



“... to be a catechist is a vocation of service in the church; what has been received as a gift from God must in turn be transmitted.”

Pope Francis

SCRIPTURE
of the DAY

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
Psalm 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17
Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11
Luke 12: 13-21

If you think of catechesis as what happens in catechism classrooms once a week, you are certainly not alone. You may even wonder, with all that is going on in the church and society today, whether there is any meaning to catechesis, or any other endeavor. Like the author of the first reading today, you may think with despair: ‘All is vanity!’

Yet, Jesus does not cease to invite us to look beyond the surface of our earthly lives; calling us to live, not for momentary earthly gain, but for eternal treasures. In the second reading, Paul echoes to the Colossians: “Look not for things that belong only to earthly life, but for things that are in heaven, where Christ is!”

In a way, this is what catechesis is about. Like Paul, each baptized individual has a duty to echo the call of Christ, to pass on the treasures we have found in Him who is the source of everlasting wealth. **It is our responsibility, having known the love of God, to be generous in our efforts to share our faith with others who are in need of the hope we have received.**

Hence, Catechetical Sunday, and the coming weeks of August, are an opportunity for us to reflect not only on our personal journey toward heaven but also our role in guiding others along the path of faith. Though not all of us are called to be catechists in the classroom, each of us can collaborate with the catechetical ministry in our own way: supporting catechesis by echoing our own faith to those we encounter: at home, work, school, or wherever we may be.

Let this day inspire us to look beyond ourselves. May it challenge us to release our grip on temporal resources—our time, talents, material possessions—and offer them generously to the service of catechesis by sharing our faith, hope and love with others.✠

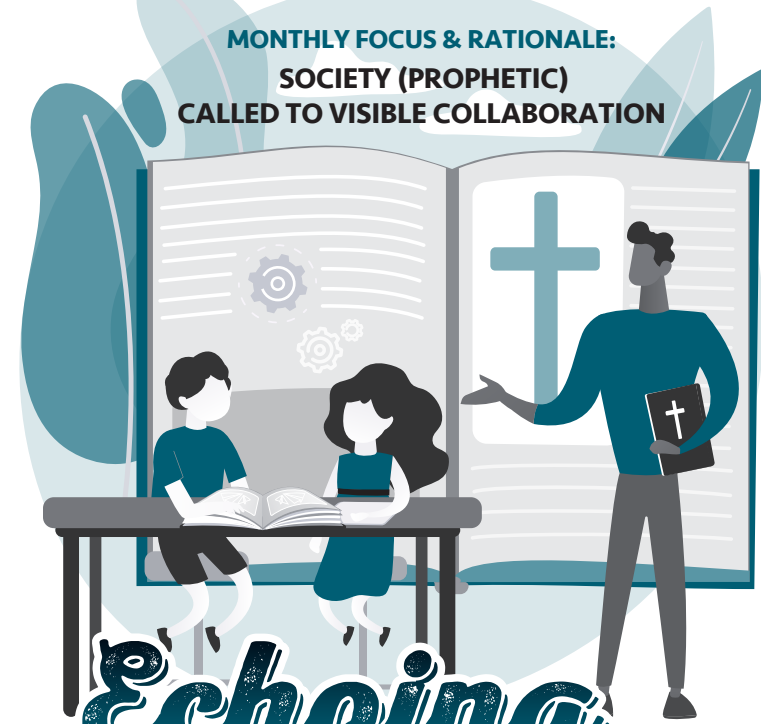
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CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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**SOCIETY (PROPHETIC)
CALLED TO VISIBLE COLLABORATION**



Echoing Our Faith

Today, being Catechetical Sunday, is a day set aside to highlight the importance of catechesis and the catechetical ministry. In asking us to set aside this day, the Church invites us to reflect on the duty we have to pass on our faith to the next generation. It’s a good time for us to examine our perceptions and attitudes towards catechesis.