

# The National Catechetical Study (NCS) 2021: Pastoral Action Research and Intervention (PARI) Project

Clarence M. Batan, Florence C. Navidad, Ruth DL. Andaya,  
Tisha Isabelle M. de Vergara, Keith Aaron T. Joven & Vincent Reuben E. Valientes  
*University of Santo Tomas' (UST) Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSSED)*

## Abstract

This project investigates the **current state and dynamics of catechetical ministry (CM) in the Philippines** focusing on the catechized, catechetical centers and catechetical human resources following the earlier study, NCS 2018, which inquired into the lives and well-being of catechists and catechetical leaders. This project implements three pastoral action researches namely: (A) *Studying the Catechized (SC)*; (B) *Studying Catechetical Formation Programs (SCFP)*; and (C) *Studying Catechetical Human Resources (SCHR)*. In general, SC probes into the **impact and influence of CM** among the sample catechized Filipino Catholics. On the other hand, SCFP describes the content, pedagogical dimensions, and dynamics of catechetical formation programs. SCHR examines the selected human resources dimensions and practices of doing CM in the country. In the end, the project aims at generating educative insights to improve catechetical teaching and learning in the **Philippine Catholic Church** as she celebrates her **500 years of foundation**.

## Method | Empirical Data Matrix

Design	Quantitative	Qualitative
<b>Strategy</b>	Survey (Self and/or interviewer - administered)	Interview (Key informant/group/online)
<b>Tool</b>	Questionnaire	Interview guide (Key informant/group/online)
<b>Sampling</b>	Multi-Stage, Stratifies Cluster, Lot Sample	Purposive
<b>Respondents</b>	Catechized	Catechized
<b>Analytical Techniques</b>	Descriptive Statistics	Coding, Thematic Analysis, Narrative
<b>Software</b>	Kobo Toolbox, Ms Excel, Ibm Spss	Ms Word, Word Clouds, Maxqda

## Pastoral Action Researches (PAR)



*Studying the Catechized (SC)*



*Studying Catechetical Formation Programs (SCFP)*



*Studying Catechetical Human Resources (SCHR)*

## Research-Based Intervention Outcomes (Rio)



**Catechesis on Popular Devotion**  
Catechetical Human Resources Manual  
**Bible Catechesis**  
**Digital Catechesis**  
Mindanao Catechesis Film Project on Katekista  
**Adult Catechesis**  
Catechetical Local Histories (CLH)  
Family Catechesis  
Catechesis on Saint Joseph  
ECCCE 5 Year Strategic Plan  
**Directory for Catechesis**

## Findings | 14 Research Insights

**1** Being a catechist is a way to holiness

**2** The missionary and pastoral logic of catechesis

**3** Catechesis as life-long education in the faith process

**4** The thesis of catechesis in understanding Catholic faith practice

**5** Leaving-out of catechesis in Catholic religious education

**6** Catechesis as foundation of Catholic education

**7** Catechetical opportunities in everyday life



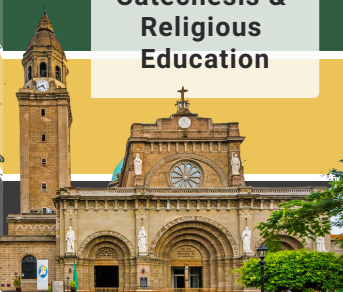
87% of the catechized are elementary pupils  
n=313 to 23,410

In your observation, what issues and concerns do your students usually experience?

1	2	3	4
Parents who do not go to church	Jobless Parents	Parents who are not married	Separated Parents

n=555 to 18,776

**Catechesis & Religious Education**



**8** Critical role of catechesis in seminary formation

**9** Translation of catechetical content into relevant catechesis

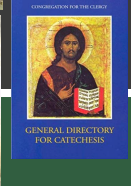
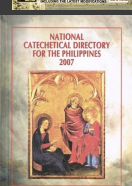
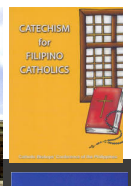
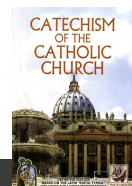
**10** Catechists as informal leaders of our church

**11** Catechetical leaders' multiple roles as a pastoral

**12** The "catechized" as multifaceted concept

**13** Catechetical centers as spaces of "formation"

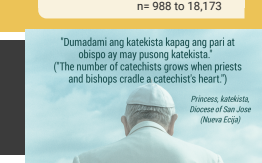
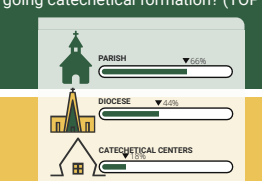
**14** Pastoral leadership in managing catechetical human resources



Aside from being a catechist, do you have other works/services?



Which of the following provided your ongoing catechetical formation? (TOP 3)



## References

- Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization. (2020). Directory for Catechesis. Washington DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines-Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (CBCP-ECCCE). (2017). National Catechetical Directory for the Philippines. Manila: Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.



This project is a collaboration between *University of Santo Tomas' (UST) Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSSED)* and the *Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) - Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (ECCCE)*.

**NCS 2021 PARI Project**

*The Bishops are beyond all others the ones primarily responsible for catechesis and catechists par excellence.*

(General Directory for Catechesis (GDC) 222)

International Grant Agency  
**PORTICUS**

## Contact Us

- @NCS2021PARIPROJECT
- @2021Ncs
- ncs2021pariproject@gmail.com
- NCS 2021 PARI PROJECT
- https://www.ncs2021pariproject.com/
- https://bit.ly/3aETSNP