



# An Online Catechist's Retreat: The Spirituality of the Catechist

## Week 4 Reflection Questions: **An Openness to the World**

During this fourth week of our online catechist's retreat, take some time out each day to ponder some or all of the following reflection questions. You are encouraged to return to [www.catechistsjourney.com](http://www.catechistsjourney.com) at any time during the week to post a thought or two that you had concerning these reflection questions.

### Questions for Reflection:

1. What are some recent advances in society/technology, etc. that have "made your head spin?"
2. If you were to make a time capsule that captures the experience of living in this day and age (and the place where you live), what would you include in it? Why?
3. What disturbing trends do you see in society today? What encouraging trends are there?
4. How would you describe the "door" you need to enter through in order to get into the lives of those you teach? i.e. What are they most concerned with? occupied with? worried about? having fun with? engaged by? etc.
5. What are some examples of ways that you have (or might be able to) engaged your students where they are at?
6. What is the greatest need of those you teach?
7. Who is/have been the "lost sheep" among those you teach? How can you pray for them?
8. Who is someone you know who is open to the world but somehow "does not belong to it?" Who was a teacher you had who was open to the world? How can you emulate him/her?
9. How can being open to the world make you a more effective catechist?
10. What can/will you do in the days ahead to strive to be more open to the world?