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hat is catechesis? What is a catechist?

Quite simply they are words of Greek origin that mean 'to instruct'. If, however, we want a deeper meaning, a more Catholic Christian understanding, then a Catechist is someone who passes on information about God in Christianity, one who tries to help the person being catechised grow in an ever closer relationship with Jesus.

Who can be a Catechist?

Anyone who has received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) and has the desire to deepen the faith of others can be a Catechist.



An invitation

In May we start to plan the catechesis for Confirmation of all the children in years 8, 9 and 10 of our Catholic Secondary schools, as well as those who attend other schools.

If you would like to be involved in this process, or know of someone who would and if you fulfil the requirements above, are willing to give up some time to be with the young people of our parish and are ready to be energized by their creativity then please get in touch.

You do not have to have had experience working with young people at any specialist level and you will be provided with the materials needed.

Parents '...will be the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they also be the best of teachers bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do...' (Rite of Baptism)

With this in mind, all parents are called to be catechists and play a pivotal role in the education in faith of our children.

The Family Catechesis training programme was launched in June 2011 and is open to all who wish to deepen their understanding about passing on their faith to their children.

There are four dates in May to choose from across the Archdiocese. The training is delivered in one session and focuses on Confirmation and Holy Communion:

Monday 14th May at Holy Rosary, Aintree 7-9.30pm
Tuesday 15th May at St. Raphael's, Widnes 7-9.30pm
Wednesday 16th May at St. Joseph's, Chorley 7-9.30pm
Saturday 19th May at LACE 10am-1.00pm

Visit the Archdiocesan website www.withyoualways.org.uk to read more about the catechesis programmes

Liverpool Archdiocesan Centre for Evangelisation (LACE) has agreed to provide their 'Being A Catechist' course for those interested within the parish. It covers the basics of ALL catechesis work. The intention is to deliver this course at Bishop Eton or LACE. It will take place on:

Wednesday 12, 19 & 26 September 7.00pm-9.15pm & Sunday 7 October 1.30-4.30pm

For more information on any of the above or if you would like to be a catechist then please email your details to ourladysparish.bishopeton@btconnect.com or leave a message at the parish office on 0151 737 4110.