**Level One Part Three**

**Catechist Training**

**The Story**

**Teaching the Story of Salvation History to your students.**

**The Story**

Technique: Highlight the plan of God for us and His constant revelation to us throughout human history. Be sure to make it clear that this is your story and theirs, if they choose to accept God’s invitation.

a. Who is God (happy and complete, describe His family, Trinitarian life)

b. His creation of angelic beings, some chose to rebel.

c. His creation of us out of love, to participate in his life.

d. Our temptation (Satan our enemy) and sin ( and loss)

e. God’s promise and plan for our salvation and divinization

f. His gradual revelation of Himself and gathering of a people.

g. Promise and prophecies (as much of salvation history as you have time and need for

h. Mary’s “fiat,” her yes to our Lord through her perfect obedience

i. Incarnation (be sure to give it proper emphasis, this is the crucial mystery of the Deposit of Faith)

j. Redemption and the fruits of salvation

k. The Church:

1. The family of God on earth

2. Dispenser of the Mystery cf. Eph 3:9-10

3. The Kingdom of God

4. The Body of Christ on earth (an Incarnational distinctive)

l. The history of God’s people and His constant care, saints in constant supply

m. Today, you and I in “The Story,” living the Christian Life (If you have time show the precursors to sacramental living in the Old Testament.)

n. The sure promise and hope:

1. Jesus will come again

2. Judgment

3. The heavenly Jerusalem

4. Eternal Life

Be sure to tell these as truths: this is not a fictional story. Keep referring to them as you teach doctrine. Show your students how all that has been revealed by God fits in The Story , as its context.

**Handout #1**

**The Catechist’s Task**

**Telling the Story of Jesus**

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The teacher and catechist is the story-teller of the Faith Family. He or she passes on the collective memory of the community so that each generation can benefit from the living faith of the past generations. Otherwise, each generation has to begin from zero.

A catechist must present fully and in an authenticated way the teaching of the church itself. It is only the teaching of Christ and his self. It is only the teaching of Christ and His Church that a catechist should present.

A person, in his or her role as a catechist, does not function to present personal theological opinions or to take sides in the debates of scholars on questions which have not received a decisive judgment by the Church’s teaching office (Magisterium).

The Creed (Apostles, Nicene) is the summary of who Jesus is and what he does. It is the framework for the passing on of the story.