

A Research on the Catechetical Institutions in the Philippines

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ABSTRACT

From the Introduction of the Directory of the Catechetical Formation and Training institutions of the Philippines:

“This Directory of the Catechetical Formation and Training institutions of the Philippines is the result of several surveys conducted by the Catechists’ Foundation of the Philippines since 1986. Because of constant changes in the existing institutions and the creation of new ones, a continuous revision of the data proved necessary.

A major revision was made in April 1991 on the occasion of the Convention Catechists’ Formators held at the Communications Foundation for Asia in Manila. A summary of the data collected was in fact published in *Docete* Vol.14 no. 65 (April-June, 1991). These data were again counterchecked, corrected and expanded through correspondence with the concerned institutes.”¹

The researcher here presents some of the useful data found in the Directory. Although, the researcher would only present an overview of the institutions because the Directory which, as seen above, is a result of survey work done way back in 1986 and was published more than two decades ago in 1992. From Rome, he has tried contacting the Catechists’ Foundation of the Philippines in their office in Manila for their updated materials but has received no replies as of the moment. Fortunately, an opportunity was given to the researcher to go back to the Philippines to be able, hopefully, to gather the data necessary for a future update.

The researcher follows the major groupings of the catechetical institutions made in the Directory. The groups make up the seven succeeding pages and parts of this paper:

- I. Catechetical Formation and Training Institutions in the Philippines (Alphabetical List)
- II. Institutions Offering Degree Courses in Education with a Major in Religious Education
- III. Institutions Offering Masteral and Doctoral Programs in Religious Education
- IV. Institutions Offering Two-Year Courses with Government Recognition
- V. Institutions Offering Two-Year Program Courses with no Government Recognition
- VI. Institutions Offering Beginners’ Courses with the Duration of Less Than 2 Years
- VII. Catechetical Institutions Offering Special Training

The researcher then adds a last category from a different source, namely THE DIRECTORY OF ARCHDIOCESAN/DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL DIRECTORS & COORDINATORS. This is a recent survey (August 2016) done by the Institute of Catechetics (ICAM) of the Archdiocese of Manila.

¹ **Directory of the Catechetical Formation and Training Institutions in the Philippines**, Catechists’ Foundation of the Philippines, 1992, p. 1.

I. Catechetical Formation and Training Institutions in the Philippines (Alphabetical List)

1. Ateneo de Manila University Theology Department Formation Institute for Religion Educators (FIRE) - Quezon City
2. Bishop Obviar Evangelization Center (BOEC) - Tayabas, Quezon Province
3. Bukidnon Institute of Catechetics - Malaybalay, Bukidnon
4. Caceres Catechetical Center - Naga City, Bicol
5. Canossa College (Religious Education Department) - San Pablo City
6. Catechetical Center Columban Colloge - Olongapo City
7. Catechetical Formation Center - Baguio City
8. Catechetical Formation Center - Butuan City
9. Catechetical Institute Mensa Domini (CMID) - San Jose, Antique
10. Catechetical Training Institute of Cebu (CATIC) - Cebu City
11. Catechists' Foundation of the Philippines (CFP) - Manila
12. Collegio de la Purisima Concepcion - Roxas City
13. College of the Holy Spirit - Manila
14. Communication Foundation for Asia - Manila
15. De La Salle University - Manila
16. Diocesan Formation Center -Lucena City
17. Divine Word College of Bangued - Abra
18. Divine Word University - Tacloban City
19. holy Spirit Catechetical Formation Center - Tarlac
20. Institute of Catechetics (ICAM) - Archdiocese of Manila
21. Institute of Catechetics and Youth Ministry - Manila
22. John XXIII Catechetical Training Center - Davao City
23. Kabankalan Catechetical Institute - Negros Occidental
24. Lumen Christi Catechetical Center (LCCC) - Quezon City
25. Manila Archdiocesan Catechetical Formation Center - Makati
26. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Formation Center for Volunteer Catechists and Parent Catechists - Makati
27. Mother of Life Center (MOL) - Quezon City
28. Notre Dame Center for Catechesis - Cotabato City
29. Pastoral Center St. Columban's College - Lingayen
30. Pius XII Institute of Catechetical & Social Studies - Iloilo City
31. Sacred Heart Formation center for Religion Teachers - Lipa City
32. Saint Benedict Religion Teachers' Formation Center - Ilocos Sur
33. Saint Joseph's College - Quezon City
34. Saint Mary's College - Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
35. Saint Paul College of Dumaguete - Dumaguete City
36. Saint Paul College - Quezon City
37. Saint Paul University - Tuguegarao
38. San Sebastian Catechetical Center - Bacolod City
39. Siena College - Quezon City
40. University of San Carlos Center for Religious Education (CREED) - Cebu City

II. Institutions Offering Degree Courses in Education with a Major in Religious Education²

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3. Canossa College (Religious Education Department) - San Pablo City
4. Catechetical Center Columban College - Olongapo City
5. College of the Holy Spirit - Manila
6. De La Salle University - Manila *
7. Divine Word College of Bangued, Department of Religious Education - Abra
8. Divine Word University - Tacloban City#
9. John XXIII Catechetical Training Center - Davao City
10. Pastoral Center St. Columban's College - Lingayen
11. Pius XII Institute of Catechetical & Social Studies - Iloilo City #
12. Saint Joseph's College - Quezon City
13. Saint Mary's College - Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
14. Saint Paul College of Dumaguete - Dumaguete City
15. Saint Paul College - Quezon City
16. Saint Paul University - Tuguegarao #
17. Siena College - Quezon City #
18. University of San Carlos Center for Religious Education (CREED) - Cebu City

² Legend: # - also offers certificate or non-degree diploma, * - also offers M.A. & Doctoral Programs

III. Institutions Offering Masteral and Doctoral Programs in Religious Education

1. Ateneo de Manila University Theology Department Formation Institute for Religion Educators (FIRE) - Quezon City
2. De La Salle University - Manila

IV. Institutions Offering Two-Year Courses with Government Recognition³

1. Divine Word University - Tacloban City *
2. Mother of Life Center (MOL) - Quezon City
3. Lumen Christi Catechetical Center (LCCC) - Quezon City @
4. Pius XII Institute of Catechetical & Social Studies - Iloilo City *
5. Sacred Heart Formation center for Religion Teachers - Lipa City
6. Saint Benedict Religion Teachers' Formation Center - Ilocos Sur
7. Saint Paul University - Tuguegarao *
8. Siena College - Quezon City *

³ Legend: * - also offers a degree course, @ - Offers a post-College specialized course

V. Institutions Offering Two-Year Program Courses with no Government Recognition⁴

1. Catechetical Formation Center - Butuan City
2. Catechetical Training Institute of Cebu (CATIC) - Cebu City
3. Diocesan Formation Center -Lucena City
4. Holy Spirit Catechetical Formation Center - Tarlac
5. Institute of Catechetics and Youth Ministry - Manila #
6. Manila Archdiocesan Catechetical Formation Center - Makati
7. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Formation Center for Volunteer Catechists and Parent Catechists - Makati
8. Notre Dame Center for Catechesis - Cotabato City

⁴ Legend: # - Offers a formal training program credited by the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome and non-formal training programs of various durations.

VI. Institutions Offering Beginners' Courses with the Duration of Less Than 2 Years

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3. Catechetical Formation Center - Baguio City
4. Catechetical Institute Mensa Domini (CMID) - San Jose, Antique
5. Institute of Catechetics (ICAM) - Archdiocese of Manila
6. Institute of Catechetics and Youth Ministry - Manila
7. Kabankalan Catechetical Institute - Negros Occidental
8. San Sebastian Catechetical Center - Bacolod City

VII. Catechetical Institutions Offering Special Training

1. Catechists' Foundation of the Philippines (CFP) - Quezon City, Manila

CFP has a flying team of trainers which conducts seminar-workshops in the use of its catechetical materials- the *catelettes*. The *Catelette Seminar-Workshop (CSW)* offers an integrative approach. The content of the CSW ingrates the latest catechetical trends (e.g. Infused Media Technique, Catechesis as Communication Model, Inculturation, and others) within the context of catelette rationale. it also integrates relevant topics such as Women in the Church, Christians in nation-building, Ecology, etc.

2. National Media Center for Catechesis (NMCC) - An arm of the Communications Foundation for Asia) - Manila

NMCC produces audio-visual instructional materials for Catholic children in public schools all over the country.

To make sure the materials are used well and their contents effectively taught to the children, able catechists and coordinators, highly recommended by the bishop and/or the catechetical director, are intensively and extensively trained by the NMCC.

After training, these catechists and coordinators in turn, act as trainers of other catechists in their respective dioceses and parishes. They now teach new and old catechists in the use of the audio-visual materials so that the greatest number of children, especially in the public schools, can avail of the benefit of true catechesis.

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