



Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bishops

From: Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens, Chairman

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Re: **Resources for Outreach to the Unaffiliated and for the *Directory for Catechesis***

I write to share a couple resources developed by the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis to assist your work in these areas in the diocese. The first is a follow up on the important initiative of our committee, the video and discussion guide on reaching out to the unaffiliated. The second are two aids to help you implement the new *Directory for Catechesis*, published last summer by the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. As you are aware, this inspiring document will guide all our catechetical work going forward.

- 1) The Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis has developed a “field guide” meant as a handbook for those who are doing the work of reaching out to the unaffiliated in your diocese, or those who want to do this work. [Outreach to the Unaffiliated: A Field Guide for Leaders](#) consists of best practices and recommended sources for your diocesan and parish leaders of evangelization and discipleship formation. We hope this practical tool will be a great help to those in the field trying to reach out to those on the margins.
- 2) The Committee has also developed two resources for your implementation of the *Directory for Catechesis*:
 - a. A [Leader’s Guide to the *Directory for Catechesis*](#) geared towards diocesan and parish leadership;
 - b. A [Participant Manual on the *Directory for Catechesis*](#) is available for leaders to use in the formation of catechists.

Please share these links with your diocesan directors of catechesis, discipleship, evangelization, youth and young adult ministry, and family life. Please know that materials are available in English and Spanish.

The new *Directory* is a gift given to us by the Holy See: May its vision for a kerygmatic catechesis bear great fruit as we accompany all of the baptized on the lifelong journey of missionary discipleship! Thank you for giving this your consideration.