

## **INSTRUCTION**

**6001 RE**

### **TIME REQUIREMENTS**

Students enrolled in parish catechetical programs for grades kindergarten (K) through twelve (12) shall be provided with a minimum of thirty (30) hours of instruction during the course of the academic year. Classes are to be held regularly throughout the school year. Summer programs may not replace the regular cycle of instruction for any student. Additional hours of instruction and formational opportunities, such as retreats, are encouraged, but must be in addition to the minimum instructional time requirements.

Catechetical programs are the key element of an integral Christian formation for the young people of the parish. It is strongly recommended that other elements be added to the basic course of instruction. Parishes are encouraged to develop summer offerings that are supplementary to the basic course of instruction. Students are to be introduced to the life of the Church, to a life of prayer and service. The Liturgical year is to be celebrated in prayer as part of the formational program. The celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance, is an important element of their formation. Opportunities for Christian service should be made available for older elementary students and especially high school students.

Policy

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