

Choosing the Right Catechetical Program for Your School or Parish

Form D: Program Summary

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Directions: In the columns next to each statement below, enter the scores from Form C made by each reviewer. Then total each line across and divide by the number of reviewers. For example, if you have four reviewers who have examined the materials by reviewing the following grade levels – Reviewer #101 (Grade K); Reviewer #202 (Grades 1&2); Reviewer #302 (Grades 3&4); Reviewer #402 (Grades 5 & 6), the beginning of your program summary would be:

	Reviewer #	1	2	3	4														Total/Ave.	
General Overview: Program	Grade Level	K	1&2	3&4	5&6															
1. Presents the truths of the Catholic faith in a balanced way.		3	3	2	3															11/4 = 2.75

Sample

	Reviewer #																			Total/Ave.
General Overview: Program	Grade Level																			
1. Presents the truths of the Catholic faith in a balanced way.																				
2. Integrates Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer throughout program's themes.																				
3. Emphasizes worship and prayer in the life of the Church.																				
4. Integrates Catholic social teaching for promoting justice and living the faith.																				
5. Presents ecumenical and interfaith views in a respectful and authentic manner.																				
6. Emphasizes the role of family as primary educator of the children.																				
7. Helps the learner understand the Catholic faith.																				
8. Aims towards leading the learner to experience conversion of heart.																				
9. Is appropriate for the age of the learner.																				
10. Deepens faith concepts according to learner's age and capacity for understanding.																				
11. Prepares learner to proclaim the Catholic faith to others.																				
12. Allows for adaptation to unique socio-cultural-economic realities.																				
13. Unifies school and parish religious education.																				
14. Developers of the program represent credible expertise, experience, and wisdom.																				
15. Scope and sequence evidences Scripture and Tradition as sources.																				
16. Curriculum is a spiraling and thematic model providing reinforcement and deepening of central truths.																				
Total Points (Average)																				

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Teacher/Catechist Guide	Grade Level																		
1. Provides ongoing education and formation for the catechist.																			
2. Offers psychological insights for the age of the learner.																			
3. Includes a well-developed scope and sequence chart.																			
4. Uses a consistent, clear catechetical process.																			
5. States clear objectives and outcomes for each lesson.																			
6. Incorporates application of Catholic social teaching.																			
7. Includes the student text in the teacher's guide.																			
8. Includes components for family involvement.																			
9. Is designed in an easy-to-follow and easy-to-use manner.																			
10. Suggests a variety of methods and strategies for the lessons.																			
11. Provides guidance for catechist to engage with the children in prayer.																			
12. Includes a variety of prayer forms.																			
13. Provides learning experiences for gifted students.																			
14. Suggests techniques for responding to individuals with special needs.																			
15. Includes multiple intelligence learning experiences.																			
16. Includes memorization of key doctrine and prayers.																			
17. Includes suggestions for service activities.																			
18. Includes various suggestions for evaluation and assessment.																			
19. Integrates music in prayer.																			
Total Points (Average)																			

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Student Text	Grade Level																		
1. Clearly highlights the most important content of the lesson.																			
2. Uses a consistent, simple catechetical process.																			
3. Develops an understanding and use of a vocabulary of faith.																			
4. Uses and teaches Scripture appropriately.																			
5. Engages learner in prayer and worship.																			
6. Integrates life experience of the learners.																			
7. Uses age-appropriate language.																			
8. Includes components for family involvement.																			
9. Promotes inculturation.																			
10. Avoids racism, sexism, and other forms of discrimination.																			
11. Represents other religious traditions fairly.																			
12. Provides means for reinforcement of the lesson.																			
13. Uses photos, contemporary and classic art that are sensitive to age and culture.																			
14. Is appealing in design, color, and layout.																			
15. Offers review and assessments for each chapter.																			
16. Reviews important faith concepts of the previous grades.																			
Total Points (Average)																			