

Catechesis

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An open book is the central focus. The left page features a colorful illustration of Jesus with a staff, surrounded by sheep in a field of yellow flowers. The right page contains text from a religious document. The background consists of blue and white rays emanating from the top, with small white crosses scattered throughout.

Proclamation of the **WORD**

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Sunday

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Prayer for Catechists

Jesus, you told us that laborers for the vineyard would be few and that we should pray to the Lord of the Harvest in the hope that many might respond. You have answered our prayers by sending us catechists for your vineyard.

Bless these men and women who have responded to your call to the ministry of catechesis. May they be filled with zeal for your Church, with care for those they catechize, and with love for your Word of Life. Let your Spirit come upon them so that your Word may echo through their teaching and through the witness of their lives. Through our catechists, may the members of our parish whom they teach be transformed into witnesses to your Word. And may these catechists receive the blessing your Son promised to all who labor in your vineyard.

We pray to you, gracious Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus, the Word of Life, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit who transforms us by that Word, one God, forever and ever. Amen.