

FOREWORD

To the Teacher:

The primary aim of this catechism is to state the official doctrine of the Church, using for the most part the words of the American Bishops in the "National Catechetical Directory" for Catholics of the United States (November 14-17, 1977).

In order to make children familiar with important terminology, and to impress the doctrine of the Church more deeply upon their minds, two methods are used:

(1) *Fill in the blanks*—to choose the correct words found in the answer of the question.

(2) *Can you answer these?*—to ask questions a different way, which will encourage the child to think, using ideas already stated in the official answer. These questions are points for discussion.

Both methods, which can be used for homework, will deepen the knowledge of the child.

The numbers in parentheses refer to the number of the question to enable the child to find the answers with ease.

Stories from the life of Christ, accompanied by pictures, will associate Catholic doctrine with the Word of God.

The material in the Appendices ought to be gradually memorized, since these are fundamental laws and prayers needed in Christian life.

Use visual aids and stories to impress these truths on the minds of your pupils.

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The greatest commandment of God is to love him with all our heart and all people for his sake.

136. When are we truly holy?

We are truly holy when we love God with all our heart.

137. When do we love God with all our heart?

We love God with all our heart when we do all that he wants us to do, and try to please him in all things.

138. Why should love of God be in everything we do?

Love of God should be in everything we do because God is love, and his love comes to us through Jesus Christ.

139. What is the “new commandment” which Jesus gave us?

The new commandment which Jesus gave us is:
“Love one another as I have loved you.”

140. How do we show our love for God?

We show our love for God
by keeping the Commandments
and the laws of the Church,
by following the teaching of Jesus
in the Gospel,
and by practising the virtues,
especially love of God and neighbor.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. To answer God's love for us we must
that Jesus has, and
that he has (134)
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with all our heart and our for his
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