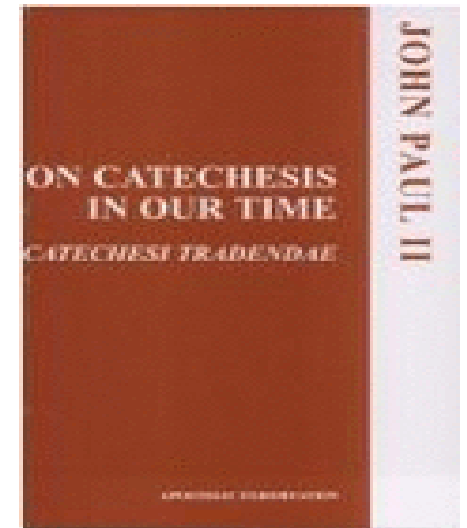
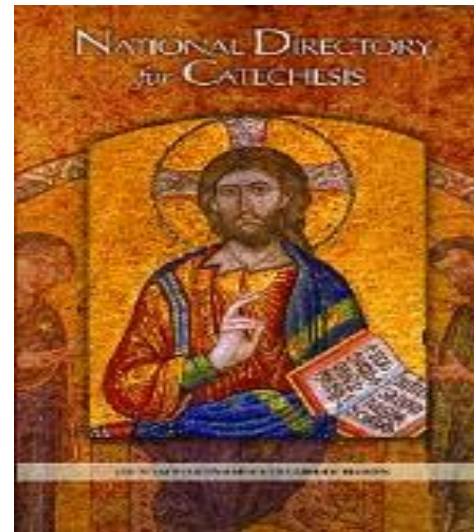
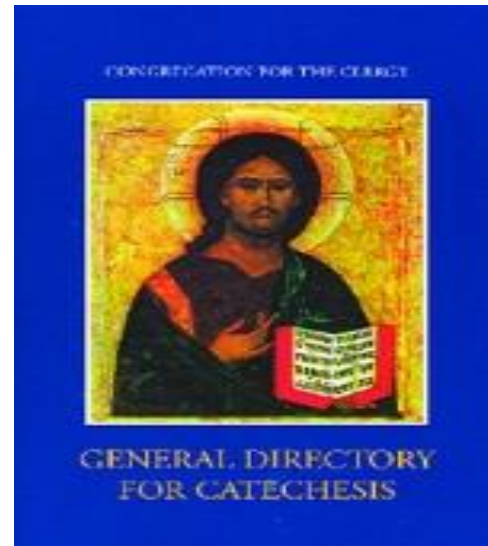
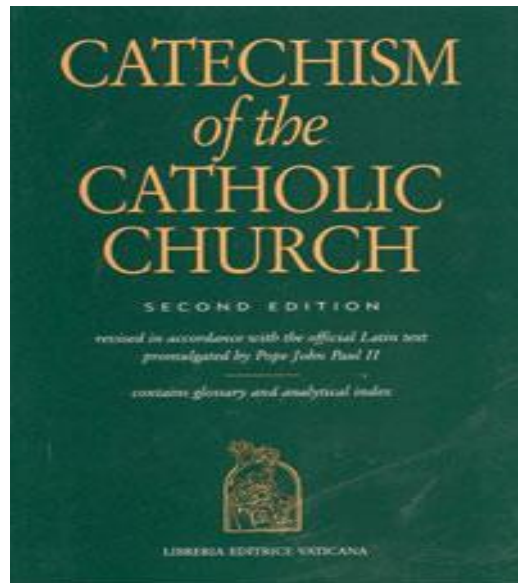
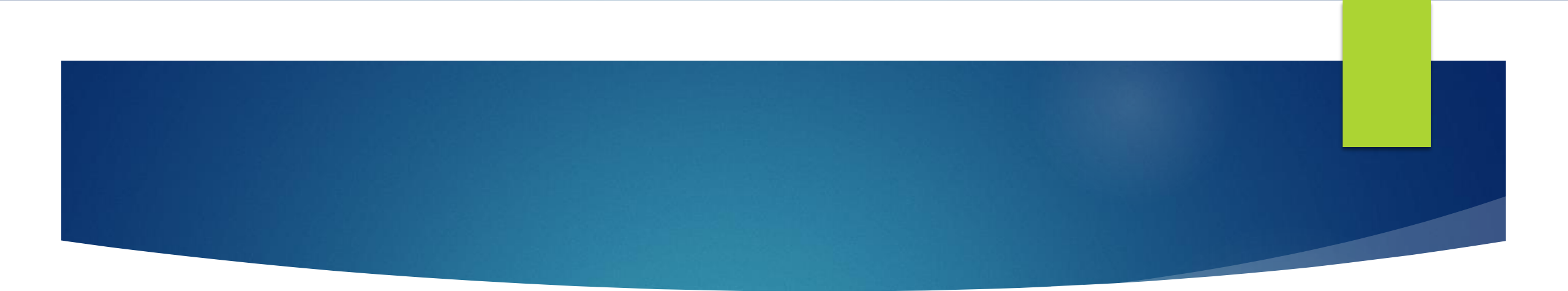


The Person of the Catechist



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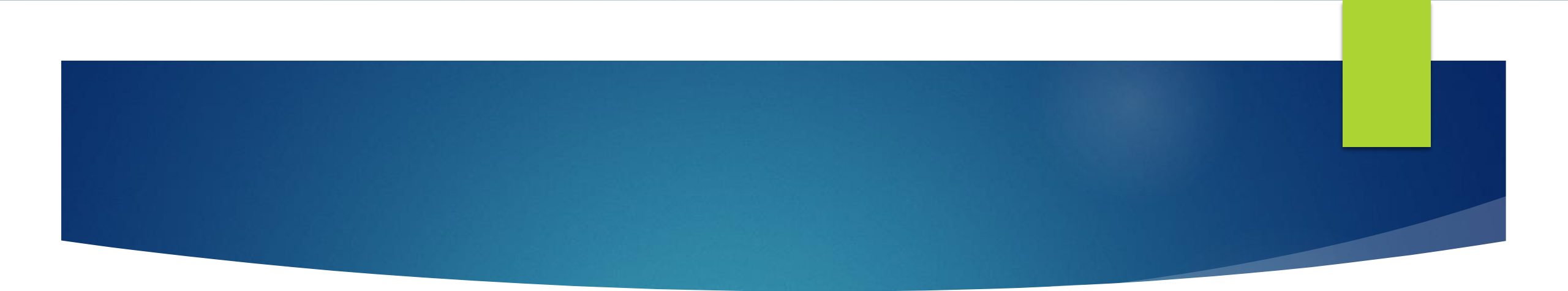
The apostolic work of the catechist springs from the Sacrament of Baptism through which all believers come to share in the prophetic ministry of Christ and the evangelizing mission of the Church.
NDC pg. 228

The Heart of Catechesis is . . .



**the Heart of the
Catechist.**

The gift of faith rooted in the church and alive in your heart is the gift you will share!



The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy with Jesus Christ.

– CT, #5

National Directory of Catechesis

- ▶ Teaches the core of the Catholic faith
- ▶ Recognize faith development is lifelong
- ▶ Integrate knowledge of faith with liturgical and prayer experiences
- ▶ Utilizes the life experiences of the adolescents
- ▶ Engages adolescents in the process

National Directory of Catechesis

Three Goals:

- ▶ To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world
- ▶ To draw young people to responsible participating in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community.
- ▶ To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person

(National Directory for Catechesis, 201)

Characteristics of a Catechist?

What do you think are
the characteristics of
a catechist?

Personal Qualities of a Catechist

- ▶ Faith that manifests itself in their daily life
- ▶ Love for the Church
- ▶ Apostolic spirit and missionary zeal
- ▶ Love for their brothers and sisters and desire to give generous service
- ▶ Willingness to continue their own religious education and formation

Personal Qualities of a Catechist (cont)

- ▶ The human, moral, and technical qualities necessary for the ministry of a catechist
- ▶ Respect for the diversity of cultures
- ▶ An ability to appreciate different stages of individual growth and development
- ▶ An ability to communicate effectively with the persons to be catechized.

Trusting the Spirit

- ▶ What we do and who we are is rooted in Spirit in our Baptism commitment to be a disciple and to share the life of a disciple
- ▶ Our lives has been changed by others who have shared their faith and engaged us in our faith
- ▶ How do you identify the Spirit in your life?
- ▶ No matter how long we've been in ministry we must remember our need - that we must rely on the Spirit

Call You Each By Name



The call comes in a variety of ways and from a variety of people but the call always comes from Jesus.

Call You Each by Name

Leader: Eternal One,
silence from whom our
words come, questioner
from whom our
questions arise, lover of
whom all our loves are
hints, disturber in whom
alone we find rest,
mystery in whose depths
we find healing and find
ourselves.



All Respond: Enfold us now in your presence, restore to us your peace, renew us through your prower, and ground us in your grace.

A reading from Scriptures:
1 Samuel 3: 1-10

For the gift of vision to see the things we sometimes miss because our earth-eyes are distracted

Response: Give us Your vision

For the conviction to live radically the Gospel you have preached to us...

Response: Give us your conviction

For the gift of servant hood to empty ourselves as you did in being willing to bed low to wash feet, to heal wounds...

Response: Give us Your spirit of being a servant.

For the gift of poverty to let go of those things that clutter our vision of you, to rid our lives of all that doesn't matter...

Response: Give us your spirit of poverty.

For the gift of hope to stand on tiptoe with all creation to wait believing for rebirth, for growth, for completion...

Response: Give us Your hope.

For the gift of reverence to be gentle with the mystery of each person's uniqueness to stand on holy ground and acknowledge the value of creation...

Response: Give us your reverence.

Finally we pray for the grace to recognize your gifts when they are given, to own them, to claim them, to acknowledge them as ours to give away...

Response: Give us Your power of recognition.

Together we pray...

O God of light, O Lord of Sight, you have graced me with your vision. My restless heart receives with joy the truth of goodness. Amen to all the goodness of my name.