beauty

-seizes you -changes you -calls you -sends you







## Criteria for Beauty

St. Thomas Aquinas

Integritas (Wholeness)

Consonancia (Harmony) Claritas (Radiance)



# Arvo Pärt b. 1935

Estonian, Orthodox

 Recent recipient of the Ratzinger prize for Theology ("Nobel Prize" for Theology)

Most performed living composer,
8 consecutive years in a row (2011-2018)

Now 2<sup>nd</sup> to John Williams (Star Wars) in 2019





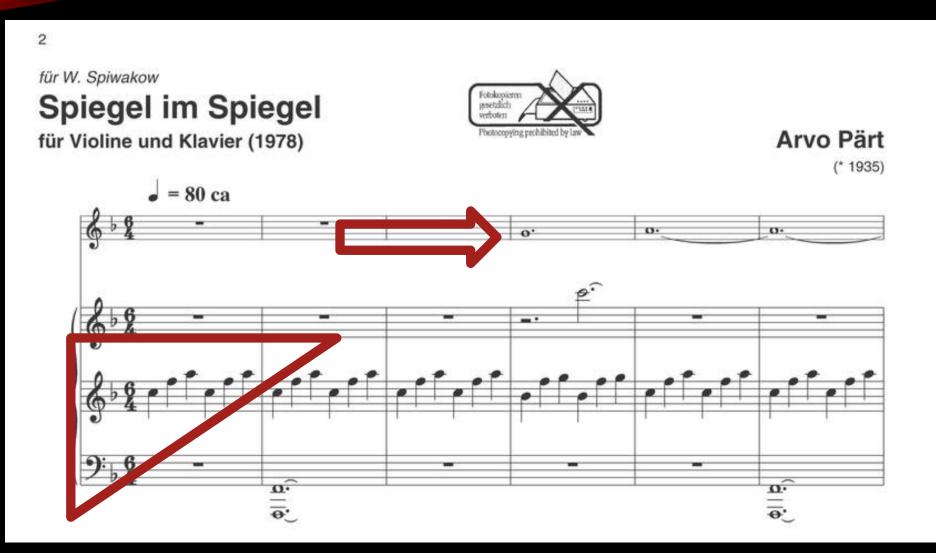
#### Receiving the Ratzinger Prize, November 2017

### Tintinnabuli

- "Little Bells" style of composing
- Characteristic after 1976, after a period of intense spiritual dryness
- "Spiegel im Spiegel" ("Mirror in Mirror")
  - Simple, but not minimalist
  - Mathematical
  - Used in dozens of film and TV soundtracks



### PÄRT'S "SPIEGEL IM SPIEGEL"



### Prayer & Reflection

 Imagine the Lord speaking to you through the 3 notes. (Piano represents God.)

Imagine yourself as the cello How does God invite you to work with Him as His catechist? Speak to the Lord about this, as you would a dear friend.

### Small Group Sharing

- Share how this time of prayer went for you.
- What might the Lord be asking you to be attentive to at this time?

### Welcome Back.

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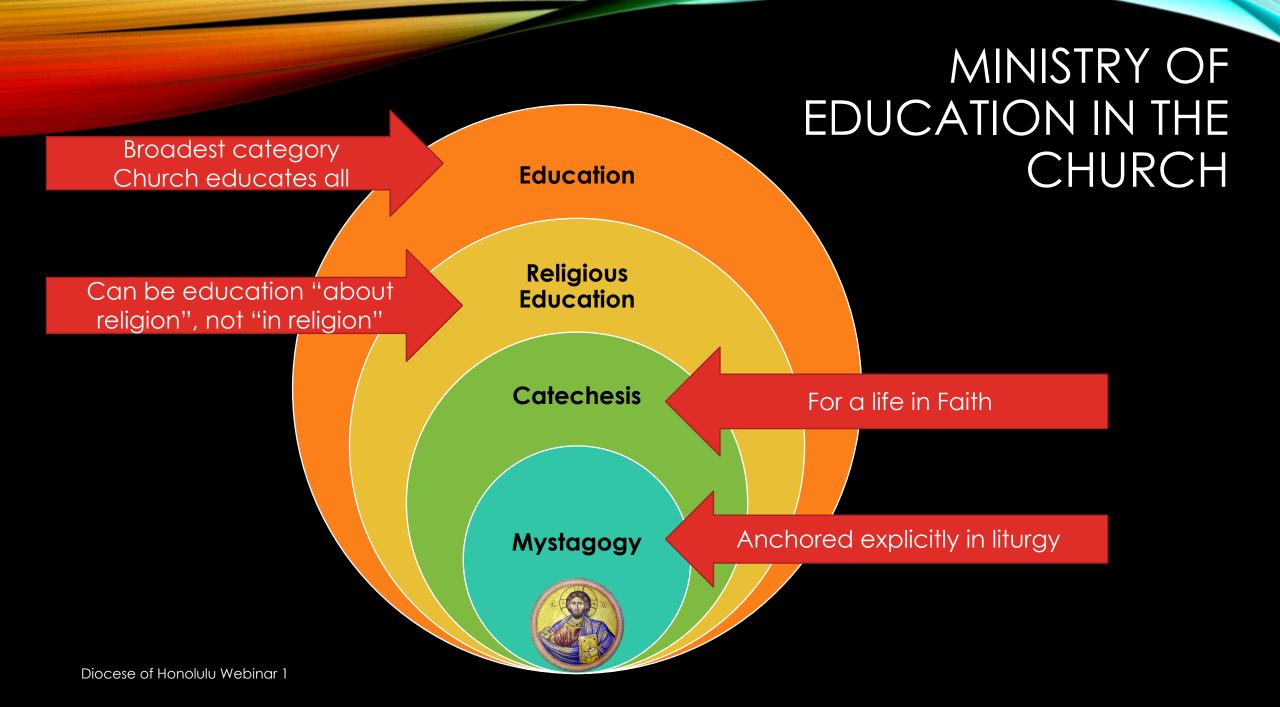
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Identity and Vocation

### DEFINITION OF CATECHIST

DC 113: "By virtue of faith and baptismal anointing, in collaboration with Magisterium of Christ and as a servant of the action of the Holy Spirit, the catechist is:

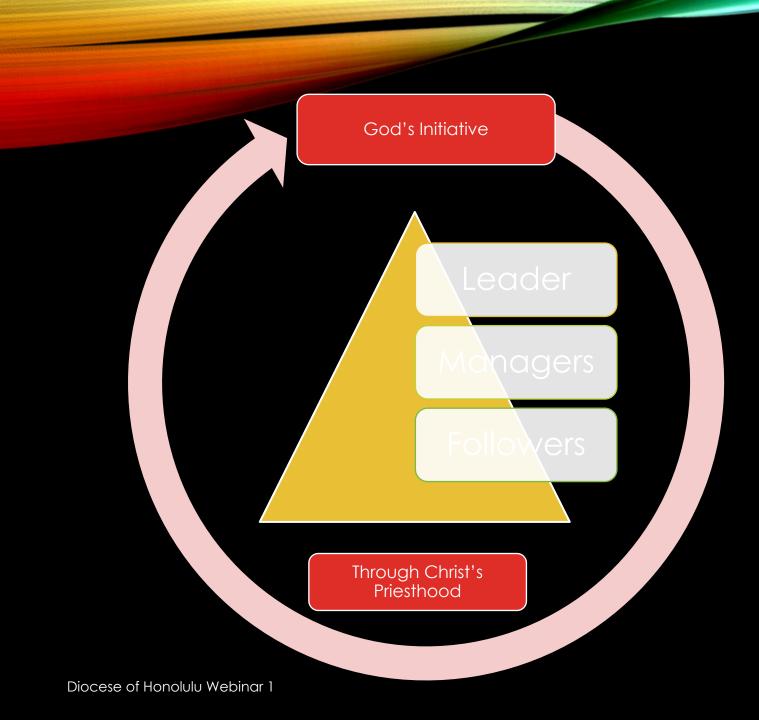
- A witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God...
- A teacher and a mystagogue who introduces others to the mystery of God...
- An accompanier and educator of those who are entrusted to him/her by the Church...



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On Hierarchy



### HIERARCHY

Dr. David Fagerberg Liturgy, Notre Dame

"Hier" = Sacred/Priestly

"Archy" = Power

"Hierarchy" reflects the initiative of the Trinity and Christ's priesthood

Fr. Louis Boyer, Oratorian: "The hierarchy, in the original meaning of the word, are not the Church's ministers, considered statically, but the Divine Life's means of communication and circulation in the whole body."

Therefore, we participate in the ONE priesthood of Christ. We all have a part to play in the "Body of Christ".

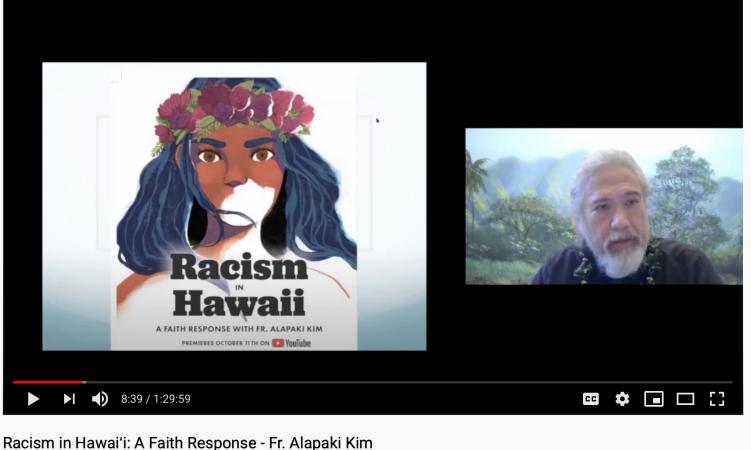
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Other Catechists

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### ROLE OF GRANDPARENTS

#### Fr. Alapaki Kim, Pastor, St. Rita's, Nanakuli

Mackey Lecture, On Racism in Hawaii Chaminade University



### Formation and Priestly Call

### (through Funerals)

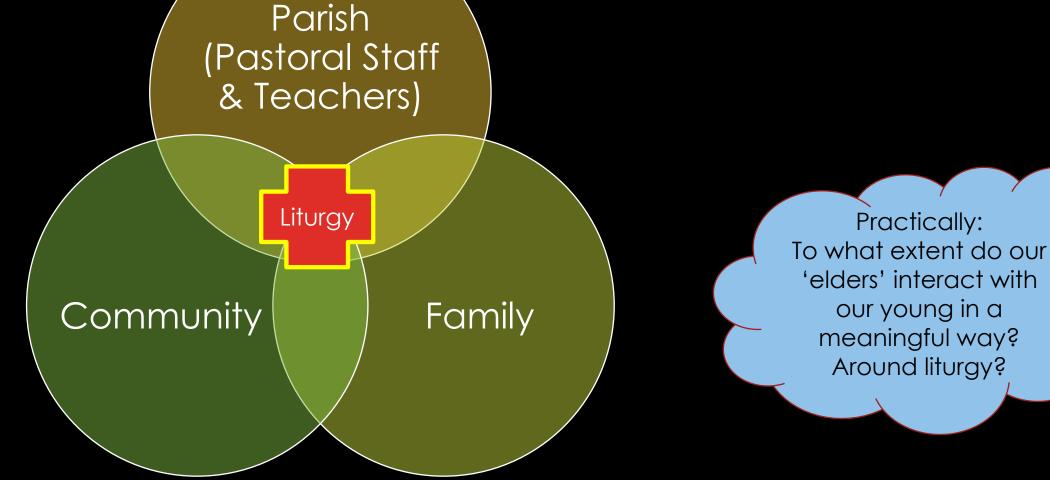


Fr. Daniel McNichol, former pastor, providing testimony for the 2<sup>nd</sup> miracle for Damien's canonization

St. Elizabeth Parish and School, Aiea



### COMMUNITY OF CATECHISTS



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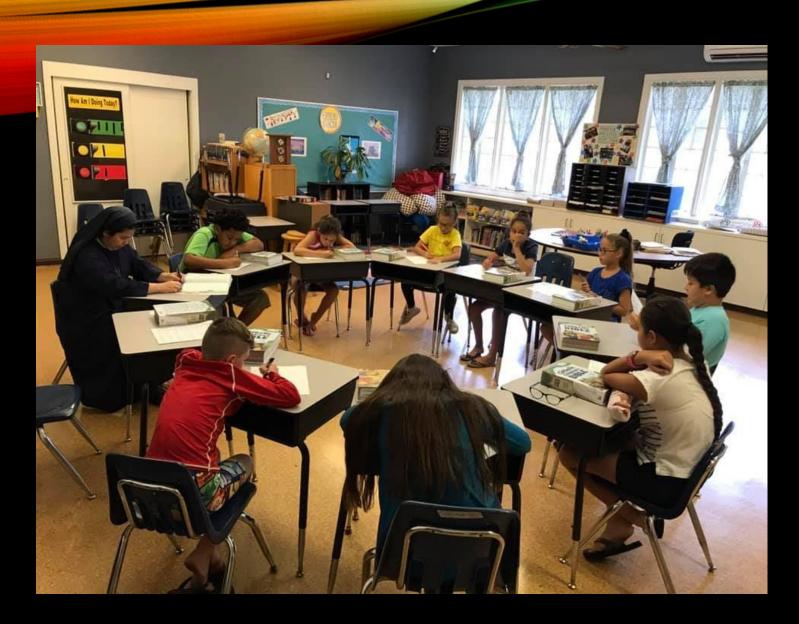
### CATECHETICAL FORMATION

DC 131: Formation is an ongoing process that, under the guidance of the Spirit and in the living womb of the Christian community, helps the baptized person to take shape, which means unveiling his/her deepest identity which is that of being a [child] of God in a profound communion with [others]. The work of formation acts as a transformation of a person, who internalizes the evangelical message existentially and in such a way that it may be light and guidance for his/her ecclesial life and mission...

**Biblical Foundation** 

Kenosis "Self-emptying" (Phil 2:7)

Metanoia "Conversion" (Mk 1; Matt 27:3)



Maria Lanakila Parish, Maui







DC 148: "Savoir-faire" (Practical "know how")

"The catechist, recognizing that his/her hearer is an active participant in whom the grace of God is dynamically at work, will present him/herself as a respectful facilitator of an experience of faith of which he/she is not in charge."

Practically: Virtue of Prudence = right thing, right time, right amount

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On Community

### COMMUNITY / GROUP OF CATECHISTS AS FORMATION

DC 133: The Christian Community is the origin, locus and goal of catechesis.

DC 134: In the setting of the community a particular role belongs to the group of catechists: in the journey of faith and pastoral experience are shared together with the priests; the identity of the catechist matures and the evangelization becomes ever better known...the group of catechists is the real context in which each one can be continually evangelized and remain open to new formative contributions.

Practically: 1. To what extent do I collaborate with other catechists? 2. To what extent do I / can I share this work with others in the parish? Diocese of Honolulu Webinar 1

### REPETITIO EST MATER STUDIORUM

#### "Repetition is the Mother of Learning" (zeal)

### REPETITIO

- The Catechism summarizes the content of faith; the Catechetical Directory guides how the Catechism should be taught in our time.
- Pope Francis's "Missionary Disciple" expands the identity of the catechist from a "religion teacher" to an "evangelist".
- The kerygma anchors teaching in the explicit proclamation of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection in a person's life.
- Catechesis is <u>Mystagogic Initiation</u> to the extent that we are intentional about reflecting on the liturgical experience and connecting that experience to real life.
- The virtue, Mercy, allows the catechist to adapt a 'healing mode' if needed.
- The Church's recovery of the Via Pulchritudinis (or the Way of Beauty), is a privileged way for God to capture, seize, and shape our lives for a life of Truth and Goodness.

### Faith Seeking Understanding

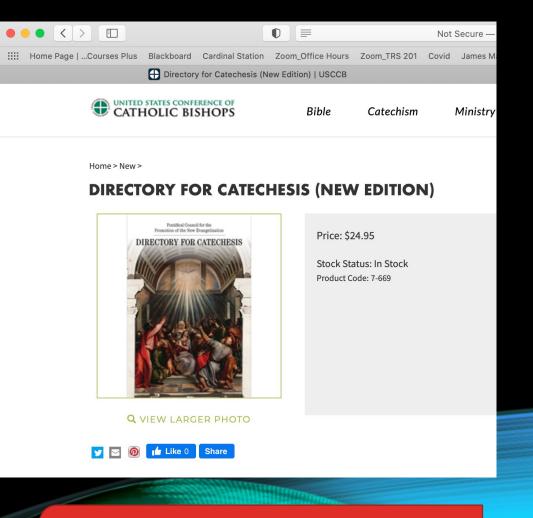
Secular Approach: We understand, then we can believe. Church's Approach: We believe, then we can understand.

# Q&A

#### Please feel free to text your questions

## MAHALO!

- Second Session (Chapters 5-8): Thursday, October 29 (9:30 – 11:00)
- Session Three (Chapters 9-12): Thursday, November 12 (9:30 – 11:00)
- Additional Questions:
- Please email Fr. Phillip Ganir, S.J. at the Catholic University of America: <u>ganirp@cua.edu</u>
- Your questions and comments will help shape the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sessions.



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