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Mary and Catechesis: Transmission of the Faith and Christian Initiation in/by the Family

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Abstract

This presentation is built on my own catechizing experience and on the extensive research behind my STL thesis that shows the place of Mary in catechetical materials from the mid-1950s to the turn of the millennium. It is intended to provide scholars of Mary with an overview of the catechetical side of current Marian trends in the United States and, ultimately, to the Marian content in the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (July 2006, fourth printing, September 2000), and to the current efforts to train catechetical leaders nationally and on the local levels of diocese and parish.

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Collection by Strong Catholic Family Faith. 64. Pins. In The Joy of Love, Pope Francis speaks of family catechesis as an effective method: "...the home must continue to be the place where we learn to appreciate the meaning and beauty of the faith, to pray and to serve our neighbour," he says. Follow. SUBSCRIBE VIA EMAIL We're generating adaptive change in Christian faith formation alongside leaders like you. If you subscribe, you'll get a weekly email with a blog post exploring the frontiers of faith forming ministry in the 21st century and an upcoming opportunity. PS, we'll keep your email to ourselves and away from spam. In the Catholic tradition, the family holds a special place--especially in the formation of faith. So important, in fact, that it is called "the domestic church. One of the fundamental stages in the formation of faith is the initiation of the Christian life or catechetical formative stage. Christian formation varies from nation to nation; however, we live in a peculiar historical context in which we share on a global level the anthropological challenges and opportunities brought about by society and networked culture. In order to justify this new way of doing catechesis, we are inspired by the theological communicative method of Matthias Schärer and Bernd J. Hilberath (2008). Thinking about a new pedagogy for the age of connectivity is not about designing online or application activities, rather it is realizing that cultivating relationships has become more essential than storing content, it is moving from the mentality of transmission to sharing. History of Catechesis and RCIA. In the Gospel of Matthew we find the Great Commission. Christ sends forth of the Apostles as missionaries with the command. From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and

initiation in several stages. This journey can be covered rapidly or slowly, but certain essential elements will always have to be present: proclamation of the Word, acceptance of the Gospel entailing conversion, profession of faith, Baptism itself, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and admission to Eucharistic communion.”[1]. That is not to say that it disappeared—as a missionary faith, the Church has always had some method of providing instruction and preparation for the sacraments.