Catechetical Program Inventory
2017-2018

The Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee conducted a survey of parish religious education programs during June - July 2018. The purpose of the survey was to gather information on what our parishes are doing in the way of catechesis, sacramental preparation and youth ministry. Information will be used to identify trends, to review and update policies, to plan resources and professional development, and to share with parishes for their own assessment and planning.

Responses were received for 144 of 194 parishes--a 74 percent response rate. These responses came from 131 catechetical leaders, several of whom serve more than one parish. They identified themselves by name, title, and parish(es) served. This document reports on their responses to the survey questions.[1]

Best Suited Position Title
Respondents were asked to choose the title that best suits their position. 45 respondents (35%) indicated their job title was Director of Religious Education (DRE), the most frequent title.

Job Title	% of responses	# of responses
Director of Religious Education (DRE)	35%	45
Director of Faith/Life Long Faith/Christian/Catholic Formation	12%	15
Director of Youth Ministry/Youth Minister	11%	14
Religious Education Coordinator	8%	10
Director of Child Ministry/Child Minister	8%	10
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry	8%	10
Director of Child & Youth Ministry	5%	7
Child Ministry Coordinator	5%	7
Youth Ministry Coordinator	4%	5
Pastoral Associate	2%	3
Director of Family Ministry	2%	2
Director of Evangelization	1%	1
Director of Hispanic Ministry	0%	0

Total Respondents: 129

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[1] The responses in this report will not always total 131 because: (1) many questions asked respondents to check all areas that applied; and (2) not everyone responded to all questions or all parts of a question. Responses are often reported in order of magnitude, rather than in the order listed in the questionnaire. Percentages are rounded, and sometimes do not total 100%.
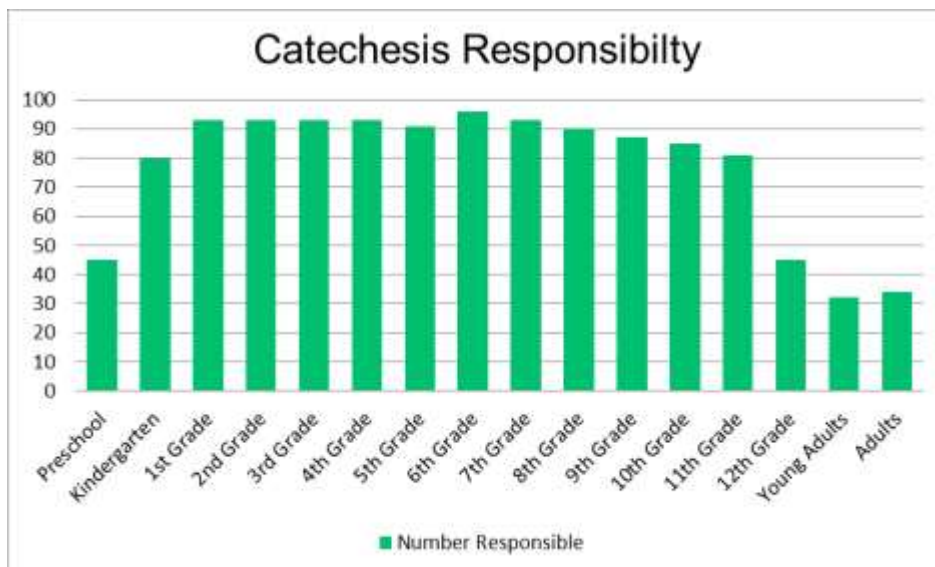
Catechesis Responsibility

Respondents were asked for which areas of catechesis they were responsible. There were 53 different combinations reported (e.g., PreK-12; K-12; 6-12; 9-12).

Of those who are have responsibility for elementary aged students, 48% have Pre-K, 39 % start with Kindergarten and 13% start at 1st grade.

For those responsible for only middle and/or high school level, 41% start at 6th grade, 26 % start at 7th grade and 32% start at 9th grade. 47% of those in this category were also responsible for young adults and 18% are responsible for the catechesis of adults.

Catechesis Responsibility	% of responses	# of responses
Preschool	34.88%	45
Kindergarten	62.02%	80
1st Grade	72.09%	93
2nd Grade	72.09%	93
3rd Grade	72.09%	93
4th Grade	72.09%	93
5th Grade	70.54%	91
6th Grade	74.42%	96
7th Grade	72.09%	93
8th Grade	69.77%	90
9th Grade	67.44%	87
10th Grade	65.89%	85
11th Grade	62.79%	81
12th Grade	34.88%	45
Young Adults	24.81%	32
Adults	26.36%	34

Total Respondents: 129

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Specific Areas of Responsibility
Respondents were asked to check all the areas that applied. The table shows areas, in addition to religious education, for which respondents were responsible. 72% of the respondents identified that they were responsible Sacramental Preparation for Children, 60% were responsible for Confirmation Preparation and 48% were responsible for Youth Ministry.

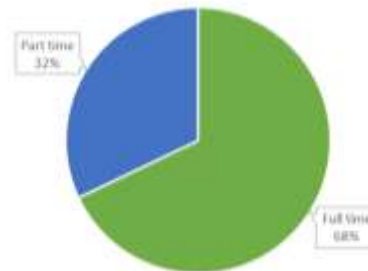| Specific Areas of responsibility	% of responses	# of responses
Sacramental Preparation for children	72%	93
Confirmation Preparation	60%	78
Youth Ministry	48%	62
Family Formation	43%	56
Safe Environment Coordinator	38%	50
Children's Liturgy of the Word	29%	38
Other Parish Ministries	29%	38
RCIA	26%	34
Baptism Preparation	22%	28

Total Respondents: 130

Full or Part Time Position
When asked if their position was full or part-time, two-thirds of the respondents (67%) reported holding full time positions.

Status of position	% of responses	# of responses
Full time	68%	89
Part time	32%	44

Total Respondents: 133

Association Membership
Respondents were asked to what professional associations they belong. Only 41% of respondents answered this question. Of those who indicated that they belonged to an association; about three fourths belong to Mareda/WDREF. 23 respondents stated that they belonged to multiple associations.

Associations	# of responses
Mareda/WDREF	40
NCCL	19
NFCYM	8
NALM	5
PMMA	3
NCEA	2

Total Respondents: 46

Catechetical Program Information

Number of Participants in Catechetical Programs

Respondents were asked for a count of participants in their programs, by grade level. The total numbers for each grade level are shown in the chart below.[2] The total number of participants in programs varies greatly, from one program with total of 10 to another parish with 540 participants.

Grades	PreK	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Total # participants	332	712	1262	1630	1242	1158	1129	1170	1133	1208	1752	1829	1990	85
Largest Grade Size	30	52	65	94	55	48	53	52	40	46	73	60	90	20
Average Grade Size	8	10	15	20	15	14	14	14	14	15	22	23	27	6
# of responses	60	79	85	85	85	85	84	87	85	83	81	81	74	45

Annual Contact Hours

Respondents were asked for their annual contact hours, by grade level. The average number of hours for each grade level is shown in the chart below.[3]

Grades	PreK	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Average contact hours	24	27	28	30	29	29	29	30	30	30	29	29	33	27
Range of hours	2- 40	6- 60	8- 80	7- 80	13- 80	9- 80	16- 80	12- 80	13- 80	12- 80	13-45	12- 52	13- 88	10- 50
Median	25	26	28	29	28	28	28	30	30	30	30	30	30	26
# of respondents	39	67	81	81	81	81	79	84	81	80	77	77	70	21

Assessments

Respondents were asked what assessments they used. 40 percent said they used tests provided by their textbook publisher.

Assessment	% of responses	# of responses
Tests provided by textbook publisher	40%	44
None	33%	36
Assessments created by Catechist	25%	27
Assessments created by Formation Staff	18%	20
Archdiocesan Religion Assessments	14%	15

Total Respondents: 109

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[2] Not all respondents answered the question and some did not report participants at every grade level.
[3] Not all respondents answered the question and some did not report contact hours at every grade level.

Elementary Level Programs

Respondents were asked if their position covers elementary level and/or 1st reconciliation/1st communion programming. 84 respondents (73%) answered yes. The information below is from those responsible for elementary level ministry.

Models of Religious Education
When asked to indicate what models of religious education they employed and to check all that applied, over 89 percent said they offered a weekly catechetical program.

Models of religious education	% of responses	# of responses
Weekly catechetical program	89%	75
Summer vacation bible school	42%	35
Retreats	32%	27
Family-centered program	27%	23
Service Learning	26%	22
Home schooling religious education	25%	21
RCIA for children	25%	21
Lectionary-based program	17%	14
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	10%	8
Programs for children/teens with special needs	10%	8
Intergenerational program	7%	6
Other (please specify)	6%	5
Scripture study/reflection	5%	4
Summer catechetical program	4%	3
Mini-course program	1%	1

Total Respondents: 84

Kindergarten Textbooks/Series
Respondents were asked what textbook or series they used for Kindergarten catechesis. Parishes reported using 10 different series by the major Catholic publishers including one bilingual series and one Spanish series. A few use other published materials or produce their own.

Kindergarten Textbooks	% of responses	# of responses
Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes & Teaches, Pflaum Publishing Group	21%	14
Allelu! Growing and Celebrating with Jesus, Our Sunday Visitor	12%	8
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts, Loyola Press	10%	7
Stories of God's Love, RCL Benziger	9%	6
I am Special, Our Sunday Visitor	7%	5
Blest Are We Faith in Action Kindergarten, RCL Benziger	7%	5
We Believe, William H. Sadlier, Inc.	6%	4
God Made Everything, Loyola Press	4%	3
¡Alelú! Crecer y celebrar con Jesús, Our Sunday Visitor	3%	2
Creemos / We Believe, William H. Sadlier, Inc.	3%	2
OTHER	18%	12

Total Respondents: 68

Grades 1-6 Textbooks/Series

Respondents were asked what textbook or series they used for 1st-6th grade catechesis. Parishes reported using 12 different series by the major Catholic publishers including 3 bilingual series. A few do not use a basal series, but use other published materials or produce their own. There were two years that had great variation in books used. In 2nd grade, some respondents (11) stated that they only use Sacramental Preparation Books. Also, some 6th grade programs are using middle school materials such as Catholic Connections for Middle Schoolers - St Mary's Press (6) and *Edge* by Life Teen (4).

Grades 1-6 Textbooks	1st Grade		2nd Grade		3rd Grade		4th Grade		5th Grade		6th Grade		Avg
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts, Loyola Press	18%	15	14%	11	18%	15	18%	15	17%	14	12%	10	16%
Blest Are We: Faith in Action, RCL Benziger	12%	10	9%	7	13%	11	13%	11	14%	11	10%	9	12%
Alive In Christ, Our Sunday Visitor	11%	9	11%	9	11%	9	11%	9	11%	9	10%	9	11%
Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes Teaches, Pflaum Pub.Group	10%	8	11%	9	12%	10	11%	9	11%	9	10%	9	11%
We Believe: Catholic Identity, William H. Sadlier, Inc.	10%	8	10%	8	11%	9	12%	10	12%	10	10%	9	11%
Christ Our Life: New Evangelization Edition, Loyola Press	9%	7	6%	5	7%	6	7%	6	9%	7	8%	7	8%
Be My Disciples, RCL Benziger	6%	5	5%	4	6%	5	6%	5	6%	5	6%	5	6%
Call to Faith, OSV Curriculum	4%	3	4%	3	4%	3	4%	3	4%	3	2%	2	3%
Creemos / We Believe, William H. Sadlier, Inc.	4%	3	4%	3	4%	3	4%	3	2%	2	2%	2	3%
Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church, Our Sunday Visitor	0%	0	0%	0	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	0%	0	1%
Encontrando a Dios / Finding God, Loyola Press	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church (Bilingual), Our Sunday Visitor	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
OTHER	15%	12	27%	22	12%	10	12%	10	12%	10	28%	24	18%
Total Respondents	82		81		82		82		81		86		

Total Respondents: 99

Programs for Children with Special Needs

Respondents were asked how they serve children with Special Needs. Over two thirds of respondents stated that they treat each child and situation individually as needed.

Response to Special Needs	% of responses
Treat each child and situation individually as needed	68%
Mainstream children with extra assistance from catechists or aides	41%
Catechist or tutor works one-on-one or in special group	15%
Special Program (SPRED, Vine & Branches, Arise, Journey, Risen)	10%
Nothing	4%

Total Respondents: 82

Class Times

Respondents were asked when they held classes. The largest number held classes on a Sunday morning (64%), followed by Wednesday evening (36%) and Monday evening (17%).[4]

When classes are held	% of responses	# of responses
Sunday Morning	64%	53
Wednesday Evening	36%	30
Monday Evening	17%	14
Sunday Evening	10%	8
Summer Weekday	8%	7
Weekday Right After school	6%	5
Tuesday Evening	6%	5
Saturday Morning	5%	4
Sunday Midday	4%	3
Saturday Evening	4%	3
Thursday Evening	1%	1

Total Respondents: 83

Scheduling Alternatives

When asked if they offered more than one scheduling option for a particular level, 30 percent said yes; 70 percent said no. These percentages do not appear to correlate with the prior question, which may be due to different grades meeting on different days. 82 respondents answered the question.

Parent Involvement

When asked how they involved parents in catechetical programs, most indicated they use emails to parents (83%), take-home materials (76%), and/or parent meetings (67%).

Methods of parent involvement	% of responses	# of responses
Emails to Parents	83%	69
Take-home materials	76%	63
Parent Meetings	67%	56
Family sessions	46%	38
Special programs for parents	43%	36
Homework to be completed with parent	37%	31
Parent/Child Sessions	35%	29
Work with children in the classroom	20%	17

Total Respondents: 83

Annual Fees

Respondents were asked how much they charge for their religious education programs. The table below shows data for those who indicated that they charge fees.

	One child	Two children	Three children	Maximum
Lowest fee	$15	$30	$45	$50
Highest fee	$210	$420	$630	$630
Average fee	$90	$165	$225	$226
Median fee	$90	$160	$220	$220
Number of respondents that charge fees	79	79	77	71

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[4] Percentages total more than 100% because some parishes offer one class schedule for lower grades and another for upper grades and some offer more than one class option.

Summer Vacation Bible School, Camp or Summer Program
Respondents were asked if they offer a vacation bible school, camp or other summer program. 54% of respondents said yes.

Summer vacation bible school	% of responses	# of responses
Yes	54%	45
No	46%	38

Total Respondents: 83

Summer Program Attendee Ages
Respondents were asked if they offer a vacation bible school, camp or other summer program, what was the youngest age of attendees and what was the oldest age of attendees (not including helpers). The table shows the ages reported.

Attendee Age	Youngest Age	Oldest Age
Average Age	4	12
Range of Ages	3 - 6	8 - 18
Median Age	4	11

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Total Respondents: 43

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Respondents were asked if their parish offered Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass, what time of year they offered it. Over one third of respondents stated that they offer it during the school year.

Frequency of CLoW	% of responses	# of responses
School Year	41%	28
Parish does not offer	34%	23
All Year	21%	14
Lent	4%	3
Advent	4%	3

Total Respondents: 68

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Frequency

Respondents were also asked, if their parish offered Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass, to indicated how often they offer it. 45% of respondents who answered the question stated that they offer it weekly.

Frequency of CLoW	% of responses	# of responses
Weekly	45%	30
Parish does not offer	33%	22
Bi-weekly	12%	8
Monthly	9%	6

Total Respondents: 66

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Ages

Respondents were asked, if their parish offered Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass, what was the youngest age of attendees and what was the oldest age of attendees (not including helpers). The graph below shows the ages reported.

Attendee Age	Youngest Age	Oldest Age
Average Age	4	10
Range of Ages	2 - 8	6 - 18
Median Age	3	10

Total Respondents: 41

Additional Programs for Children

Respondents were asked to indicate additional programs that are offered at their parishes for children. Almost 60% offered a children's choir. About half of the respondents offered both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts at their parish.

Additional Programs	% of responses	# of responses
Children's Choir	59%	35
Boy Scouts	58%	34
Girl Scouts	51%	30
Athletics	49%	29
Retreats	46%	27
Grief Support Program/Rainbows for All Children	3%	2
Other (please specify)	2%	1

Total Respondents: 59

"Other" responses included: Troops of St. George

Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental Preparation - Number of Participants
Respondents were asked how many participants they had for preparation for First Communion and First Reconciliation.

Program	First Communion	First Reconciliation
Smallest class	3	3
Largest class	187	187
Average	34	33
Total	2827	2723
# of respondents	83	82

Sacramental preparation – program elements included
Respondents were also asked what program elements were included in their Sacramental programs. Preparation integrated in Religious Ed or School classes received the largest number of mentions with 84 percent.

Sacramental programs	% of responses	# of responses
Preparation integrated in Religious Ed or School classes	84%	70
Retreat day	71%	59
Parent sessions	70%	58
At home work	67%	56
Parent-child sessions	57%	47
Special sessions for the children	28%	23

Total Respondents: 83

Textbooks used for Sacramental preparation
Respondents were asked to indicate what textbooks they used for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

First Reconciliation in Grade 2	% of responses	# of responses
God's Gift: Reconciliation (Primary), Loyola Press	44.23%	23
Encounter with Christ: Reconciliation, Our Sunday Visitor	17.31%	9
Believe Celebrate Live: Reconciliation (Primary), William H. Sadlier, Inc.	15.38%	8
Blessed, Dynamic Catholic	15.38%	8
Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (Primary), RCL Benziger	9.62%	5
Together in Jesus: First Reconciliation, Pflaum Publishing Group	9.62%	5
Go Seek Find: Reconciliation, Saint Mary's Press	1.92%	1
Unidos en Jesús Primera Reconciliación, Pflaum Publishing Group	1.92%	1

Total Respondents: 52

Some respondents indicated that they used locally prepared or customized materials; others simply used the grade-level religion textbook. Some respondents also stated they use additional supplemental materials.

First Reconciliation for Older Children	% of responses	# of responses
God's Gift: Reconciliation (Intermediate), Loyola Press	28.13%	9
God's Gift: Reconciliation (Primary), Loyola Press	15.63%	5
Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (Intermediate), RCL Benziger	15.63%	5
Believe Celebrate Live: Reconciliation (Intermediate), William H. Sadlier, Inc	12.50%	4
Believe Celebrate Live: Reconciliation (Primary), William H. Sadlier, Inc.	9.38%	3
Encounter with Christ: Reconciliation, Our Sunday Visitor	6.25%	2
Unidos en Jesús Primera Reconciliación, Pflaum Publishing Group	6.25%	2
Together in Jesus: First Reconciliation, Pflaum Publishing Group	3.13%	1
Celebrate and Remember: Reconciliation, Saint Mary's Press	3.13%	1

Total Respondents: 32

Some respondents indicated that they select or customize materials depending on the age.

First Communion in Grade 2	% of responses	# of responses
God's Gift Eucharist (Primary), Loyola Press	37.93%	22
Encounter with Christ: Eucharist: Our Sunday Visitor	15.52%	9
Believe Celebrate Live: Eucharist (Primary), William H. Sadlier, Inc.	13.79%	8
Together in Jesus: First Eucharist, Pflaum Publishing Group	8.62%	5
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (Primary), RCL Benziger	6.90%	4
Go Seek Find: Eucharist, Saint Mary's Press	3.45%	2
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (Intermediate), RCL Benziger	1.72%	1
Unidos en Jesús Primera Eucaristía, Pflaum Publishing Group	1.72%	1
OTHER	10.34%	6

Total Respondents: 58

Other responses included: Blessed by Dynamic Catholic (8), grade-level religion textbook (7) and locally prepared or customized materials. Some respondents also stated they use additional supplemental materials.

First Communion for Older Children	% of responses	# of responses
God's Gift Eucharist (Primary), Loyola Press	20.00%	7
God's Gift: Eucharist (Intermediate), Loyola Press	17.14%	6
Believe Celebrate Live: Eucharist (Intermediate), William H. Sadlier, Inc.	14.29%	5
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (Intermediate), RCL Benziger	14.29%	5
Believe Celebrate Live: Eucharist (Primary), William H. Sadlier, Inc.	8.57%	3
Encounter with Christ: Eucharist: Our Sunday Visitor	5.71%	2
Celebrate and Remember: Eucharist, Saint Mary's Press	2.86%	1
Together in Jesus: First Eucharist, Pflaum Publishing Group	2.86%	1
Unidos en Jesús Primera Eucaristía, Pflaum Publishing Group	2.86%	1
OTHER	11.43%	4

Total Respondents: 35

Several respondents said they create/choose materials depending on the age.

Sacramental Preparation Fee
Respondents were asked about fees they charge for sacramental preparation. 37% had no fee for First Reconciliation preparation; 20% had no charge for First Communion preparation. The chart below reports on those parish programs who charge fees for sacramental preparation.

	First Reconciliation	First Communion
# that charge a fee	48	64
Lowest fee	$10	$10
Highest fee	$90	$150
Average fee	$31	$33
Median fee	$25	$30
# of Respondents	76	79

Middle School Ministry

Respondents were asked if their position covers middle school programing. 84 respondents (73%) answered yes. The information below is from those who deal with middle school ministry.

Models of Religious Education
When asked to indicate what models of religious education they used and to check all that applied, over 85 percent said they used a weekly catechetical program.

Models of religious education	% of responses	# of responses
Weekly catechetical program	85%	71
Service Learning	44%	37
Retreats	42%	35
Home schooling religious education	25%	21
RCIA for children	21%	18
Family-centered program	19%	16
Intergenerational program	10%	8
Lectionary-based program	8%	7
Programs for children/teens with special needs	8%	7
Scripture study/reflection	7%	6
Mini-course program	6%	5
Summer catechetical program	6%	5

Total Respondents: 84

Some respondents indicated that they offer biweekly, monthly, semimonthly catechetical programing. Other models reported were family sessions, youth faith groups and other youth ministry opportunities.

Class Times
Respondents were asked when they held classes. The largest number held classes on a Sunday morning (50%), followed by Wednesday evening (33%).[5]

When classes are held	% of responses	# of responses
Sunday Morning	50%	42
Wednesday Evening	33%	28
Sunday Evening	15%	13
Monday Evening	14%	12
Sunday Midday	8%	7
Summer Weekday	6%	5
Saturday Morning	4%	3
Tuesday Evening	4%	3
Saturday Evening	2%	2
Weekday Right After school	1%	1

Total Respondents: 84

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[5] Numbers add up to more than 100% because some parishes offer more than one class option.

Scheduling Alternatives

When asked if they offered more than one scheduling option for a particular level, 28 percent said yes; 72 percent said no. 85 respondents answered the question.

7th & 8th Grade Catechetical Textbooks/Series

There was a great diversity of materials used at the middle school level, with over 14 different textbooks or published programs used, along with supplemental and locally produced materials.

7th & 8th Grade Textbooks	7th Grade		8th Grade		AVG
Catholic Connections for Middle Schoolers, Saint Mary's Press	14%	12	13%	10	13%
Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: What the Church Believes and Teaches, Pflaum Publishing Group	12%	10	11%	9	12%
Edge, LifeTeen	10%	8	11%	9	10%
Finding God, Loyola Press	6%	5	6%	5	6%
We Believe, Catholic Identity, William H. Sadlier, Inc.	8%	7	6%	5	7%
Alive In Christ, Our Sunday Visitor	6%	5	5%	4	5%
Blest Are We: Junior High, RCL Benziger	6%	5	5%	4	5%
Christ Our Life: The New Evangelization Edition, Loyola Press	5%	4	4%	3	4%
Call to Faith, OSV Curriculum	4%	3	3%	2	3%
Be My Disciples, RCL Benziger	2%	2	3%	2	2%
Faith Fusion: Knowing, Loving, and Serving Christ in the Catholic Church, Our Sunday Visitor	1%	1	1%	1	1%
Fusión en la fe: Conocer, amar y servir a Cristo en la Iglesia Católica, Our Sunday Visitor	1%	1	1%	1	1%
Call to Faith Junior High Faith Booklet series, OSV Curriculum	0%	0	1%	1	1%
We Believe Series, We Live Our Faith, William H. Sadlier, Inc.	0%	0	1%	1	1%
OTHER	25%	21	29%	23	27%
Total Respondents	84		80		

Programs for Young People with Special Needs

Respondents were asked how they serve youth with Special Needs. Over two-thirds of respondents stated that they treat each child and situation individually as needed.

Response to Special Needs	% of responses
Treat each child and situation individually as needed	65%
Mainstream children with extra assistance from catechists or aides	33%
Special Program (eg, SPRED, Vine & Branches, Arise, Journey, Risen)	11%
Catechist or tutor works one-on-one or in special group	11%
Nothing	7%

Total Respondents: 82

Parent Involvement

When asked how they involved parents in catechetical programs, most indicated they use emails to parents (89%), take-home materials (64%), and/or parent meetings (60%).

Methods of parent involvement	% of responses	# of responses
Emails to Parents	89%	74
Take-home materials	64%	53
Parent Meetings	60%	50
Special programs for parents	39%	32
Parent/Child Sessions	31%	26
Intergenerational/family sessions	29%	24
Homework to be completed with parent	23%	19
Work with children in the classroom	13%	11

Total Respondents: 83

"Other" opportunities included: family activities/events and service projects.

Annual Fees[6]

Respondents were asked what they charge for their religious education programs.

	One child	Two children	Three children	Maximum
Lowest fee	$10	$20	$30	$30
Highest fee	$230	$420	$630	$640
Average fee	$90	$168	$230	$229
Median fee	$97	$160	$225	$220
# of respondents	80	80	79	75

Additional Programs for Middle Schoolers

Respondents were asked to indicate additional programs that are offered at their parishes for middle schoolers. Almost 65% offer retreats.

Additional Programs	% of responses	# of responses
Retreats	65%	43
Children's Choir	48%	32
Athletics	47%	31
Boy Scouts	45%	30
Youth Rally	45%	30
Girl Scouts	38%	25
De Sales Days/Vocation Camp	14%	9
Grief Support Program/Rainbows for All Children	2%	1
American Heritage Girls	2%	1
Little Flowers Girl Group	2%	1
Other (please specify)	29%	19

Total Respondents: 66

"Other" responses included: Mission trips (6), youth group (3), Family Life program, Drama Club, service opportunities (4), youth Mass, Altar Server training, VBS/Summer SMYLE program, Vacation Bible School, Youth Leadership Program, Lock-in, Rec nights, EDGE Camp.

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[6] Results do not include any one who said they do not charge a fee.

High School/Youth Ministry

Respondents were asked if their position covers high school and/or confirmation programming. 79 respondents (70%) answered yes. The information below is from those responsible for high school level ministry.

Models of Religious Education
When asked to indicate what models of religious education they used and to check all that applied, almost three-fourths of respondents said they offered a weekly catechetical program and 65% offered retreats.

Models of religious education	% of responses	# of responses
Weekly catechetical program	72%	56
Retreats	65%	51
Service Learning	53%	41
RCIA for youth	21%	16
Family-centered program	15%	12
Home schooling religious education	15%	12
Scripture study/reflection	15%	12
Intergenerational program	13%	10
Mini-course program	12%	9
Summer catechetical program	6%	5
Lectionary-based program	5%	4
Programs for children/teens with special needs	5%	4

Total Respondents: 78

Some respondents indicated that they offer biweekly, monthly, semimonthly catechetical programing. Other models reported were: family sessions, youth faith groups and small group sessions.

High School Catechetical Textbooks/Series
Respondents were asked what textbook or series they used for their 9-12 grade catechesis. *Chosen* was the most used program with 21 respondents indicating they used it.   The table below shows textbook series that were used by multiple respondents.

High School Catechetical textbooks/series	% of responses	# of responses
Chosen, Ascension Press	28%	21
The Catholic Faith Handbook, St. Mary Press	20%	15
Decision Point, Dynamic Catholic	13%	10
Life Teen	12%	9
Theology of the Body, Ascension Press	8%	6
Youth Ministry Access (CMD)	5%	4
Total Catechesis, St Mary's Press	5%	4

Total respondents: 78

There were 29 other resources used by just one or two parishes.   At least 8 parishes stated that they create their own program with many others using supplemental materials in addition to published programs. In 11th grade, some respondents stated that they use confirmation materials. Only 15 respondents listed a 12th grade resource.

Programs for Teens with Special Needs

Respondents were asked how they serve children with Special Needs. About two-thirds of respondents stated that they treat each teen and situation individually as needed.

Response to Special Needs	% of responses
Treat each teen and situation individually as needed	66%
Mainstream teens with extra assistance from catechists or aides	32%
Special Program (SPRED, Vine & Branches Arise, Journey, Risen)	12%
Catechist or tutor works one-on-one or in special group	11%
Nothing	9%

Total Respondents: 76

Class times

Respondents were asked when they held classes. The largest number held classes on a Sunday morning (45%), followed by Sunday evening (35%) and Wednesday evening (26%).[7]

When classes are held	% of responses	# of responses
Sunday Morning	45%	35
Sunday Evening	35%	27
Wednesday Evening	26%	20
Monday Evening	12%	9
Sunday Midday	9%	7
Summer Weekday	5%	4
Tuesday Evening	4%	3
Saturday Evening	3%	2
Saturday Morning	1%	1
Thursday Evening	1%	1

Total Respondents: 77

Scheduling Alternatives

When asked if they offered more than one scheduling option for a particular level, 22 percent said yes; 78 percent said no. 78 respondents answered the question.

Parent Involvement

When asked how they involved parents, most indicated they send parents regular e-mail or newsletter (75%) and have parent chaperones for mission trip, retreats, service, and so on. (75%).

Methods of parent involvement	% of responses	# of responses
Regular e-mail or newsletter	75%	57
Chaperone for Mission Trip/Retreats/Service/Etc	75%	57
Take-home materials	54%	41
Small Group Leaders	50%	38
Sessions with teens in the class	34%	26
Family Session	29%	22
Special programs for parents	25%	19
Intergenerational/family sessions	24%	18
District Parent/Teen Events	18%	14

Total Respondents: 76

"Other" opportunities included family events and service/outreach activities.

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[7] Percentages total more than 100% because some parishes offer a different class schedule for different grades and some offer more than one class option.

Annual Fees
Respondents were asked what they charge for their religious education programs.

	One child	Two children	Three children	Maximum
Lowest fee	$10	$20	$30	$30
Highest fee	$225	$340	$505	$640
Average fee	$100	$171	$236	$243
Median fee	$100	$165	$225	$228
# of respondents	74	74	73	67

Spiritual Development Opportunities
Respondents were asked what spiritual development opportunities their parish offered teens. Offsite events were mentioned by 74% percent of those responding and retreats were mentioned 73% of those responding. Less than 50 percent of the respondents reported offering any of the other spiritual development opportunities listed for their consideration.

Spiritual development program	% of responses	# of responses
Offsite Events: ARISE, St. John Bosco Day, WCYR, NCYC, Stubenville etc	74%	55
Retreat (besides confirmation)	73%	54
Youth-friendly liturgy	45%	33
Eucharistic adoration	38%	28
Prayer or faith-sharing group	19%	14
Spiritual direction	15%	11
Scripture study	9%	7

Total Respondents: 74

Justice and Service Opportunities
Respondents were asked what service opportunities their parish offered teens. Service opportunities within the parish (such as committees, liturgical roles, catechist aide) were mentioned by 94 percent of those responding. Other opportunities mentioned by over 50 percent of respondents included direct service to the needy (73%), summer mission trips (68%), and collecting/ fundraising for a cause (63%).

Justice and service program	% of responses	# of responses
Service opportunities within the parish (e.g., committees, liturgical roles, catechist aide)	94%	73
Direct service to the needy (meal programs, shelters)	73%	57
Summer mission trips	68%	53
Collecting or fundraising for a cause	63%	49
Projects chosen and designed by youth	36%	28
Reach Out Reach In	21%	16
Advocacy, letter-writing, awareness raising	13%	10

Total Respondents: 78

Other responses included: local workcamps (2) and cardboard city/homelessness sleep out (2).

Leadership Opportunities

Respondents were asked what leadership opportunities their parish offered teens. Youth involvement in parish ministries was the most common leadership opportunity offered to teens.

Leadership Opportunities	% of responses	# of responses
Youth Involvement in Parish Ministries	83%	53
Mission Trip Leadership Team	31%	20
Youth involvement on parish committees	27%	17
Youth leadership training	22%	14
Retreat Team	22%	14
Youth advisory board	16%	10
Youth Ministry Team	9%	6
Bible Study Leader	6%	4

    Total Respondents: 64

"Other" responses included Vacation Bible School leaders; pastoral council member; and Small Group Peer Leader.

Other Youth Ministry Opportunities

Respondents were asked whether they offer specific opportunities to their teens.

Youth Opportunities	% of responses	# of responses
St. John Bosco Youth Day @ Holy Hill	66%	48
WCYR - Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally	53%	39
CYM Sports - volleyball, basketball, bowling	33%	24
Steubenville Youth Conference	30%	22
Boy Scouts	30%	22
San Damiano Encounter	30%	22
NET team - National Evangelization Team	29%	21
NCYC - National Catholic Youth Conference	27%	20
Reach Out Reach In	25%	18
Girl Scouts	23%	17
SPIRITUS team	21%	15
De Sales Days	18%	13
Lifeteen Summer Camp	3%	2
American Heritage Girls	1%	1

    Total Respondents: 73

"Other" responses included: World Youth Day

Confirmation Preparation

Relationship between Confirmation Program and other Catechetical Programs

Respondents were asked about the relationship between their parish confirmation program and other catechetical programs. 48% of the respondents said the confirmation program corresponds to 11th grade and is the only catechetical program for 11th graders. Other options received few responses.

Program relationships	% of responses	# of responses
Confirmation program corresponds to 11th grade and is the only catechetical program for 11th graders	48%	36
Confirmation program overlaps the 10th and 11th grade years; we offer religious ed during part of 11th grade	17%	13
Confirmation program takes place during the 11th grade, but we also offer a religious ed program during the 11th grade year	15%	11
Confirmation program overlaps the 11th and 12th grade years; we offer religious ed during part of 11th grade	8%	6
Other (please specify)	12%	9

Total Respondents: 75

"Other" scenarios included Confirmation overlaps 10 & 11 and is the only program for 11th and Confirmation overlaps the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades

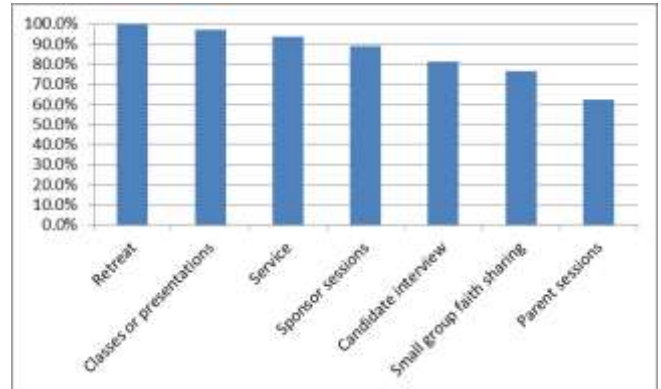**Number of Confirmation Candidates**

Respondents were asked about the size of their confirmation class. The total number of confirmation candidates reported was 2,496. Class sizes ranged from 3 to 115, with the average class size of 33. 75 respondents answered this question.

Confirmation Program Components

Respondents were asked what program elements are included in their parish confirmation program. The top three cited were retreat (99%), service (96%) and formation sessions (92%).

Program elements	% of responses	# of responses
Retreat	99%	74
Service	96%	72
Formation Sessions	92%	69
Candidate interview	79%	59
Small group faith sharing	75%	56
Sponsor Session	75%	56
Parent Sessions	63%	47

Total Respondents: 75

Confirmation Program Contact Hours

Respondents were asked the approximate number of contact hours for their confirmation program (not including the retreat). Based on the 74 responses, the average number of contact hours was 29 hours. The number of hours ranged from 3 to 80.

Confirmation Textbook/Program

Respondents were asked what textbook or program they used for confirmation preparation, and were asked to choose from a list, or indicate other resources.

Confirmation textbook/program	% of responses	# of responses
Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation, Ascension Press	24%	18
Decision Point, Dynamic Catholic	15%	11
Confirmed in a Faithful Community, St. Mary's Press	11%	8
Confirmed in the Spirit, Loyola Press	5%	4
Called to Mercy, Saint Mary's Press	5%	4
Anointed in the Spirit, Saint Mary's Press	4%	3
Gifted with the Spirit-Confirmation: Senior High Edition, Pflaum Publishing Group	3%	2
Confirmation: Inspired by the Spirit, William H. Sadlier, Inc.	1%	1
Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit, Pflaum Publishing Group	1%	1
OTHER	31%	23

Total Respondents: 75

Confirmation Sponsor Involvement

Respondents were asked how sponsors were engaged in the confirmation preparation program. The largest number of respondents cited confirmation rehearsal (97%), sponsor-candidate session(s) (68%) and requiring candidates and sponsors to meet on their own (61%).

Sponsor engagement	% of responses	# of responses
Confirmation rehearsal	97%	73
Sponsor-candidate session(s) during the program	68%	51
Require candidates and sponsors to meet on their own	61%	46
Sponsor handbook or other materials	48%	36
Sponsor orientation session	40%	30
Candidate Commitment Liturgy with Sponsors & Parents	25%	19
Sponsorgrams	7%	5

Total Respondents: 75

Confirmation Parent Involvement

Respondents were asked how parents were engaged in the confirmation preparation program. The largest number of responses was parent meetings (79%) and email materials or e-newsletter (77%).

Parent engagement	% of responses	# of responses
Parent meeting(s)	79%	59
E-mail materials or e-newsletter	77%	58
Parent Written Letters to Candidates	75%	56
Help on Retreat	56%	42
Invite to participate in service projects	53%	40
Parent-candidate session	45%	34
Take-home materials	40%	30
Parent Sessions	25%	19
Intergenerational Sessions	9%	7

Total Respondents: 75

Other responses included: Parents attend the sessions when a sponsor cannot attend; every parent signed up to be an additional Classroom Aide for one class session; mailings to parents.
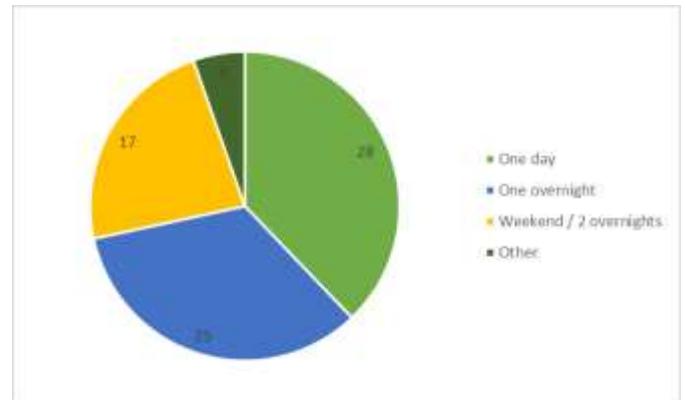
Confirmation Retreat

Respondents were asked about the length, location and leadership of their confirmation retreat.

Length of retreat:

Length of Retreat	% of responses	# of responses
One day	38%	28
One overnight	34%	25
Weekend / 2 overnights	23%	17
Other	5%	4

Total Respondents: 74

Other responses included: 2 day retreats that did not have an overnight included

Retreat Leadership: In responding to the leadership options listed for their consideration if the categories of parish team and parish director of youth ministry are combined, then parish personnel conducted the confirmation retreat in 58% of the responses.

Retreat Leadership	% of responses	# of responses
Parish DYM	32%	24
Parish team	28%	21
SPIRITUS team	19%	14
Guest presenter/director	11%	8
NET team	8%	6
OTHER	1%	1

Total Respondents: 74

Other responses included: led by DRE; DRE/Pastoral Associate with parish team members.

Location of retreat:

Location of Retreat	% of responses	# of responses
At our parish	31%	23
Mount Tabor Center	11%	8
At another parish	11%	8
Camp Whitcomb/Mason	9%	7
St. Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center	7%	5
Daniel Soref Retreat Center	4%	3
Holy Hill Guest House	3%	2
Schoenstatt Retreat Center	1%	1
Saint Francis de Sales Seminary	1%	1
Green Lake Conference Center	1%	1
OTHER	20%	15

Total Respondents: 74

Other options include: Benet Lake Retreat Center (2), Camp Edwards(2), Camp Minikani, Camp Tekakwitha, Camp Timber-lee (2), Camp Vista, Camp Wonderland, Cedar Valley Retreat Center, Inspiration Center (2), Nashotah House or Camp Gray, Siena Retreat Center.

Number of Confirmation Retreats

Respondents were asked how many retreats or retreat options they offered candidates. 78 percent of the respondents said they offered one retreat for all candidates.

Number of retreat options	% of responses	# of responses
One retreat for all	78%	58
Two options	18%	13
Three	3%	2
More	1%	1

Total Respondents: 74

Service Component of Confirmation Preparation

Respondents were asked what strategies were used to engage candidates in Christian service during their confirmation preparation. More than half of respondents answered that the require a certain number of service hours (67%); involve candidates alongside adult parishioners (56%); and discuss service during the confirmation interview (52%).

Service strategies	% of responses	# of responses
Require a certain number of service hours	67%	50
Involve candidates in serving alongside adult parishioners	56%	42
Discuss service during confirmation interview	52%	39
Offer a catalog of service opportunities for candidates	48%	36
Assign group service projects	41%	31
Offer a service journal for reflection on the experience	32%	24
Facilitate group reflection on service experiences	29%	22
Help candidates identify needs and design service projects	21%	16
Other (please specify)	12%	9

Total Respondents: 75

Some respondents noted that they require multiple/diverse opportunities (i.e. liturgical, parish, family, group service, and community).

Cost for Confirmation Preparation

Respondents were asked what they charge for their confirmation program and retreat.

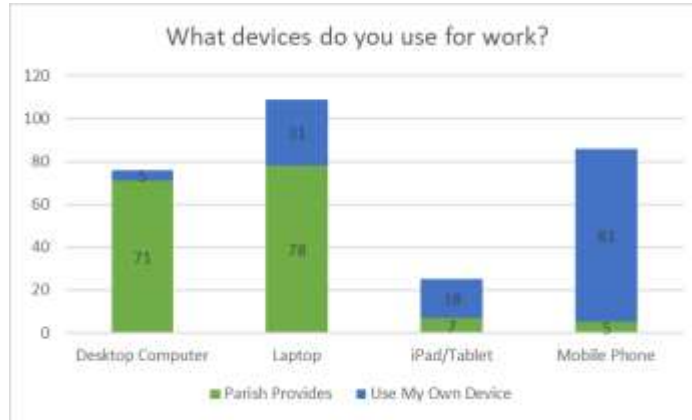|	Confirmation fee	Retreat fee	Total
Lowest fee	$15	$10	$10
Highest fee	$260	$175	$400
Average fee[8]	$105	$96	$162
Median fee[8]	$100	$100	$160
# of respondents	72	55	69

Total Respondents: 74

There were 5 respondents who did not charge for either part of confirmation preparation. Eight respondents said they charged just a retreat fee while 28 charged only a confirmation program fee. 33 respondents charge both a confirmation program and a retreat fee.

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[8] The Average & Median fees do not include any zero data.

Technology in Faith Formation

Devices Used
Respondents were asked what devices they used for work and if the parish provide the device or if they used their own. Laptops (109 respondents) are the most used device followed by desktop computers (76 respondents). Many respondents (86) stated that they use a mobile phone but only 6% stated that parish provides them with one.

	Desktop Computer		Laptop		iPad/Tablet		Mobile Phone	
Parish Provides	64%	71	70%	78	6%	7	5%	5
Use My Own Device	6%	5	36%	31	21%	18	94%	81

Total Respondents: 115

Parish Email Address
Respondents were asked if their parish provided them with an email address and if so which type. Over two thirds of the respondents, who answered this question, use a parish email address with a parish domain (@stanyone.org).

Parish Email Address	% of responses	# of responses
Yes, I use a parish email address with a parish domain (@stanyone.org)	68%	79
Yes, I use an archmil email address	15%	17
Yes, I use a parish provided generic email address (@gmail.com, etc.)	9%	10
No, I use a personal email	9%	10

Total Respondents: 116

Remote Access

Respondents were asked if they were able to access files and/or email remotely. 88% of respondents had access to email remotely and 41% also had access to files.

Remote Access	% of responses	# of responses
Yes, I have access to only email remotely	47%	54
Yes, I have access to all files and email remotely	41%	47
No, I have no remote access	12%	14

Total Respondents: 115

Equipment Available for use in Religious Education Program

Respondents were asked if what equipment is available for use in the religious education program at their parish. 85% of respondents stated that they have Wi-Fi available.

Equipment Available	% of responses	# of responses
DVD Player	91%	105
WiFi	85%	98
Portable Projector(s)	68%	78
Flat Screen TV	63%	72
Mounted Screen(s)	53%	61
Portable Screen(s)	49%	56
Mounted Projector(s)	41%	47
Smartboard	30%	35
Smart TV	26%	30
Blue-ray Player	17%	20
Bluetooth Speakers	17%	19
Wireless Display	8%	9

Total Respondents: 115

Technology in the Formation Program

Respondents were asked how they use technology in their formation programs. Over 97% of respondents stated that they show videos and 82% use technology for their communication with Parents, Catechists, Youth, etc.

Technology Used	% of responses	# of responses
Show Videos	97%	111
Communication with Parents, Catechists, Youth, etc.	82%	94
Use Smartboard	25%	28
Gaming/Interactive apps	23%	26
Post past class materials (make up work or parent viewing)	23%	26
Blended learning - Part Online/Part In Person	12%	14
Flipped Classroom - Instructional Content at Home/Activities in Class	3%	3

Total Respondents: 114

Catechetical Program Database

Respondents were asked if the catechetical program use the same database as the parish. 63% of respondents said yes.

Same Database as Parish	% of responses	# of responses
Yes	63%	71
No	37%	42

Total Respondents: 113

Program Data & Registration Management

Respondents were asked how they manage your Religious Education program data & registration. The software most used by respondents was Excel (42%) followed by Parish Data Systems (PDS).

Program Data & Registration Management	% of responses	# of responses
Excel	42%	48
Parish Data System (PDS)	37%	42
Google Docs/Sheets	21%	24
Parishsoft	13%	15
Paper Only	12%	13
ACS	4%	5
WeShare	4%	5
Access	3%	3
PSREnroll	1%	1

Total Respondents: 113

Information Posted on Parish Website

Respondents were asked what information is posted on their parish website. 67% of respondents have their Mass Schedule, Office Hours, Bulletin, Calendar and Staff Directory (including formation staff) all on the parish website. 60% of respondents have their Formation Program Schedule, Information and Forms all on the parish website.

Information on Parish Website	% of responses	# of responses
Mass Schedule	97%	109
Bulletin	93%	104
Staff Directory (Including Formation Staff)	87%	97
Office Hours	83%	93
Formation Program Schedule	82%	92
Calendar	81%	91
Formation Program Information	76%	85
Formation Program Forms	69%	77
Online Giving	54%	61
Formation Program Online Registration	48%	54
Formation Handbook	32%	36
Newsletters	25%	28
Formation Program Class Materials	20%	22

Total Respondents: 112

Management of Content on Parish Website

Respondents were asked if they, as catechetical staff, have access to manage their content on the parish website. Only 27 % of respondents manage their own web content for their program(s).

Information on Parish Website	% of responses	# of responses
No, I must submit a request for changes to another staff member	29%	33
No, but our administrative assistant can manage content	28%	32
Yes, I manage web content for my program(s)	27%	31
No, I must contact a volunteer webmaster	9%	10
No, I have no input regarding the website	6%	7

Total Respondents: 113

Separate Website for Formation/Youth Ministry

Respondents were asked if they have a formation/youth ministry website separate from the parish site (different domain name). 14% of respondents have their own site for their program.
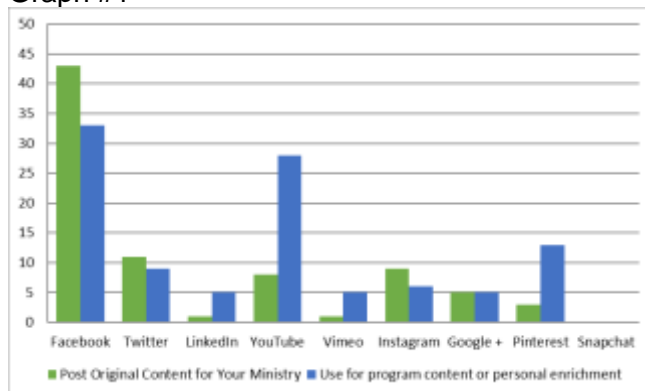
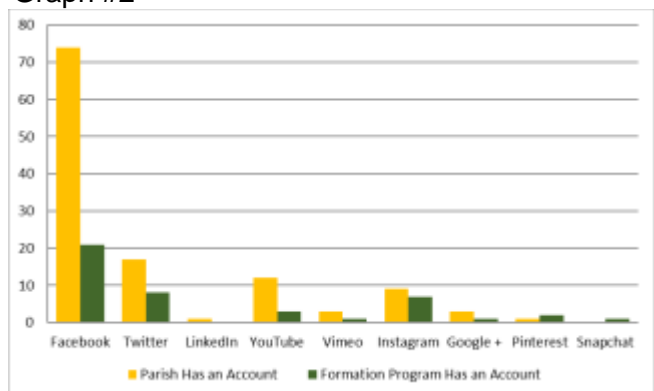| Separate Website for Formation/Youth Ministry	% of responses	# of responses
No	86%	98
Yes	14%	16

Total Respondents: 114

Social Media Used in Ministry

Respondents were asked what social media they use in their ministry. The graphs below what social media respondents use to post original content vs use for program content or personal enrichment. The second graph shows if the parish has an account vs the formation program has an account. Facebook is the most used social media across the board.

Graph #1

Graph #2

Social Media Used in Ministry (cont.)

	Facebook	Twitter	LinkedIn	YouTube	Vimeo	Instagram	Google +	Pinterest	Snapchat
Post Original Content	43	11	1	8	1	9	5	3	0
Use for program content or personal enrichment	33	9	5	28	5	6	5	13	0
Parish Has an Account	74	17	1	12	3	9	3	1	0
Formation Program Has an Account	21	8	0	3	1	7	1	2	1

Total Respondents: 90

Learning and training on New Technology

Respondents were asked how they learn about and train on new technology. Almost 80% of respondents stated that they were self-taught. 48% of respondents stated that they learn at Gigs, Geeks and God Conference.

Learning New Technology	% of responses	# of responses
Self Taught	79%	89
Gigs, Geeks & God Conference	48%	54
Webinars	46%	52
Websites	35%	39
YouTube Videos	32%	36
Outside Training	16%	18
Books	16%	18
Blogs	13%	14
In house sessions	12%	13
Ask my students	12%	13
Find the youngest person on staff	11%	12
Other	10%	11

Other answers were: family members, ask another staff member, videos from ParishSoft, parish volunteers who are professionals, technology sessions at Catechetical Conference and Finish Line, workshops and TIFF Committee.

Family Involvement

Participation in Family Perspectives
Respondents were asked if their parish has participated in Family Perspectives sponsored by Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry. 41% of respondents have participated in the program.

Participated in Family Perspectives	% of responses	# of responses
No	59%	67
Yes	41%	46

Total Respondents: 113

Parish Situation
Respondents were asked to choose the statement that best describes their parish situation. 28% of respondents offer Intergenerational/Family Programing to their families. Of these, 19 offer an Intergenerational/Family Program as an alternative to a "Traditional" Religious Education Program. 109 respondents answered the question

Components of Family/Intergenerational Program
Respondents were asked about components or aspects of their family/intergenerational program. Two-thirds of respondents who have an Intergenerational/Family Program stated they have an intergenerational activity as well as age specific sessions and adult formation as part of their program.

Family Program Aspects	% of responses	# of responses
Intergenerational Activity	89%	24
Meal/Snack	81%	22
Age specific session	81%	22
Adult Formation	78%	21
Service Opportunities	67%	18
Learning Centers	26%	7
Other (please specify)	11%	3

Total Respondents: 27

Family Program Times
Respondents were asked when they offer their family program. Over three-fourths of those with family programing hold it on Sunday morning.

Family Program Times	% of responses	# of responses
Sunday Morning	77%	20
Sunday Midday	19%	5
Monday Evening	19%	5
Sunday Evening	15%	4
Saturday Evening	8%	2
Wednesday Evening	4%	1

Total Respondents: 26

Family Program Scheduling Option
Respondents were asked if they offer more than one scheduling option for this particular program.
Over three fourths of those who have family programing do NOT offer more than one scheduling option.

Family Program Scheduling	% of responses	# of responses
No	77%	20
Yes	23%	6

Total Respondents: 26

Program Sessions
Respondents were asked how many sessions they offered per year. The average number of sessions was 10. They were also asked the number of hours per session and the number of hours per session (not including meal time). The average number per session was 2 hours.

Number of Sessions	
Average Number	12
Range of Sessions	8 - 16
Median	12
# of respondents	20

Hours per Session	Total	Hours per Session (Not including Meal Time)
Average Number	2.3	2.1
Range of Hours	1 - 3	1 - 3
Median	2	2
# of respondents	20	20

Family Program Fee Structure
Respondents were asked how they charge families in their programs. Most changed per family based on the number of children in the program.

Family Program Fee Structure	% of responses	# of responses
Per Family based on # of Children in Program	68%	13
Per Person	21%	4
Other	11%	2

Total Respondents: 19

Other answers were: part of traditional formation=one fee; charge per students/don't charge parents; flat rate per family.

RCIA for Children

RCIA for Children – Number of Participants
Respondents were asked how many participants were in their RCIA for Children this year. Of the 71 that answered the question, only 33 actually had participants this year. The average group was 6 participants.

	RCIA for Children
Smallest class	1
Largest class	28
Average	6
Total	187

Total respondents: 71

Sacramental preparation – program elements included
Respondents were also asked what program elements were included in their RCIA for Children. Special sessions for the children received the largest number of mentions with 65 percent followed by Preparation integrated in Religious Ed or School classes with 53%.

Sacramental programs	% of responses	# of responses
Special sessions for the children	65%	28
Preparation integrated in Religious Ed or School classes	53%	23
Parent sessions	49%	21
Parent-child sessions	47%	20
At home work	40%	17
Retreat day	37%	16

Total Respondents: 43

Textbooks
Respondents were asked to indicate what textbooks they used for RCIA for children.

There was no consensus among the 29 respondents who reported on material they used for RCIA for children. The most used material is *Journey of Faith* (5). There were 12 other resources used by just one or two parishes.   Other responses included several different texts that present a summary of the Catholic faith, adaptation of grade-level materials and self-created lessons or mixed resources.

Sacramental Preparation Fee
Respondents were asked about fees they charge for RCIA for children. 30% of respondents charged fees. The chart below reports on those parish programs who charge fees for RCIA for children.

	RCIA for Children
# that charge a fee	11
Lowest fee	$25
Highest fee	$100
Average fee	$63
Median fee	$50
# of Respondents	37

Catechists and Assistants
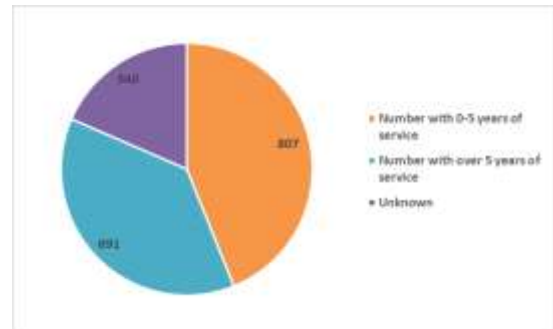
Catechists - Demographics

Respondents were asked how many catechists they have, how many have completed training for basic religious education certification, and their years of service. Respondents reported numbers ranging from 3 to 54 catechists. 61 respondents indicated they had one or more certified catechists.

Total Number of catechists reported	1838
Number Grades K-6 Catechists	948
Number Grades 7-8 Catechists	272
Number Grades 9-12 Catechists	618

Total Respondents: 109

Number with certification	268	15%
Number with 0-5 years of service	807	44%
Number with over 5 years of service	691	38%

Total Respondents: 103

Adults Serving in Religious Education Program

Respondents were asked in what ways adults serve in their religious education program other than as catechists.

Service	% of responses	# of responses
Substitute catechists	88%	92
Religious Education Committee	60%	62
Catechist aides, regularly in the classroom	59%	61
Service/Retreat Leaders	55%	57
Presenters on special topics	48%	50
Field trip chaperones	46%	48
Office assistants	41%	43
Hall monitors and greeters	40%	42
Children's Liturgy of the Word Leader	40%	42
Vacation Bible School Volunteer	40%	42
Craft and project assistants	35%	36
Special event team	28%	29
Assistants for children with special needs	27%	28
Set-up/equipment assistants	17%	18

Total Respondents: 104

Catechist Formation

Respondents were asked what kind of formation they provide for their catechists. Individual orientation was most often mentioned (67% of respondents). Over half also used sharing reading materials, in-service training, sharing resources (video, websites, etc) and catechist group sharing.

Formation opportunities	% of responses	# of responses
Individual orientation	67%	73
Sharing reading materials	65%	71
In-service training	60%	65
Share resources (video, websites, etc.)	56%	61
Catechist group sharing	53%	58
Funding for conferences/courses	40%	44
Speakers/adult education	39%	42
District catechist day	33%	36
Forming the Catechetical Spirit program	23%	25
Mentor program	10%	11
Echoes of Faith 3.0	8%	9

Total Respondents: 109

Other responses include: Life Teen "Empower Training", Life Teen Online Training, Monthly Core Team Gatherings, 1:1 meetings with a coach