

CATECHESIS –ECHOES OF FAITH



Welcome

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And proclaim the good news
to the whole of creation”
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Session Outline

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1. Information Evening (23 Oct)

- Overview of Catechesis
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- 8pm - 8.15pm
 - Opening and Welcome
- 8.15pm - 8.45pm
 - Passage Reflection and Personal Review
- 8.45pm - 9.15pm
 - Sharing and Opportunities
- 9.15pm - 9.30pm
 - Q&A and Closing Prayer

Hymn - Here I Am Lord



I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them. Whom shall I send?



**Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord, if you need me
I will hold your people in my heart**

I the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Getting To Know You



Name, Background,
Why you chose
the sign up

Called To Share



- Serving as a Catechist is one of the most important ministries in the church as you are called to share your faith and knowledge with others.
- The word “catechesis” comes from a Greek word that means “to echo” or “hand-down what has been received”.
- A Catechist is therefore called to continue growing in faith and sowing the seeds by proclaiming through voice and action- the Word of God.

Called to Give



- Gift of Faith
- Gift of Prayer and Ritual
- Gift of Community
- Gift of Self



6 Tasks of Catechesis



- *Promoting the knowledge of our faith*
- *Moral formation*
- *Teaching others to pray*
- *Liturgical education*
- *Educating for community life*
- *Missionary initiation*



St Ignatius Faith Formation

(Overview of Catechesis in St Ignatius)



- **Leading Little Ones to God** -*Sunday mornings for Pre-schoolers*
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** – Primary 1 and 2 (montesorri based)
- **Weekend Catechism Classes**
 - *Saturday and Sunday for children in local school system with term beginning in January*
- **Weekday Catechism Classes (CCD)**
 - *Tuesday and Thursday for children in international school system with term beginning in September*
- **Secondary 1-3 and Confirmation Camps**
- **Secondary 4s (post-Conf) and Pre-U sessions/ Youth Ministries**
- **Special Classes for those who miss Sacraments of initiation**
- **Special Needs Class (Sat)**

Weekend Program

Interested to be a Catechist?



- Thanks for expressing interest to serve. This ppt covers some basic info. Feel free to contact me (Lesley at 81339422 or email lessgd@yahoo.com.sg) for more info. God Bless

- OUTLINE

- PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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- STRUCTURE IN ST IGNATIUS WEEKEND PROGRAM

- VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- TEACHING ROLE

- CO-ORDINATING ROLE

- RESOURCE ROLE

- COMMITMENT REQUIRED



Weekend Catechism Overview



- **Weekend Catechism Classes (Jan-Nov)**
Saturday and Sunday for children in local school system

Primary Levels

Call to Faith Program (for Primary levels)

Sat (4.30-5.30pm) and Sun (9.45 – 10.45am)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

(CGS Program for Primary 1 & 2) – Sat only

First Holy Communion in Oct at Pri 2



Weekend Catechism Overview



Secondary Levels

Modular approach – Call To Faith (7& 8) & Confirmed in Faithful Community, Zanzig

Sat (4.00pm-5.30pm) and Sun (9.45am – 11.15am)

Confirmation Camps in June for Sec 2 and 3 (3 days, 2 night live in)

Confirmation in Oct at Sec 3 level

Post Confirmation Program (Sec 4s and Pre-U) - Sat

Special Classes for those who miss Sacraments of initiation
– Primary / Secondary (Sun only)

Class for children with special needs – Sat only



Weekend Resources



Who We Are

- Over 600 children and teenagers
- 34 primary catechists, and 19 secondary catechists, 4 special class catechists, 2 AV coordinators, 5 coordinators, 8 reliefs

Spiritual Directors

Fr Heng (Br Greg)

Co-ordinating Team/s

To provide planning, admin, co-ordination, logistics, AV and resource support to the overall Weekend Program

Catechists (All levels)

To nurture and develop faith formation in our children and youth that complements the efforts of parents and our wider catholic community

Personal Spirituality Development Sub-Comm

*To explore and provide opportunities to nurture the spiritual growth of Catechists/Co-ordinators
Eg: On-line Weekly Catechists Growth Theme, Retreats, Prayer Sessions*

Professional Development Sub-Comm

To identify, plan and hold learning opportunities for the professional development of Catechists Eg. Talks/Seminars, promotion of SPI offerings, compilation of training resources or aids

Social and Community Sub-Comm

To plan, organize or leverage parish events to help nurture team bonding and friendships as a whole

Opportunities to Serve



Teaching Role

- Catechist / Assistant Catechists/Relief team

Co-ordinating Role

- General
- By level

Resource Role

- AV Facilitator
- Facilitators

Teaching Role



- Catechist/Assistant Catechist
 - Commitment to share and journey
 - Planning and Preparation
 - Knowledge and Creative Delivery
 - Class Management
 - Class Administration
 - Parent Communication
 - Project Co-ord.



Co-ordinating Role



- General

- Oversee the whole program
- Planning and Scheduling
- Recruitment and Training
- Logistics and Event Support
(*eg. Mass, Confessions/Registration exercise*)
- Communications
- Material preparation/ stationery (*eg. Photocopying/dissemination*)
- Facilities bookings (*eg. Rooms*)
- General support to teachers



Co-ordinating Role (Levels)



- **Primary & Secondary**

- Program Review (by level)
- Lesson Planning Guidance
- Upkeep and Improvement of resources
- Compilation of materials/seasonal/thematic
- Active promotion of supporting events eg. rituals, camps, service projects, parents meetings etc



Resource Role



- **Audio Visual**

- AV Material review/safekeeping
- Annual Schedule of appropriate AV shows by level
- Booking/Set-up of shows as per schedule
- Value adding eg. Articles, quiz

- **FACILITATORS**

- Journey with Secondary Level
- Facilitation of discussions/service projects
- Facilitation at all camps and events



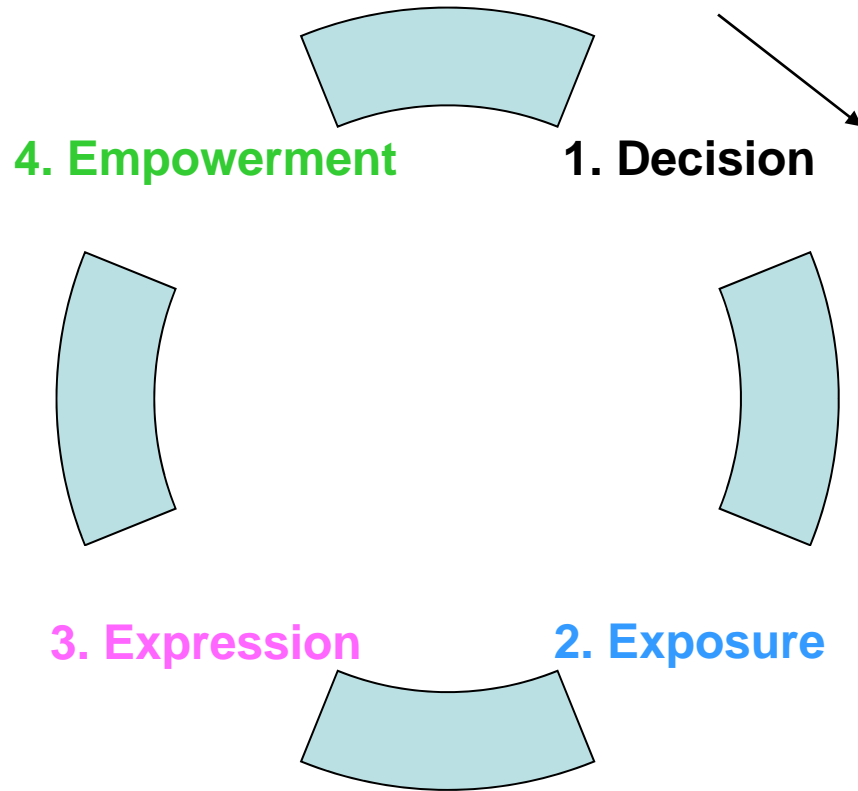


Commitment/Benefits

- **4P's** : Presence, Preparation, Punctuality and Practices
- On-going Personal Spiritual/Training **Development**
- **Active Ministry Support** (commissioning, quarterly meetings, retreats, training sessions, events and social events)

Growth
Friendship
Sense of Belonging

Newcomers Potential Journey



Q&A
Closing

Moving Ahead



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