



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

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STUDYING CATECHETICAL FORMATION PROGRAMS (SCFP)

INTERVIEW GUIDE (IG)

Dear Participant,

You are selected to answer the **interview guide (IG)** for the pastoral research, *Studying Catechetical Formation Programs (SCFP)* of the *National Catechetical Study (NCS) 2021: Pastoral Action Research and Intervention (PARI) Project*.

This interview asks questions about the following:

1. The significant historical events of your catechetical institution;
2. Your experiences about the challenges of your catechetical formation programs and challenges of catechists, and formation issues; and
3. Your sociodemographic profile.

Your responses will help us in understanding the Philippine catechetical scene in order to implement research-based intervention activities toward a relevant and meaningful CM in the country. Our hope is that this study will generate educative opportunities for new modes of catechesis and evangelization in the Philippines.

The interview guide **contains 36 questions** with a number of sub-questions. Answering the interview will take about 45 minutes to an hour. This is voluntary and you may stop answering the interview at any given time.

Be assured that all information shared in the data that you will provide will only be used for research purposes. The final research results will be reported and will be made available in 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this visual data gathering, please contact:

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Sincerely,

NCS 2021: PARI Project Research Team

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Please check the boxes below for your agreement to partake in this research project.

Statement of Consent

I have read the above description of *Studying Catechetical Formation Programs (SCFP) interview guide (IG)* and understood the purpose of the study. I have been assured that any questions or clarifications will be answered by the members of the NCS 2021: PARI Project Research Team and/or the assigned interview enumerator.

Consent

- I agree to voluntarily participate in this interview.
- I agree to participate in this study. I understand the purpose and nature of this tool and I am participating voluntarily.
- I agree to be quoted and/or paraphrased.
- I agree to be audio recorded during this interview.
- I agree to be videotaped during the interview.
- I am willing to be contacted for a follow-up interview.

Signature of Research Participant/Respondent

Date

ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE (EP) & ECCLESIASTICAL TERRITORY (ET) INDICATORS

In what (1.) Ecclesiastical Province (EP) and (1.1) Ecclesiastical Territory (ET) do you belong to?

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2. In what parish do you belong to?

3. What is your address?

City/Municipality	Province	Region
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A. MAIN HISTORICAL EVENTS

4. How long have you been a catechetical director/coordinator/catechetical leader for the formation program?

5. What was your responsibility in the catechetical ministry before your assignment as a director/coordinator/catechetical leader?

6. Where did the formation program get its funding for the construction?

7. What were the initial/necessary parts included in the construction of the institution building (examples: offices, rooms, function areas, and etc.)?

8. In what year was catechesis introduced in the institution? (If basic set-up is it a school or university)

9. Who was the bishop/parish priest who initiated the introduction of catechesis in your institution?

10. Who prepared the module contents?

10.1. Were there groups/committees assigned to this task? Yes No

10.1.1. How were they chosen?

10.1.2. Did they have trainings prior to the preparations for module creation? Yes No

10.2. Was there a committee assigned to check the module content? Yes No

10.3. What were the bases for the module contents?

10.4. What were the difficulties faced in preparing the catechetical modules?

10.5. What were some of the feedback of the catechists in using the modules?

10.6. Were there improvements in the catechetical modules used? Yes No

10.6.1. What are these improvements?

10.6.2. Who made these improvements?

11. Catechetical Formation Programs for: Seminars, Certificate Program, Degree program

11.1. Were there enough formators for this task? Yes No

11.2. What were the courses/subjects included in the catechetical formation program?

11.3. What were the pedagogies included in the formal catechetical formation program?

11.4. What were the difficulties experienced during in the implementation of the catechetical formation program?

11.5. How many catechists did you have at the start of the implementation of the catechetical formation?

11.6. Did you have enough space for the activities during formation? Yes No

11.6.1. Tell us your experience about this.

11.7. What were the success stories in the formation of catechists?

12. How are volunteer catechists recruited?

12.1. What were the success stories of volunteer-catechists?

13. Publishing Catechetical Materials (example: newspaper, leaflets, program of activities, visual aids)

13.1. Who initiated the production of catechetical materials?

13.2. Were these catechetical materials used as source of funding for the center?

Yes No

13.3. Who prepared the catechetical materials?

13.4. Was there a committee for preparing catechetical materials? Yes No

13.4.1. What were the qualifications to be part of the committee in creating publishable catechetical materials?

13.4.2. If no, why not?

14. Catechetical Assemblies

14.1. Where did you meet for the first congress of catechists?

14.2. What were the activities for the congress of catechists?

14.3. How many dioceses attended the assembly? Was it well-attended?

14.4. Were the catechists, coordinators, and directors satisfied to have this event? Yes No

14.5. How much did you spend for this event?

14.6. Did this congress lead to another assembly? Yes No

14.6.1. If yes, how often did it happen?

14.7. In each year of catechetical assembly, how was the attendance of catechists (increase/decrease)?

14.7.1. Why do you think so?

15. Graduates of Formation Program

15.1. How many were the first graduates in your center?

15.2. In the succeeding years, did it increase/decrease? Yes No

15.2.1. Why?

16. How did you design catechetical formation program curricula?

17. How do you discuss the vision and mission, goals and objectives of the catechetical formation program?

18. Volunteer Catechists

18.1. What were the on-going activities available for the volunteer catechists?

B. CHALLENGES OF THE CATECHETICAL FORMATION PROGRAM

19. What are the catechetical formation programs in the parish?

20. What are the activities in the catechetical formation programs in your parish?

21. Insufficient funds

21.1. How did the formation program cope with insufficient funds?

21.2. What were the aspects of the formation program that often lack funding?

21.3. What were the activities implemented to acquire enough funding?

21.4. Who helped the formation program during these year/s?

22. External funding sources

22.1. From what countries do you receive financial support from?

22.2. How much does it cost to fund a catechetical formation program?

22.3. Who are the NGOs that support your catechetical formation program?

23. Natural calamities

23.1. What were the natural calamities that caused damage to the center (examples: typhoon, flood, earthquake, etc.)?

23.2. Was the center still functional despite its damages? Yes No

23.3. How long did it take to renovate the damaged center?

23.4. Where did the center get its funding for the renovation?

24. What were the incidents that caused damage to the center?

25. No/Lack of volunteer catechists

25.1. Why did this happen?

25.2. What were the difficulties faced during this time?

25.3. How did the center cope? What strategies were used to address this issue?

25.4. Did the center offer honoraria or other types of compensation to attract volunteers?

Yes No

26. Large quantity of volunteers

26.1. How many volunteer catechists do you have?

26.2. Was it easy to manage having more volunteers?

Yes No

26.3. Did the center give honoraria or other types of incentive for the volunteers as a token for their voluntary work? Yes No

27. Need for personnel/support staff for its operation (examples: finance officer, formators, cook, driver, etc.)

27.1. How many were the initial personnel in the center?

27.2. How many personnel do you have now?

27.3. Why did the center need to increase their personnel?

27.4. Did you hold a hiring process for the needed positions? Yes No

27.4.1. Were the personnel hand-picked by the director/coordinator? Yes No

27.5. What qualifications did the center consider for these positions?

28. Having pilgrimage tours

28.1. What was the intention of the pilgrimages?

28.2. Were all catechists included in the pilgrimages? Yes No

28.3. Who paid for the pilgrimages? The catechists or the center?

29. Renovation of facilities for catechetical formation program

29.1. How long has it been since the center was last renovated?

29.2. What were the changes/additional facilities and materials created for the center?

29.3. What was the purpose of these changes/additional facilities?

29.4. Where did the center get its funding for the renovations?

29.5. How long did the renovation take?

29.6. How did the catechists, coordinators, director cope with the on-going renovation of the center?

30. Organization and finance

30.1. Do you remember who initiated the creation of these committees? Yes No

30.2. Do you still have these committees? Yes No

30.3. What were the challenges of the members of these committees?

31. Official handbook for catechists' formation:

31.1. Who introduced the idea for the handbook for catechists' formation?

31.2. What were the reasons behind this?

31.3. Who were the members of the team that created the handbook? Are volunteers, professionals, coordinators, and directors involved in its creation?

C. CHALLENGES OF CATECHISTS

32. Is it difficult to get full-time commitment from catechists? Yes No

32.1. What do you do to invite full-time catechists?

33. Is it easier for formants to commit as part-time catechists?

34. What do you do when there are no applicants for catechetical formation program?

35. How did your formation program of catechist followed a selection process according to the norm of the diocese?

36. Who and how did you identify the basic requirements for application as catechists?

37. How did you help your catechist when they started teaching in the public schools?

38. What are the reasons for not providing seminars or on-going formation for catechists?

38.1. What are the activities of catechists' formation?

39. Who initiated the allocation of compensations/ honorarium for catechists?

40. Catechist uniforms

40.1. Did the catechist like the uniforms given to them? Yes No

40.2. What do you think is the importance of wearing uniforms?

41. What do you think are the reasons why catechists leave the catechetical ministry?

D. FORMATION ISSUES

42. Is it important to include the vision and mission your catechetical formation orientation?

Why/Why not?

43. Is it important to include the goals and objectives of the formation program in formants' orientation?

Why/why not?

44. What activities were included in the catechetical formation program that gave focus on updating formants' skills in the use of multimedia materials?

45. Did your catechetical formation program introduce the use of new education materials such as computers, television and internet? How did you acquire these learning materials?

46. What is the importance of using varied languages in teaching catechesis?

47. What is the consequences of including the use of social media for formants of catechetical formation program?

48. On-Going formation

48.1. Are there any variations in the formation activities? Yes No

48.2. Do you get uninterested attending on-going formation? Yes No

48.2.1. What activities are least interesting and what would you recommend?

48.3. Do you have evaluation for on-going formation activities? Yes No

48.4. Do you give feedbacks and how are these used to improve the activities for the on-going formation? Yes No

49. When did the coordinators and staff start receiving regular retreats, seminars, and conferences?

49.1. Where is the usual venue for these activities?

49.2. Who funded for these activities? The catechists/center or both give their share?
