Sample Parish Bulletin Campaign

Note the progression each week: from catching parishioners' attention, to making them wonder about the celebration, to providing an actual idea of what it is about. If you celebrate Catechetical Sunday on an alternate weekend, adjust the dates accordingly. Be sure to use the Catechetical Sunday banner and other artwork to enhance your promotional efforts.

To get the message out to as many as possible, we will also be posting teaser messages on the Conference pages for Twitter and Facebook starting in May. Feel free to access those for more ideas to encourage the faithful, especially catechists and teachers, to use the Catechetical Sunday materials throughout 2012-2013. Encourage the faithful to go to the Catechetical Sunday Web site and read the entire articles on the New Evangelization.

WEEKEND 1: AUGUST 11-12

WEEKEND 5: September 8-9

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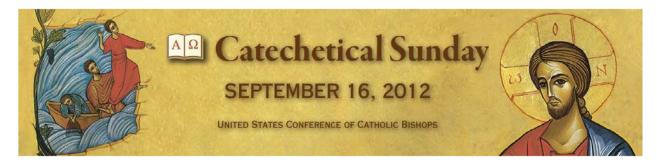
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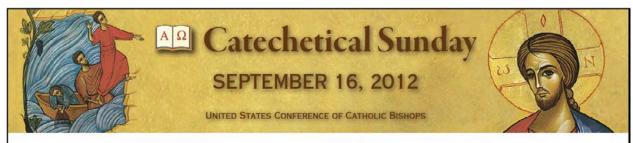
To learn more about how catechists, teachers and all the baptized are called to be evangelists, go to the USCCB Web site

www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday/

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2012

2012 Catechetical Sunday Banner





Catechists and Teachers AS AGENTS OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

"The New Evangelization is primarily the clear and unequivocal proclamation of the person of Jesus Christ, that is, the preaching of his name, his teaching, his life, his promises and the Kingdom which he has gained for us by his Paschal Mystery. It involves the active participation of every Christian in the proclamation and demonstration that the Christian faith is the only fully valid response to the problems and hopes that life poses to every person and society."

National Directory for Catechesis, no. 17 A

WEEKENDS 3& 4: AUGUST 25-26, SEPTEMBER 1-2

This week and next, ask catechists and teachers to write "sound bites" about their experiences of evangelization. Include people working at various age levels of your programs. Limit this to one ad each week. Keep the quotes short and compelling. If your catechists submit a lot of comments, consider continuing to include their comments in the bulletin following Catechetical Sunday. Here is an example.

In the Spotlight:

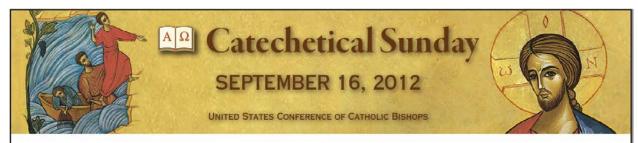
High School Retreat Program

"In my work I have seen adults moved to tears through the witness of teenagers on how their relationship with Jesus helped them through a very difficult patch in their lives."

Catechetical Sunday September 15-16, 2012



In the Spotlight:



This weekend, parishes across the country will honor those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. Here at [name of parish] the following catechists and teachers will be commissioned to share the faith of the Church with the adults, families, youth, and children of the parish and school this year:

[list names of catechists & teachers]

Thank you all for showing us how to live our faith! Be sure to remember to pray for them throughout the year.