

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (9/11/22): BALTIMORE CATECHISM—INTRODUCTION

- I. Prayer to the Holy Spirit (Inside front cover of the Baltimore Catechism)

- II. Introduction—Parish Instruction in the Baltimore Catechism
 - A. Numbers 1, 2, and 3 used to cover the entire parish:
 1. To establish a common foundation of knowledge
 2. To promote fruitful intergenerational dialogue
 3. To establish a common vocabulary to improve understanding, practice consistency, and maintain order
 4. Editions:
 - a. Number 1: Elementary
 - b. Number 2: MSA and PFA
 - c. Number 3: High School Catechism Class
 - B. Each Edition Divided into Three Parts:
 1. Part One: The Creed (Covered this year)
 2. Part Two: The Commandments
 3. Part Three: The Sacraments and Prayer
 - C. Layout for the Lessons:
 1. Lesson in a Question/Answer Format (Father's Presentation)
 2. Discussion Questions (Table Talk Questions)
 3. True or False (In Father's Presentation)
 4. Fill in the Blanks (In Father's Presentation)
 5. Read from the Bible (Deeper Scriptural Insight—Home)
 6. Class Project (Applies the Lesson—Home)
 7. Prayer (Brings the Lesson to God—Home)

- III. Table Talk Questions:
 - A. Who has been the most influential catechist in your life? What made him or her such an influential teacher?
 - B. Not including Mary, who is your favorite saint? Why? In what ways has the saint influenced your life?
 - C. What teaching of the Catholic Faith do you find most uplifting and wonderful? What teaching of the Catholic Faith do you find most challenging.

D. What is the earliest memory you have of a profound sense of the Presence of God?

IV. Wrap-Up/Mission/Dismissal