

Activity #4. Profile of Parish Catechesis

Explore how the goals are being practiced in your parish today by creating a profile of your current catechetical programs, activities, and initiatives. Use a simple chart like the one below to organize your profile. List your goals in column one and then identify what your parish is currently doing to implement each goal with families and age groups. Record your responses by recreating the template below on a large sheet of newsprint or by creating a spreadsheet and printing your profile.

Goals	Family	Children (0-10)	Youth (11-19)	Young Adults (20s-30s)	Midlife Adults (40s-50s)	Mature Adults (60s-70s)	Older Adults (80+)
1.							
2.							
Etc.							

After you have completed the profile, analyze the results by reflecting on these questions:

Strengths

1. What are the strengths in lifelong catechesis with families and age groups?
2. Which goals are being addressed most effectively through catechetical programs, activities, and experiences with families and age groups?

Improve or Expand

3. Which goals need to be addressed more effectively by strengthening or improving catechetical programs, activities, and experiences with families and age groups?
4. Which areas of lifelong catechesis need to be expanded or extended to reach and engage more people?

Initiate

5. Where are the gaps in the lifelong profile?
6. What are potential new initiatives that could address the gaps in the lifelong profile?