

## Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA Office of the Archbishop

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To the Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA:

It is my pleasure to promulgate Forming Disciples for the New Evangelization, Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guide, Adolescent Catechesis: Grades 9 to 12, for use in the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. The purpose of this guide is to provide a standard instrument for ensuring that the faith is taught in a complete, systematic and consistent way in the Catholic faith communities of the Archdiocese.

I am most grateful to the Archdiocese of Washington, Office of Youth Ministry for granting permission to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA to adopt the curriculum guide by adapting it to military language and culture.

The standards and indicators clearly state what adolescents in every Catholic faith community religious education program should know, understand, and do over a four-year process. This tool highlights catechesis as an essential component for comprehensive Catholic youth ministry. It provides a common language, format, and agreed upon standards for sharing the faith.

The Offices of Evangelization and Faith Formation will provide training to Clergy and lay leaders to achieve full implementation. An assessment will accompany the curriculum to facilitate the ongoing implementation and accountability of the guide.

This guide becomes effective on August 6, 2016, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The alteration and/or interpretation of this Guide is the sole responsibility of my successors and me.

It is my hope that this guide will assist all involved in faith formation, including parents, to encourage young people seeking the truth to recognize Jesus' words, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Jn 8:12)

Given this eleventh day of February, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, two thousand sixteen at the Edwin Cardinal O'Brien Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

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