



Basic California Catechist Certification



PRACTICUM PHASE – OBSERVATION FORM

Two observations are required for this part of the practicum

This form is to be completed by the candidate seeking Basic Catechist Certification

INSTRUCTIONS: Please familiarize yourself with this form before you observe the session. Spend some time with the catechist you are observing to fill-out the preliminary information. The purpose of these observations is to give you an opportunity to see how experienced catechists conduct catechetical sessions. After the session share your notes and insights with the catechist you observed. Your two observation forms along with the evaluation form need to be presented to your program coordinator to complete and sign the final section of the formation transcript.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Candidate seeking certification

 Full name and Last name

Date _____

Level _____
 (grade/age group)

Catechist observed

 Full name and Last name

Parish _____
 Parish Name and City of Candidate

How was this session conducted? In person Remotely (e.g., via zoom) Other _____

Session Objective _____

Please offer your honest feedback pastorally to the catechist being observed.

1. How was the **environment** conducive to the faith formation of the participants?

Please offer a short description:

2. How did the catechist demonstrate preparation for the session?

Please offer a short description:

3. How did the catechist clearly make known the **objective** of the session?

Please offer a short description:

4. How was the **content** presented in a way that the participants could relate to their **daily lives**?

Please offer a short description:

5. How was the **content** of the faith presented in the context of Church teaching (e.g.: scripture, social teaching, doctrine, etc.)?

Please offer a short description:

6. How did the catechist encourage the participants to grow as **missionary disciples**?

Please offer a short description:

7. How did the participants demonstrate an **understanding** of the content presented?

Please offer a short description:

8. How did the catechist engage and involve the participants in the faith formation experience?

Please offer a short description:

9. How did the catechist make use of the different **learning styles and multiple intelligences**?

Please offer a short description:

10. What **learning strategies** (e.g.: modeling, assessments, cooperative learning, etc.) were utilized, and were they appropriate for faith formation?

Please offer a short description:

11. How was **technology and media** utilized? Was it effective and appropriate?

Please offer a short description:

12. How did the faith formation session afford an experience of **being accompanied**?

Please offer a short description:

13. How was the catechist **sensitive to the needs** (e.g.: Special needs, family struggles, socialization, etc.) of the participants, making them feel accompanied?

Please offer a short description:

14. How did the catechist demonstrate **knowledge of the content of the session**?

Please offer a short description:

15. How did the catechist embrace and nurture **diversity** in the faith formation session? (e.g., use of inclusive language, inclusion of different genders, ethnicities, and cultural expressions, etc.)

Please offer a short description:

16. How did the catechist include **spirituality** (e.g.: prayer, worship, sacramentality, etc.) within the faith formation session?

Please offer a short description:

17. How did the catechist manage **conflict** (e.g.: distractions, difficulties, lack of respect, etc.), in the faith formation session?

Please offer a short description:

18. What question(s) would you like to ask the catechist?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

SIGNATURES

Observing Candidate Signature

Observed Catechist Signature

Date