

LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND BEST PRACTICES FOR CATECHETICAL LEADERS

FINAL PROJECT

Based on the process described below, outline the complete action plan you would develop for a faith formation process in your parish, or evaluate and improve a process you currently have in place. Describe what you would develop at each step of the process. Explain what resources you would use.

1. Identify the target audience and assess and analyze their needs (age of participants, culture, language, socio-economic, education, etc.)
2. Define the goals or outcomes based on the needs
3. Develop the content or theme
4. Choose the one or more formats to offer the program or activity
5. Schedule the programs and activities
6. Determine the leadership needs – Finding and Forming Leaders
7. Identify the resources and create the budget and the promotion plan
8. Evaluate the Program/Activity/Strategy/Resource

Format: Create a document of 5 to 10 pages with either Word or Pages. Double-spaced using Times Roman size 12 font.

Send this assignment attached in an email with the subject “Catechetical Leadership Course Final Project” to ilmstudents@dsj.org by April 30, 2026.

Session 1

1. How does the parish community provide people with opportunities for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ?
2. How does your faith formation program pass on the faith for parents, grandparents and godparents?
3. What parish-based pastoral programs support people in their everyday lives? Are there programs for newly married, new parents, divorced, grieving, and unemployed?
4. Given your responses to questions 1 thru 3, identify a target audience in your parish whose needs should be addressed by a parish ministry.

Session 2

1. In light of Sr. Pat's presentation and taking in consideration the target audience you selected to address its needs, identify some examples of the
 - Standards and norms based on the example and teaching of Jesus
 - Practice of the moral virtues (prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude)
 - Principles of Catholic Social Teaching, spiritual and corporal works of mercy