

§ 91 § 1) Knowledge of the Faith

(See the Catechism, nos. 26-1065; General Directory for Catechesis, nos. 84-85, 87.)

- Recognize *communion with Jesus Christ* as the definitive aim of all catechesis.
- Explore the *Scriptures* so that adults may be hearers and doers of the word.
- Become familiar with the *great teachings of Christianity* (its creeds and doctrines) and their place in the hierarchy of truths—for example, "the mystery of God and the Trinity, Christ, the Church, the sacraments, human life and ethical principles, eschatological realities, and other contemporary themes in religion and morality."⁶⁸
- Study the Church's teaching on the *dignity of the human person* in its social doctrine, including its respect-life teaching.
- Learn the richness of the *Church's tradition*, explore the *theological and cultural heritage* in which faith is expressed, and gain perspective on contemporary events and trends through an understanding of *church history*.
- Develop the *philosophical and theological foundations of the faith* and appreciate expressions of *Christian thought and culture*.
- Learn the meaning and practical relevance of *current church* teachings as presented by the pope, diocesan bishop, Vatican congregations, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.