



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

LETTER OF PROMULGATION

Dear Priests, Deacons, Religious, and People of God of this Local Church,

It is with great joy that this *Catechetical Framework for Lifelong Faith Formation* is being published. By this letter, it is approved and promulgated and is now the definitive framework by which catechesis is to be carried out in this Archdiocese. Beginning no later than **January 6, 2014**, all catechetical efforts and programming is to be done with reference to and in support of the goals outlined in this document. This is true in all catechetical contexts, be they archdiocesan programs, Catholic schools, parish formation programs, early childhood centers, university campus ministries, catechetical efforts in detention facilities, or home-based catechetical efforts.

This document is the result of many years work by many dedicated individuals. They have carried it out faithfully out of love of God and the Church, desiring that all the faithful of whatever age and developmental level not only come to a fuller knowledge and appreciation of the content of the Catholic faith, but that they be drawn ever more deeply into an intimate communion with the person of Jesus Christ, the eternally begotten Son of the Father, through whom we have entry and participation in the living triune God.

While this Local Church is indeed alive and vibrant in the faith, we do recognize that the catechetical needs and the evangelizing opportunities in the ten counties that comprise our Archdiocese remain both varied and vast. It is my firm conviction that a consistent application of the vision and content of this document will serve this mission well.

While much work remains for the catechetical community to develop the means and instruments by which these goals will be achieved, this moment nevertheless represents a profound step forward in the catechetical work of this Local Church. In light of this promulgation, the offices of the Archdiocese will now begin a process of forming our catechetical leaders at the local level on both the long-term and immediate applications of this document. I therefore urge all in the catechetical community to enter into this process with a willing heart and an enthusiasm appropriate to so grand an endeavor.

Through the harmonious and complementary efforts of all in the catechetical community, may the People of God grow ever more in holiness and become more effective witnesses to the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. These efforts I entrust to him in his Most Sacred Heart through the intercession of his Most Blessed Mother, the Immaculate Conception and Star of the Sea.

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in Houston, Texas on this the 6th day of August 2013, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

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