

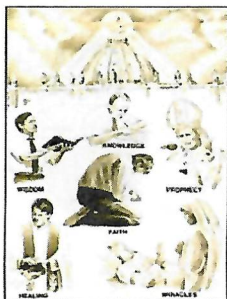
Family Catechesis

Educates adults in the truths of the faith and empowers them to lead their families in learning and living the faith. Taught by Roman Curia Cardinal Francis Arinze.



Discussion Guide 17A

The Role and Marks of the Catholic Church (Questions 160-165, 172)



The Apostolate's Family Catechism™

Opening Prayer (5 min.)

Gospel Reading (see Liturgical Calendar box). Pause to reflect. When you are ready, end with an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. Announce the *Liturgical Season* and the *Significant Feast Days* for the week.

Recitation of Memory Verse (5 min.)

Romans 12:5-6 So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.

Discussion and Sharing on

The Apostolate's Family Catechism (40 min.)

- Announce the topic and questions to be covered.
- Watch Commentaries with Cardinal Arinze video **Q# 160-162** (9 min), **Q# 163-165** (6 min) or **Q# 172** (8½ min). Discuss.
- Read **Q# 160-165, 172** aloud and discuss the answers. Point out the illustrations and diagrams and allow family members to explain them. Read the captions on the illustrations. Read the Scripture quotes.
- Discuss the "Doctrine, Moral, Worship Exercises" and the "Thought Provokers" related to **Q# 160-165, 172** found at the end of **Chapters 46 and 49**.

Closing Prayer (10 min.)

Go step-by-step through the Ten Steps to Mental Prayer.

End by praying the Summary Prayer at the end of **Chapter 46**.



Liturgical Calendar

- Season: Ordinary Time
- Upcoming Sunday Readings:
First Reading Exodus 22:20-26
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5G-10
Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-40
- Significant Feast Days This Week:
Saints Simon & Jude - Apostles



Scripture Memory Verse

Take turns reciting or reading at family meals

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.



Family Activity

Introduce *The Apostolate's Family Catechism* and family program to another family in your parish. Invite them to a meal and to join an upcoming family catechesis.

Pray for discernment as to whom you should invite. Keep the event in prayer until the day arrives.