

CATECHESIS FORUM

Centre Jean XXIII, Luxembourg
Saturday 30 March 2019



The Church in Luxembourg, as in many other countries, is facing the challenge of how to provide catechesis in a changing social and educational environment. The aim of this forum is to share experiences and to exchange insights from the English-speaking Church in different parts of Europe and the wider world. The forum is intended to provide inspiration not only to the English-speaking Catholic Community but also to the wider Church in Luxembourg.

The event will be structured around a plenary meeting – the “forum” – in which invited speakers will challenge the participants to reflect on catechesis at different stages of life. The participants will then break out into smaller groups to discuss specific aspects of the challenge. Each breakout group will have a leader and rapporteur, who will provide a written report of the group’s conclusions to be shared with all participants after the meeting.

PROGRAMME

Chair: *Denise Blake, Catechist and Teacher, Luxembourg*

09:30 Welcome words

*Fr Ed Hone CSSR, Chaplain, English-speaking Catholic Community of Luxembourg
Patrick De Rond, Director of Catechesis, Pastoral Service, Diocese of Luxembourg*

Introduction

John Coughlan, Catechist; Chair, Pastoral Council, Parish of Luxembourg Notre-Dame

EARLY YEARS

Chair: *Nicola Hammond, Former Teacher, English-speaking Catholic Community*

10:00 Faith Formation in Early Years

Dr Roisín Coll, Director of the St Andrew’s Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education, University of Glasgow

10:45 Breakout groups:

- Children’s Liturgy and other forms of catechesis: early years (3-5) – *John Coughlan*
- Children’s Liturgy and other forms of catechesis: later years (6-8) – *Robert Foley*
- Catechesis in a school environment – *Nicola Hammond*

11:15 Break

ADOLESCENCE

Chair: *Marthese Lufi, Catechist and Teacher, Luxembourg*

11:45 Catechesis for Adolescents: The SDC Experience

Roderick Spiteri, Malta, and John Camilleri, London – Society of Christian Doctrine M.U.S.E.U.M.

12:30 Breakout groups:

- Sunday School – *Denise Blake*
- Youth Clubs – *Robert Foley*
- Confirmation programme – *Marthese Lufi*

13:00 Lunch

ADULTHOOD

Chair: *Robert Foley, Catechist, Luxembourg*

14:00 Finding Life in Christ

Ed Hone

14:45 Breakout groups:

- Post-confirmation: engaging young adults – *Roisín Coll*
- Adult initiation – *Sonya Heffernan*
- Ongoing adult catechesis (for the baptised/confirmed) – *Isabel Coughlan Costa*

15:15 Break

LOOKING FORWARD

Chair: *John Coughlan*

15:45 YOUCAT – Catholic Doctrine for Young People

Stefanie Bross, YOUCAT Foundation

16:15 Conclusions

17:00 Mass in the Chapel

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