

DIRECTOR GUIDE

Called *to Be* Catholic

ESSENTIALS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH FOR AGES 12–15

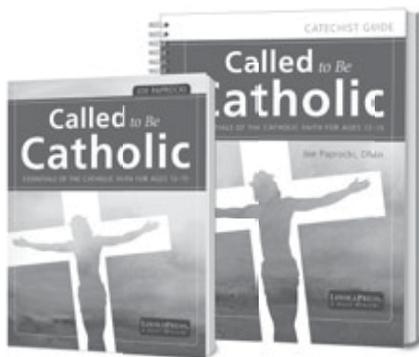
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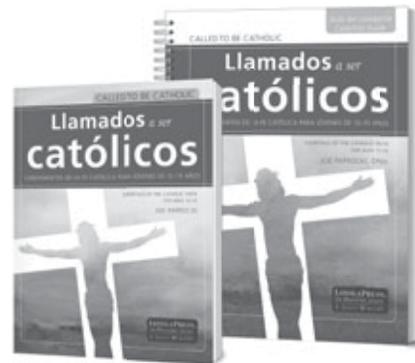
Welcome

Called to Be Catholic is centered on deepening faith in Christ while developing a clear understanding of what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church. The program can be used in two different ways: as the first part in a two-year Confirmation preparation program or to fill faith-formation gaps for young people ages 12 to 15. *Called to Be Catholic* also provides you with a choice of two languages to better serve young people. You may choose



the English-only edition

or



the bilingual Spanish/English edition.

Web Site

A wide variety of additional activities and support materials are online at www.loyolapress.com/calledtobecatholic.

To take full advantage of the secured items on the site, directors of religious education, principals, catechists, and teachers should register online.



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Catechesis aims to bring about in the believer an ever more mature faith in Jesus Christ, a deeper knowledge and love of his person and message, and a firm commitment to follow him.

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Your Role as Director

The most important overall role you have as director is to witness Christ through your life. You also have the wonderful privilege of calling others to recognize and respond to God's grace in their daily lives. As a leader with many tasks, you are a catechist first and foremost.

Roles for catechetical directors vary from parish to parish and diocese to diocese. The consistent challenge for directors is often to provide leadership, support, and resources to catechists, parents, young people, and the parish faith community as a whole. You can connect with other DREs and get more information that will help you in your ministry at <http://dreconnect.loyolapress.com>. This Web site will help you teach, lead, grow, and share with others.

Your Role When Using the Program as the First Part of Confirmation Preparation

Preparing young people for Confirmation is a joy-filled task. Young people in your program may vary in their knowledge of the faith and their ability to see their faith as living and active. Using *Called to Be Catholic* as Part One in a two-part Confirmation preparation program will bring all young people together and give them a solid foundation on which to build as they progress to sacramental preparation in the second part. Based on the needs of your young people, you may want to decide

- how Christian service will be part of the program.
- the need for assessments.
- whether or not to hold a retreat.
- how much emphasis to place on the lives of the saints.

Your Role When Helping Young People Fill Faith-Formation Gaps

As director, you have a responsibility to see that the Gospel is transmitted as the Church has received it, understands it, celebrates it, and lives it. *Called to Be Catholic* can be used as a supplemental program for young people who need to “catch up” with catechesis. It is important to help young people who may not have received traditional faith formation develop a firm foundation in the Catholic faith so that they will learn to serve God and others and to live as followers of Jesus. *Called to Be Catholic* will give young people the foundation to get started in a lifelong journey of faith.

Using This Guide

Called to Be Catholic encourages catechists and young people to encounter Jesus Christ as Catholics and to discover the meaning of their lives through lifelong communion with him. This Director Guide provides you with the support and resources you need to implement and coordinate *Called to Be Catholic* in your parish.

The guide contains five simple steps to assist you in presenting *Called to Be Catholic* to catechists, parents, and young people in your parish community. These steps will guide you whether you are using this program as the first part of a Confirmation program or as foundational preparation for young people ages 12 to 15.

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Step 1: Become Familiar with *Called to Be Catholic*

This step gives you an overview of both ways to use the program.

Step 2: Plan for the Year

This step provides you with four different implementation models. Each model is an effective, practical presentation of the program tailored to meet the varied needs of your parish community.

Step 3: Get Started

This step gives you practical ideas to help you implement the program. Read to gain advice on how to train catechists for both approaches in using the program.

Step 4: Introduce the Program

This step provides plans for two sessions that introduce the program to parents and young people.

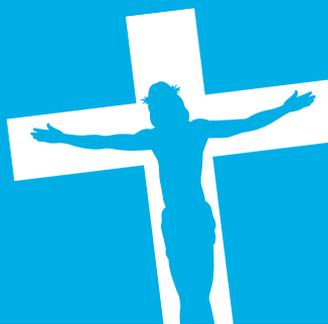
Step 5: End-of-Program Transition

This step provides two post-program surveys—one for those in the first part of a Confirmation preparation program and one for those who experienced it as a foundational faith-formation supplement. You will also receive ideas for a transition to Part Two of Confirmation preparation and for celebrating completion if the program is used as a supplement.

CALLED TO BE CATHOLIC

is a foundational program that encourages young people to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ while developing a clear understanding of what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church. The program can be used in two ways: as the first part in a two-part Confirmation preparation program or to fill faith-formation gaps and build a strong foundation for young people ages 12 to 15.

Called to Be Catholic is available in both an English and a bilingual Spanish/English version. Built with flexibility in mind, this program can be used in large groups, small groups, or one-on-one lessons. With *Called to Be Catholic*, young people become prepared and ready to respond as Christ's disciples to the world.



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