

Transforming *Adolescent Catechesis*

Changing the Way We Form Young Disciples

The need is urgent. There is no getting around it.

A Pew report recently found that two-thirds of Catholics who leave the church do so between the ages of 13 and 23. However, the National Study on Youth and Religion found a strong correlation between the ability to articulate one's faith and being highly devoted to one's faith. Catechesis—in our homes, our parishes, our schools, and our youth ministry programs—can nurture in young people the language and the experience of faith.

Join DREs, youth ministers, and others involved in adolescent catechesis for an engaging gathering focusing on the findings of the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis and the practical implications for parishes and schools.

The morning will conclude with information on how your parish or school can participate in the *Transforming Adolescent Catechesis* process being piloted in the Diocese of Orlando.

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