

FORMED Content for Sacramental Preparation

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A Moment of Re-Evangelization



In our current cultural setting, Sacramental Preparation is not just about preparing for a sacrament—it is a profound moment of re-evangelization.

In situations requiring “*new evangelization*”, coordination becomes more complex because ordinary catechesis is, at times, offered to young people and adults who need a period of prior proclamation and awakening in their adherence to Christ.

Similar difficulties arise with regard to the catechesis of children and the formation of their parents. At other times, forms of ongoing catechesis are applied to adults, who, in fact, require a true initiatory catechesis.

The current situation of evangelization requires that both activities, missionary proclamation and initiatory catechesis, be conceived in a coordinated manner and be given, in the particular Church, through a single program of evangelization which is both missionary and catechumenal. (GDC, 276-277)

- Parents will jump through hoops of fire to have their children receive their sacrament!
- Parental and family involvement is essential!
- Catch the parents, catch the children!



- Know who you are encountering.
- Meet them where they are at.
- Be as welcoming as possible!



FORMED® Inspire! Don't Waste the Opportunity!



- We can make sacramental preparation a moment of re-evangelization by building the kerygma into the process.
- Tell the story of salvation—the Sacraments are the flower and fruit of God's loving plan to salvation made manifest in our lives.
- The CCC teaches sacraments precisely in this way.
- The story is built into the Rites.
- Teach to and from the Rites.

The Power of Witness



Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if one is a teacher, it is because he is first a witness. (EN, 41)

- The ultimate goal of our sacramental preparation efforts is to call people to deeper conversion to Christ.
- End each session with a very specific challenge and call to conversion.

