

Recommendations from the Catechetical Review 2011

Diocese of Charlottetown

1. Create a Diocesan Catechetics Commission with contact people in each zone, whose role is mainly communicating and providing support for catechists by:
 - a) Choose one diocese-wide program to endorse and provide diocese-wide in-services offered by qualified personnel each autumn for the next 3 years. Allow a 3-year transition period for parishes not currently using the program chosen.
 - b) Provide on-going adult formation meetings for catechists and parents in the fall and spring;
 - c) Design and maintain an online resource bank for creative ideas from the diocese and external sites;
 - d) Study the possibility of “Catechetics Assistants” by approaching SDU Board of Governors, through the Outreach Committee to add a service component to the bursary winners, possible 15-20 hours/academic year, to be offered in the parish.

2. Address attendance and discipline concerns raised by:
 - a) Requiring a signed commitment from parents and students regarding attendance and positive participation.
 - b) Instituting a 10 hours for parent volunteers commitment.
 - c) Approaching local sports associations requesting leaving one night a week be left free for “Church Activities” until 8:00 pm (a return to a past practice for some areas on the Island).

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