



Quotes from the Directory for Catechesis, 2020

“Catechesis, a privileged stage in the process of evangelization, **is generally directed toward persons who have already received the first proclamation**, within whom it promotes the processes of initiation, growth, and maturation in the faith. It is however true that, if it is still useful to make conceptual distinctions between *pre-evangelization*, *first proclamation*, *catechesis*, *ongoing formation* in the present context it is no longer possible to stress such differences. In fact, on the one hand **those today who ask for or have already received the grace of the sacraments often do not have an explicit**

experience of faith or do not intimately know its power and warmth; on the other, a formal proclamation limited to the bare enunciation of the concepts of the faith would not permit an understanding of the faith itself, which is instead a new horizon of the life that is opened wide, **starting from the encounter with the Lord Jesus.**” DC 56.

“Catechesis cannot always be distinguished from the first proclamation of the Gospel.” Proclaiming the gospel is “the essential dimension of every moment of catechesis.” DC 57

The Kerygma (Gospel message) includes the following:

God **created** us,
we were **captured** by sin,
Jesus came to **rescue** us, and
we are invited to **respond** to the invitation to life with God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Archdiocese of Denver exists so that in Jesus Christ all might be rescued and have abundant life, for the glory of the Father.

