

## Constant Contact Survey Results

**Survey Name:** Directory for Catechesis and CGS 1Survey

**Response Status:** Partial & Completed

**Filter:** None

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### 1. Why did you attend our zoom gathering? Select all that apply.

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
For fellowship	21	61.7%
Interest in retreat topic	33	97.0%
To support CGSUSA	21	61.7%
You know the organizers or participants	6	17.6%
Other	6	17.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 2. What is your level of satisfaction with the gathering?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Very satisfied	24	70.5%
Somewhat satisfied	7	20.5%
Neutral	3	8.8%
Somewhat dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.0%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100%</b>

**3. What in this document brought you the most joy? Please see following details.**

33 Responses

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**4. What in this document surprised you? Please see following details.**

24 Response(s)

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**5. What do you want to hold onto, remember and share with your community? Please see following details.**

28 Response(s)

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**6. What was the highlight of the event for you? Please see following details.**

28 Response(s)

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**7. Do you have questions about this new Directory and how CGS corresponds to it? Please see following details.**

24 Response(s)

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**8. Do you have comments you would like to share regarding this new Directory of Catechesis? Please see following details.**

15 Response(s)

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**9. Would you like to participate in further conversations on this new Directory for Catechesis?**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	27	79.4%
No	1	2.9%
Other	6	17.6%
No Responses	0	0.0%

<b>Total</b>	34	100%
8 Comment(s)		

**10. If you would like to have further meetings on this Directory for Catechesis, what themes would you like to see covered?  
Please check all that apply.**

	<b>Number of Response(s)</b>	<b>Response Ratio</b>
The centrality of the kerygma	17	54.8%
The Catechumenate Model of Catechesis	21	67.7%
The Identity and Vocation of the Catechist	22	70.9%
The Formation of the Catechist	21	67.7%
The Pedagogy of the Faith	14	45.1%
The Process of Catechesis	20	64.5%
Ecumenism	11	35.4%

Inculturation	15	48.3%
Digital Culture	12	38.7%
Other	1	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100%</b>
7 Comment(s)		

### 11. Please indicate the importance of the following.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Very Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Neutral	Somewh at Important	Very Important
Theme	1 3%	0 0%	3 9%	7 21%	22 67%
Location	2 6%	3 10%	5 16%	7 23%	14 45%
Price	1 3%	2 6%	12 36%	11 33%	7 21%
Length of event	2 6%	1 3%	4 13%	19 61%	5 16%
The Presenters	1 3%	1 3%	9 28%	8 25%	13 41%
14 Comment(s)					

### 12. Do you have any suggestions for improving the events that we offer? Please see following details.

19 Response(s)

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Column1
<b>1. Why did you attend our zoom gathering? Select all that apply. - Other responses</b>
<b>Answer</b>
To be able to articulate how CGS and this document connect
Importance of CGS Continues to meet the guidelines of the Bishops
Formation as a catechist
I wanted to discuss our work and the GDC to continue to stand in solidarity
To be a better Catechist
To learn through other's experiences
<b>3. What in this document brought you the most joy? - Responses</b>
<b>Answer</b>
That it describes CGS and so it affirms our work.
the strong correlation between the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and this document of the Church
The numerous connections to CGS and the Joy of the Gospel. It has been very validating in continuing to pursue the work of CGS particularly with regard to the children, however, CGS work is transformative for ALL ages!
Just how affirming it was of what we have been doing all these years in CGS.
The sense of "who" a catechist is, the 11th listener, the calling and the prepared environment, all leading to encounter with Jesus.
All that was read, it renewed my desire to serve more God and the children.
The affirmation and validation that the Church is beginning to value what we in CGS already now to be true!
parallels with cgs
realizing that we have been right in our approach all along, many thanks to Sofia.
The correlation with CGS and themes we have used for many years. Being verified.
The validation of our work.
CGS meets the guidelines of the Bishops. I am interested in reading the document to see how I can better serve my families. We use CGS as our RCIA program. The director has taken all three levels of formation.
The importance of kerygma!
That it reaffirms the work of CGS.

The many times kerygma (the 1st proclamation) were lifted up as be central to catechesis
The idea of "being" and "being with" (accompaniment) and especially listening (like Mary! "pondering in her heart")
Catechesis inspired by the catechumenate (for all ages!)
I have not read the document
I think the Directory is an affirmation of everything we know and love about CGS. It's as if Sofia and Gianna were in heaven guiding the hands of the writers with their love for the Good Shepherd and the child.
I havenât been able to read the whole document yet. I am glad to learn that there is so much that resonates between CGS and the Dirctory.
Recognizing CGS throughout the document
The language used to foster the encounter with God. Making this a priority over intellectual knowledge (school model) is very heartening.
The affirmations of the Kerygma, the role of Scripture and Tradition, the parallels with CGS Levels & the Process of Evangelization, the dynamism & transforming power of the Holy Sprit, introduction to community life sections reminded me of greater participation in the life of the church, the importance of Scripture and Liturgy, Beauty, vocation
Have not read the document yet, though the gathering and the parallels with CGS have inspired me to get moving on that. Was very glad to hear ALL that was shared ... including the recognition that there was not enough time to cover it all, and that so many of the themes could inspire their own session
How CGS aligns with its principles and the high value it gives to catechesis as a vocation.
that there is common language emerging that coordinates the Directory for Catechesis with CGS and the characteristics.
Affirmation that CGS is very much aligned with this directory. It gives me hope that the bishops around the world will recognize snd support our work.
The acknowledgment of the importance of environment and beauty!
The beautiful example that CGS provides for young children and the Church.
That we have a document that echoes what we do and provides a "who said so" from our Church source to refer and quote
Validation that CGS is a very powerful catechetical method for fostering personal faith and formation of disciples.
How well it speaks to what we do in CGS
The shift to an evangelizing focus, and also the link to CGS.
The fact that it highlights the need to rethink the catechesis and "deschool" it, offer it a specific environment and honour beauty
The fact that CGS already embraces its tenets thereby confirming what we do as catechists--a relationship with the Good Shepherd is our foundation.
<b>4. What in this document surprised you? - Responses</b>
<b>Answer</b>
How well the content matches and describes the 32 points of CGS. CGS is kerygmatic, liturgical and mystagogical catechesis.
to see how Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi were so in tune with the Church
I am still reading it, but I look forward to reading about how it addresses current technology and it's impact on faith formation.
How hugely CGS fits the how and why.
That CGS is so in line with current Church directives.
I did not even know that this document existed so it was all a surprise to me.

The language- was thinking it would still be school oriented. Some passages were like poetry, like keepers "of the memory of God." It reminds me of our formation process and insistence that we do things in community, always encountering the Presence of the Good Shepherd together. The oral tradition of our faith.

How much it sounded like CGS.

That is added to the environment. I had read the last directory. I am looking forward to reading and seeing what has been added.

This document also helped serve as a "bridge" for me... connecting my foundational experience as a CGS catechist with the "other" catechetical roles and hats I wear more often now. Because this the Directory speaks of catechesis more broadly, I saw how my CGS and non-CGS catechetical ministries all worked for the same goal.

Section on "Catechesis and the Digital Culture" challenged me - such a relevant topic for us today. As we (hopefully) emerge from COVID-19 crisis and began to invite people back to in-person community catechesis (adults and children) we must be aware of the effects of the digital culture and be prepared to address it. Not sure how this might look?

I was surprised to see the shift from a methodological approach to catechesis to a relational approach to catechesis. As Sofia has taught us so many times, it is the relationship of the child and the Good Shepherd that is most enduring - and always remembering that the catechist is also a child of God.

The use of non-inclusive language. Its presence shouldn't have surprised me as it is a Church Document. I just think I am more attuned to the non-inclusive language at this point in my life, and it doesn't use really hindered my ability to receive the message of what I was reading.

That the document talked about environment and beauty, two things we in CGS know are so important

I haven't read it thoroughly yet so cannot comment on this question.

The role Deacon in catechesis as well as the inclusion of godparents, grandparents and women. Also the recommendations for The Catechetical Formation of Candidates for Holy Orders. I loved the 161 with Christ is a Teacher much like CGS characteristic and the role of Joy! 170 and our Typology studies, p.112 reminds me of CGS, I loved 239

I was unable to read the whole thing so it is difficult to answer this question. However, I like the statement that this book defines the HOW of catechesis, not the WHAT.

I reading the article from Archbishop Fisichella and in reading it this excerpt struck me- "In other words, he said, some parishes seem to want to hold on to young Catholics "as long as possible under a kind of blackmail insofar as granting them the sacrament."

I have often wondered about this and was happy to hear that this might be addressed

I was surprised that the document so clearly aligned with CGS methodology, especially since I don't experience Catholic religious formation looking like these recommendations except in CGS settings.

How much CGS is already in line with the goals set by the document.

That it spoke to the current realities of catechesis and wasn't just playing catch up.

haven't processed enough to comment

Hard to say.

The accuracy and the level of understanding of the situation it demonstrates. We tend to think of the Vatican of a place very far from the sheep but that's not true when we read this document.

## **5. What do you want to hold onto, remember and share with your community? - Responses**

**Answer**

The importance of ongoing formation. We are not done after we take a CGS course. We must continue to be life-long learners and listeners to God.

How we now have a Church Document speaking the same language and putting on official paper what CGS has been doing for years and years:

The joy of LIVING this way of the Good Shepherd. Co-learning with the children and with all the friends (CGS family) I continue to

I want to encourage more of my community to read the new directory. Also, I feel more empowered to discuss it with the rest of my parish and parish staff.

That what we have to share is of tremendous value, it is shaping the new catechesis/evangelization

we have all resources, great resources, not only to nurture our

vocation, but to help set afire the hearts of catechists, and families. good information makes the difference.

Be encouraged to stay the course - the Church is coming around!

the significance of the prepared environment

I have already sent an email to our coordinator of religious ed and the 2 other catechists that are involved with CGS. I need to order the directory and try to involve our Pastor in a discussion about this.

The section about the catechist, 113.

Points made in above comments. Also would like to share with parents.

That catechesis and evangelization go hand in hand, and that outstanding catechesis has, at it's core, the invitation to be transformed by Jesus- it is an invitation to a relationship with the living God.

CGS fulfills all the guidelines and to share with our RCIA director and staff.

To affirm and rediscover the connection between evangelization and catechesis.

That we offer something that meets the goals of the directory that with more support and commitment could grow and be offered to all our children as well as nurture adults.

The importance of the encounter with the living Jesus which requires a place, an humble "servant" catechist, and trust in the Holy Spirit as Teacher.

Affirmation of our mission

Our church community is in such sadness during this pandemic. So many have lost so much. But this directory is filled with love, beauty, joy and above all HOPE. If we trust in the love of the Good Shepherd, we can continue to grow and bring more of God's children to the sheepfold.

That we have a new resource to help us in our work.

CGS embodies the focus of the Directory. Knowing there is a practical model to show how to implement the ideas in the Directory is very hopeful for catechesis/evangelization in the Catholic Church.

I came away from our time together wanting to share all the affirmations of our work with my staff. I loved the passages about inclusion of persons with disabilities and all marginal persons. I loved the sections 331 which lift up the Deschooling of Catechesis.

Catechesis as a vocation AND the importance of the whole church/parish working in unison on formation. Using CGS presentation for adult formation as well.

The importance of beauty in the environment and that being a catechist is not a job or task, it is a vocation of service to the church. I found this a beautiful description.

This document offers great hope for an endorsement of CGS that I want to hold on to, remember and share.

A witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God

hard to say.

I want to support catechists in their dealing with their priests and diocese to show how CGS really responds to the needs of our times
I would like to continue the discussion with my faith community and continue to learn from the document.
<b>6. What was the highlight of the event for you? - Responses</b>
<b>Answer</b>
Seeing so many familiar and new faces and receiving the presentation outlines prior to the event which showed how much work was put into this presentation for us!
Thank you
The presentation by M. Mirrione
The event itself was the highlight of my week!
I really enjoyed my breakout room and our discussion.
I also really liked the presentation it was easy to follow and very helpful. Also getting the notes of the powerpoint was nice. I was able to take notes directly there and it has all the sources and extra information now in one place.
I love to listen and reflect on my colleagues' words. And to join in prayer together.
the paragraph on the catechist 113
Sr Mary Michael's coming book, The Pedagogy of CGS, that will include references to the Directory!
Just seeing the comparison with CGS and especially the call to not have a classroom setting. I have fought from the beginning to keep our atria like a sacred place.
Outstanding presentation - but needed more time.
Being together.
The presentation was outstanding. I enjoyed the breakout room and hearing from others.
Being in community and working along side other catechist.
It was good to break out into small groups. We weren't exactly sure of the questions... we were one of the quieter groups. However, it's just so enriching to share and to listen to the experiences of others.
It was all good! So nice to have the conversation with catechists , which is always humbling and inspiring.
Probably my favorite: Mary M's piece on The Catechist. I think this was well received by others as well, since several times in small group catechists mentioned being affirmed and inspired by the term "keeper of the memory of God."
Seeing friends
Seeing everyone and being encouraged by one another.
To hear from others.
The whole event was exciting for me. I can't name any specific part that was the highlight.
Just being together and sharing affirmations of joy and encouragement
Hearing everyone's response as they came back together to share, and the great joy shared in both this great work, and the new document that resonates so strongly with CGS.
I loved seeing so many people that I know.

I always enjoy the breakout rooms, to hear the successes and struggles of other catechists. The conversation with other catechists is immeasurable. The closing slide that described the catechist as witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God etc.

A new language to describe what we do in CGS and a document to support it.

I especially enjoyed having important pieces of the document that particularly align with CGS lifted out for me.

Seeing so many CGS catechists gathered for this online event during this difficult time.

Chatting in our small groups with others related to CGS from around the country and I know others had people from around the world. WHAT A BLESSING that time is.... Help us to not feel like an island doing this alone.

Breakout conversations.

The slides showing the correspondance between CGS and some articles of the Directory

The small group sharing is a great way to evangelize.

### **7. Do you have questions about this new Directory and how CGS corresponds to it? - Responses**

#### **Answer**

You provided a good correlation between CGS points and directory paragraph #s. Thank you.

It would be great to have a deep study of how CGS and the new directory juxtapose, so as to add this new source to the "correlations document" and to our album pages

Will there perhaps be an opportunity for a study group for the Directory?

Not a question but moving forward I am thinking of doing some sort of a book group/training with my catechists and it would be nice to have a guide to go with the text that had a CGS focus.

Basically looking forward to the deeper development of topics touched on today. Mystagogy, sacramental signs...all of it.

no. it was well articulated

When will it be available through CGSUSA?

not yet, I need to order one.

No - look forward to doing more study and discussion with others.

No. I will continue to read.

No

I have mentioned above what I consider to be the challenge of the Digital Age. As we go forward, especially with Adult Formation, we will have to do a delicate "dance" between meeting people where they are (physically apart) and the requirements of in person sharing. I'm not particularly happy about it, but I can see why the DC addresses the issue.

The section on "Popular Piety" also gave rise to some questions. As I have understood our thinking in CGS we stick to the ABC's of Christianity (for me this foundation is the most important gift we can offer to young children as they construct themselves as people of God), and yet, as I read I realized that respecting and being open to "popular piety" is necessary in a welcoming community. What is cherished and passed down from generation to generation has value and impact on the spiritual life. This definitely has to be part of our formation: how to dialogue in community about what we do and why we do it!

I am just curious as to how as a catechist to "use" this information.

Will the New Directory become one of our Sources on Album Pages? It seems like so many pieces would give a richness to our study.
Not at this time.
Not at the moment-I am still rereading parts of it.
Need to do more reading.
It requires further study on my part.
I appreciate the way you linked each DC point to One of the 32 points or CGS in general. That will be helpful for any dialogue we have about the value and effectiveness of CGS with clergy.
I wonder how documents like this impact how the Roman Catholic church moves forward. Are these kinds of publications widely circulated? Is there an expectation that these ideas be implemented or financial support offered or specific suggestions given (like "check out CGS") that would further promote the use of the guidelines in this book?
No
not yet - but I am sure I will!
I'm looking forward to reading the articles that are being written.
It would be great if we could update the CGS documents showing all 3 levels content vs. the Catholic magisterium and CCC. (the ones posted on the website)
I would like to have a reflection on the 7 points.
<b>8. Do you have comments you would like to share regarding this new Directory of Catechesis? - Responses</b>
<b>Answer</b>
We could go "deeper" or "expand" on some of the content perhaps in regional gatherings when we are able to gather.
I will be using it as another reference in CGS courses.
Perhaps Mary could invite diocesan leaders to a special online workshop to present how the directory supports/describes our CGS work.
There is a publication I receive 'The Catechetical Review' that has a complete issue (Jan-Mar 2021) devoted to the new Directory for Catechesis. It specifically mentions Sofia and her work. Worthy of a peek! :)
It is a welcome breath of encouragement and affirmation. I am looking forward to sitting with my bishop with it.
none
not yet
not at this time
I have not read the entire book, I just started reading it. I will let you know if I come across anything. I am so glad that we are looking at the directory.
Thank you for starting this conversation. Let's keep talking about this... be that in Zoom events, as a podcast topic, written articles in the Journal, etc.. Being well informed (about documents like this new Directory) helps us speak to the wider Church and see how the tiny contribution we make can serve the wider community.
Sometimes in the Level I Atrium children would come from Mass - very excited - saying to me, "Mizlyn! Mizlyn! They know our song!" What resonates as familiar, sacred and right makes us feel affirmed and encouraged! The Directory does this for me in many ways, while still proposing avenues for growth and deeper/wider vision!

I do think that it would be a great service to our work if the New Directory could be correlated to our album pages. I think it would give catechists a deeper understanding of his/her role as a catechist and I also think it would highlight the gifts within CGS to the greater Church community who may still need to discover its riches.

I was very inspired by the person who shared that CGS was supported at their Diocesan Center which I imagine hosts Level I, II and III Formation in their respective atria.

It is easy to read and understand, which surprises me for a Birch document.

I was thrown off a bit at the beginning of the Zoom session because I was having a hard time finding the sections being cited from the book. As a non-Catholic, I first was seeking the citations by page numbers, not item number. I think Catholics are more used to that with the CCC, etc. Then there also seemed to be some errors on the number citations. Maybe if the outline had been released a little further ahead of time, people could have tried to locate and digest the content in some way before the Zoom. You packed a lot in, and it felt hurried.

no

I would enjoy future similar offerings to go deeper. This is a wonderful format and should be continued.

### **9. Would you like to participate in further conversations on this new Directory for Catechesis? - Other responses**

#### **Answer**

Perhaps.

possibly

I am interested but don't think I have the time to devote to it.

possibly

possibly

Maybe but not much time

### **9. Would you like to participate in further conversations on this new Directory for Catechesis? - Comments**

#### **Answer**

I would like to have time to peruse the document

I would definitely like to participate in further conversations. Especially since I am the liaison for CGS in our dioceses.

I must share from my heart...I am unsure about the \$25 I paid for this. Yes, I'll receive the recording. And I am very appreciative of the handout and additional resources. Yes, I believe in supporting CGS 100% and I know that membership dues only cover a portion of the budget. However, it would seem to me that there are almost "pay walls" in CGS that allow access to exclusive content if you can pay. And that leaves me feeling somewhat uneasy. Thank you for hearing this feedback.

With our initiatives for Level II Formation coming up, I would not be able to commit more time at the moment; but I would love to hear more and to see this conversation expanded in our work, especially with Adult Formation and Parent initiatives.

I would be interested in working on a team who might be able to incorporate the riches of chapter III on The Catechist into Level I Formation. Some questions: Who is the catechist? What is his/her vocation? How do I involve parents, godparents, grandparents in the life of the atrium? How do I encourage the entire family to help their child(ren) grow in his/her relationship with God?

I would like the opportunity to work with a smaller group to explore the Directory and do the personal work of making connections between CGS and the directory. Perhaps a book study.

I am so grateful to everyone at CGS for sharing their time and amazing gifts. I continue to be inspired and humbled by each of you! Thank you so much!

Maybe
<b>10. If you would like to have further meetings on this Directory for Catechesis, what themes would you like to see covered? Please check all that apply. - Other responses</b>
<b>Answer</b>
Mystagogy
<b>10. If you would like to have further meetings on this Directory for Catechesis, what themes would you like to see covered? Please check all that apply. - Comments</b>
<b>Answer</b>
I was so against using CGS online yet we are doing some things and it seems to be working well. Could we possibly investigate this avenue and see how we can use the digital platform to support families and catechists? For example, revisiting online with catechists so they can refresh in their work.
Yes to all of the above
Perhaps a study of the book from cover to cover using the 'lens' of CGS to view connections along the way.
I believe Mary mentioned something about practical life and its purpose in relation to developing the will and the body's ability to follow it. I would like to hear it again, and find out more about that aspect of practical life, especially for formation of new/newish catechists, and for introducing others to the atrium.
All seems helpful
I think that CGS does an excellent job in the formation of the catechist, especially now when we have the catechist reflect on what they just heard. the opportunity to take them deeper and give them time to process. I feel sometimes we pour so much information into the adult and don't allow the catechist time to process and reflect.
I donât think mystagogy is clearly understood in general, and I think there is an art to engaging in it, further exploration would be helpful.
Honestly, I would be happy to be a part of conversations on any of the topics in this list.
<b>11. Please indicate the importance of the following. - Comments</b>
<b>Answer</b>
The words important and unimportant puzzled me. Perhaps "on a scale of" would be easier to respond.
Virtual option makes it much more accessible. It becomes a viable option for me to include all of my catechists in the experience. Great opportunity for continuing formation of our catechists!
You all did a great job. I feel like in the past this might have been a regional discussion event that would not always be an option for most folks. But with zoom it is great to be able to get together for these short events that help us all in our CGS work. In this crazy pandemic time, I feel even more connected to my CGS community and am very grateful for that.
I really admire our leadership
thank you for your leadership and for this initiative
It was initially important that a recording/notes would be available, since I was supposed to be serving in an atrium at the time. (As it happened, I was sick in bed, so was able to participate live.)
I appreciate all the presenters today, thanks for taking the time.
I know that CGS is always good quality.

Good that it was 90 mins. We needed every bit of that.
I am not sure I understand why this particular presentation cost money.
Mary and Barbara had a very difficult task to review the New Directory in such a short amount of time. I thought highlighting the connections CGS and the Directory was both useful and exciting to hear. Thank you so much!
The fact that this was sponsored online allowed for great participation
Using Zoom is a great way to allow more people to participate.
I like the length and content of this first event. It gave me enough information to peak my interest and begin my own study. I think it would be highly effective to offer the other themes virtually for the same length of time.
<b>12. Do you have any suggestions for improving the events that we offer? - Responses</b>
<b>Answer</b>
We have 2 hours of atrium time. Would 2 hours for adult CGS gathering work as well?
I love the pdf that was sent for notes! Could that be sent out the day before to allow time for printing if possible?
MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE!! YOU ARE APPRECIATED GREATLY!!
I think you guys are doing a great job. I would have liked to have gotten the PDF file with the presentation the day before but it was ok.
none
Many thanks to our leaders!
I so appreciated the idea of providing worksheets to match the slides. Yet I had trouble keeping up, maybe because of the small print. I enjoyed it anyway!
I have been pleased with how we have all managed to stay in touch and continue to learn/study even though we are in such difficult circumstances.
I am not in favor of too much screen time but have found the CGS events well done.
I think more time. I feel like our small groups are ALWAYS too rushed. I don't mind going a little longer or more sessions. My time is valuable, but I value the work we do also. I can only take so much information in and then I need time to process.
Keep them coming! They're wonderful.
I hate to say that although I greatly appreciate that virtual events enable me to participate in so many events that would otherwise not be possible, I think "virtual fatigue" is settling in! I don't have any suggestions, just wish it were easier to form personal connections and that it were possible to "really" be present.
I think you are doing great!
I hope that you do some prayer mornings
I wish there was more time for reporting what we all discussed in small groups. We only had about 5 minutes to hear from 10 groups so it felt very rushed. The depth of experience and knowledge from so many catechists is a real gift to hear and learn from.
More options to engage with the topic/material in a personal way.
I would have liked to have had either a smaller break out group or more time. I have been in two hour sessions and that does not seem too long if the topic is engaging which I think this is.
I found having the presentation sent to me in advance allowed me to read the directory points referenced in preparation for the meeting. However it may be a good idea to send that out 24-48 hrs in advance of the event next time to give participants more time. It was an excellent PP presentation!

Release the packet with a little lead time, if possible

Spend a moment orienting participants in how to locate the item numbers in the book

Possibly allow the whole group to be seen on the screen at the beginning rather than showing the text

Keep doing what you are doing - it is so lovely just to see your faces, soak up your wisdom and smiles.

This particular event was somewhat disappointing because it was basically in the format of a lecture. I'd prefer to read an article, in that case. But an interactive format would be a great help to me.

The audio quality wasn't completely ok for one of the presenter; maybe less words focusing on the essentials for each slide.

Please consider offering virtual whenever possible.