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EVANGELIZATION
& CATECHESIS

at AQUINAS COLLEGE

An Evangelizing Catechesis

*Integrating the Kerygma into
Every Lesson Plan*

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OPENING PRAYER



Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

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Where Are We?

“Sacramentalized, but not evangelized”

“Frequently, many who present themselves for catechesis truly require genuine conversion. Because of this the Church usually desires that the first stage in the catechetical process be dedicated to ensuring conversion.” - The General Directory for Catechesis, 62.

HOWEVER...

“In pastoral practice it is not always easy to define the boundaries of these activities.” – GDC 62



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The Kerygma and Catechesis

The Kerygma – initial and essential proclamation of the gospel message

Catechesis – “to echo” and a systematic presentation of the Faith



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Preaching the Kerygma and Teaching the Faith

The process of evangelization, consequently, is structured in stages or "essential moments...These moments, however, are not unique: they may be repeated, if necessary, as they give evangelical nourishment in proportion to the spiritual growth of each person or of the entire community.

– GDC 49



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Intellectual Formation

1. St. Paul - "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind"
2. CCC 74 - God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
3. Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Understanding Knowledge...
4. St. Thomas – The Intellect (to know) and the Will (to love) are how we are made in the image and likeness of God
5. St. Bonaventure - the three highest faculties of humanity are **memory, intellect, and will reflecting the Trinity**
6. St. Ignatius of Loyola – "Charity and kindness unwedded to truth are not charity and kindness, but deceit and vanity."
7. Spiritual Works of mercy – Instruct the ignorant



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The Essentials of the Kerygma

THE BASIC MESSAGE OF SALVATION

1. God created everything out of love and has a plan for my life.
2. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve and destroyed the original plan.
3. God sent his Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from sin and restore the plan.
4. We enter into relationship with Jesus and respond in faith to God's plan of salvation in and through his Bride, the Catholic Church. (Specifically, our Profession of Faith, participation in the Sacraments, living a moral based on Church teachings, and a deep prayer life centered on the Eucharist.)



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Signs and Realities

"The believer's act [of faith] does not terminate in the propositions, but in the realities [which they express]." - St. Thomas Aquinas, *STh II-II, 1, 2, ad 2*

CCC 170 – "We do approach these realities with the help of formulations of the faith which permit us to express the faith and to hand it on, to celebrate it in community, to assimilate and live on it more and more."

You cannot love *rightly* what you do not know.



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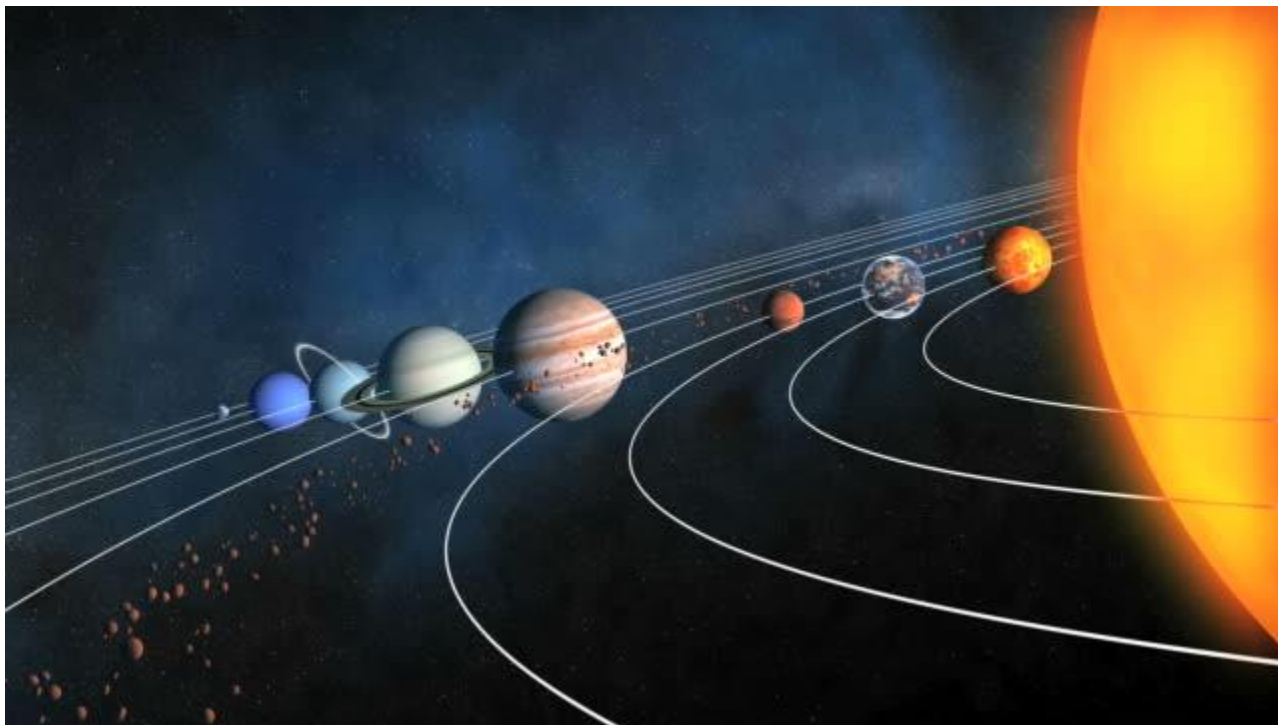


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We must be realists. The blossoms, if we may call them that, of faith and piety do not grow in the desert places of a memory-less catechesis. What is essential is that the texts that are memorized must at the same time be taken in and gradually understood in depth, in order to become a source of Christian life on the personal level and the community level.

ST. JOHN PAUL II

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Remember...

1. To pray, study, and write out your proclamation of the Kerygma either personally or as a parish, school or diocese
2. To begin the year, the chapter, the lesson with it – It is your SUN! Everything you teach, you teach in reference to Christ
3. That you are a Prophet *and* an Advocate



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4 Questions to Prepare your Lesson

1. Where in my lesson do I point to the love of God and the purpose of my life?
2. Do I point to the reality of sin and need of a Savior?
3. Christocentric– What does this topic have to do with Jesus?
4. Have I given my students a concrete way to respond to what God has revealed?



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