

# GETTING STARTED AS A CATECHIST

## A Webinar: Teaching Junior High & High School Youth

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### The Role of the Catechist

Qualities, Knowledge, and Skills

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### Understanding Junior High and High School Youth

Words that describe Junior High and High School Youth:

Characteristics: "Young people at this age..."

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Advice from veteran catechists:

**Planning and Preparation**

Planning and preparation make up \_\_\_\_\_ % of the total act of teaching a lesson.

Tips:

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_



What's the BIG idea?



St. Ignatius of Loyola: "When teaching others, enter through \_\_\_\_\_ but be sure to leave through \_\_\_\_\_."

What are junior high and high school youth "into?"



## Selecting Learning Activities

Ten effective approaches for teaching Junior High & High School Youth:

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<http://www.loyolapress.com/finding-god-activity-finder.aspx>

## Preparing the Learning Environment

Nine Tips for preparing your learning environment

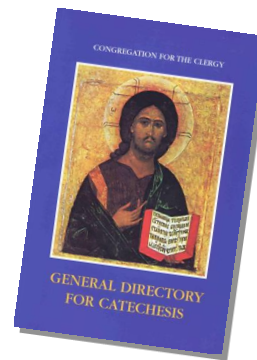
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**Leading Prayer**

“When catechesis is permeated by a climate of prayer, the assimilation of the entire Christian life reaches its summit.”  
(*General Directory for Catechesis*, 231).



**Leading Reflective Prayer**

1. Getting Ready

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2. Leading the Reflective Prayer (Guided Meditation)

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3. Allowing Quiet time with God

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**Smoothing Out Discipline Problems**

Ten Strategies for maintaining order:

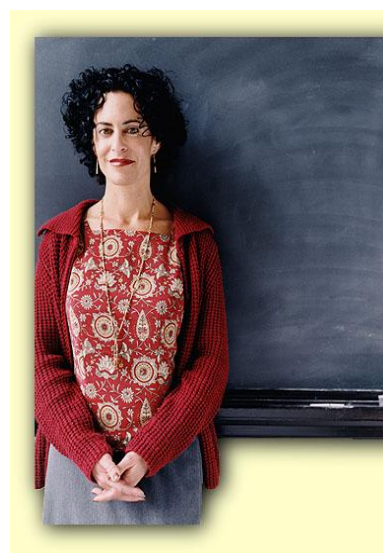
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**Polishing Your Technique**

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