

## Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization

The topics and Standards above are grounded in **The Catechism of the Catholic Faith**. **The Catechism of the Catholic Faith** is built on four pillars:

1. **What we believe** or the **Knowledge of Faith** -- Understand, believe and proclaim the Triune and redeeming God as revealed in creation and human experience, in Apostolic Tradition and Sacred Scripture, and as entrusted to the teaching office of the Church;
2. **How we celebrate** or **Liturgy and Sacraments** -- Understand and participate in the Liturgy and the Sacraments of the Church as effective signs of God's grace;
3. **How we live** or **Morality** -- Understand and live the moral teachings of the Church through a life of discipleship in Jesus Christ expressed in love for God, conversion, positive self-image, personal integrity, social justice, the dignity of the human person and love of neighbor;
4. **How we pray** or **Prayer** -- Know and participate in the Catholic tradition of prayer, our conversation with God, and acknowledge prayer as the primary way we deepen our knowledge of God in the community.

The Archdiocesan Standards add two categories as to how we live out of the Catechism within our church community and the in the world community:

5. **Education for Living in the Christian Community** or **How we live in community and participate actively in the life and mission of the Church** – Catechesis, that is education in age-appropriate segments and materials prepares the Christian to live virtuously in the community and participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.
6. **Education for Evangelization and Apostolic Life** or **Promoting a missionary spirit and vocation that prepares disciples to be present as Christians in society—** Education, again in appropriate age-groupings prepares us to reach out to others to share faith and to work together in the world for unity, justice, and peace for the world, through the power of the Gospel.