



## Catechesis in Our Time

All the answers to this issue's quiz may be found in the *General Directory for Catechesis* (GCD), which was issued in 1997 (available online at [www.cuf.org](http://www.cuf.org)).

1. The GCD is a revision of the 1971 *General Catechetical Directory* undertaken by
  - a. the U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism.
  - b. the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.
  - c. the Congregation for the Clergy.
  - d. the Daughters of St. Paul.
  
2. A "new evangelization" is required in situations involving
  - a. ecclesial communities formed prior to the Second Vatican Council.
  - b. ecclesial communities that are already fervent in their faith and Christian living, to help the people come to a more mature knowledge of Jesus Christ.
  - c. areas where entire groups of the baptized have lost a living sense of the faith, or even no longer consider themselves members of the Church.
  
3. What is *fides qua*?
  - a. a personal adherence to God who reveals Himself
  - b. the content of revealed truth preserved and proclaimed through the ages by the Church
  - c. fidelity to the Holy Father and the bishops in union with him
  - d. belief in a feminine deity (condemned by the Council of Florence)
  
4. According to the GCD, in what sense should catechesis be christocentric, or "Christ-centered"?
  - a. The Gospel message comes from Christ through His Church, and not from the private judgment or opinion of the individual catechist.
  - b. The Gospel message requires a centrism that eschews divisive political labels such as "liberal" and "conservative."
  - c. The person of Jesus Christ is at the heart of catechesis and the center of salvation history.
  - d. both (a) and (c)
  
5. The Gospel includes a message of "liberation." What does the GCD say about this?
  - a. Such liberation must be confined to socioeconomic issues involving the disparity between the rich and the poor.
  - b. Catechists must arouse in those being catechized a "preferential option for the poor," which implies a commitment to social justice.
  - c. both (a) and (b)
  
6. Which of the following statements concerning the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is false?
  - a. It is an official text of the Church's Magisterium.
  - b. It presents the fundamentals of the faith without including private opinions or theological speculations.
  - c. It is designed exclusively for bishops, priests, and catechists, to assist them in the promulgation of national and local catechisms.
  
7. "The blossoms . . . of faith and piety do not grow in the desert places of a memoryless catechesis. What is essential is that texts that are memorized must at the same time be taken in and gradually understood in depth." In affirming the importance of this memorization, the GCD is here quoting:
  - a. Pope Paul VI
  - b. Sadlier
  - c. Pope John Paul II
  - d. Roy G. Biv
  
8. Contemporary evangelization of young people must not only be strictly catechetical, but also
  - a. ecumenical
  - b. missionary
  - c. humanitarian
  - d. both (b) and (c)
  
9. Which of the following statements about the role of parents as primary educators of their children is true?
  - a. Family catechesis is an important supplement to the religious instruction that the child receives in the parish.
  - b. Parents are given the grace and the ministry of the Christian education of their children by virtue of their baptisms.
  - c. By means of personal contact, meetings, courses, and adult catechesis, the Christian community must help parents assume their responsibility of educating their children in the faith.
  - d. all of the above
  
10. Basic ecclesial communities, also known as small faith communities, are a sign of the Church's vitality. But to be authentic, such communities must
  - a. live in communion with the local and universal Church.
  - b. accept the authority of the Magisterium.
  - c. be committed to missionary outreach without yielding to isolationism or ideological exploitation.
  - d. all of the above

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While God can and does use many ways to minister to His people, the Bible continues to be an indispensable means of bringing people closer to God. The Bible is a priceless treasure for all people—children, teens, adults, and the elderly. One man in our parish Bible study said, “I’m a cradle Catholic, and I stayed in the cradle for 50 years. I’m just now learning the richness of our faith!” Perhaps the best encouragement we can give one another is from the old commercial: “Just Do It.” Get a Catholic Bible. Pray for someone to study with and find some Bible study materials that look interesting and manageable to you. And then, with God’s grace, “Just Do It.” ■

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## *Catholic Quiz*

*Answers from page 31*

1. (c) *General Directory for Catechesis* (GCD), no. 7
2. (c) GCD, no. 58
3. (a) GCD, no. 92
4. (d) GCD, no. 98
5. (b) GCD, no. 104
6. (c) GCD, no. 124
7. (c) GCD, no. 154
8. (d) GCD, no. 185
9. (c) GCD, nos. 226-27
10. (d) GCD, no. 263

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