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Creativity is as important as literacy and numeracy, and I actually think people understand that creativity is important - they just don't understand what it is.

Ken Robinson



Our research focuses on catechetical spaces.

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KWENTONG KATEKISTA 9







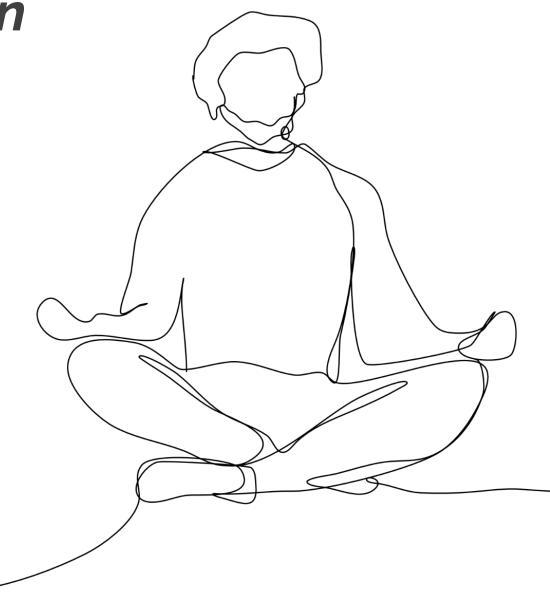
Katekistang Malikhain: Creative Catechetical Resources

Presentation outline

- Research focus
- Argument
- Methods
- Relevant literatures
- Findings & discussion
 - Teaching catechesis research findings using the NCS 2016-2021
 - Intervention initiative on teaching and learning catechesis
 - Sample creative modules for teaching catechesis
- Concluding insights

Research Focus: Problematizing creativity in catechetical education

- What difficulties do the catechists face in doing catechesis?
- Is there a need to teach catechesis creatively?
- What creativities can we develop from this process?



Argument



- Catechesis can be done creatively
- Reinventing and developing new pedagogies in the teaching of Catholic faith

Argument

• Creativity in ideas, pedagogies, or relationships, and engagement with communities

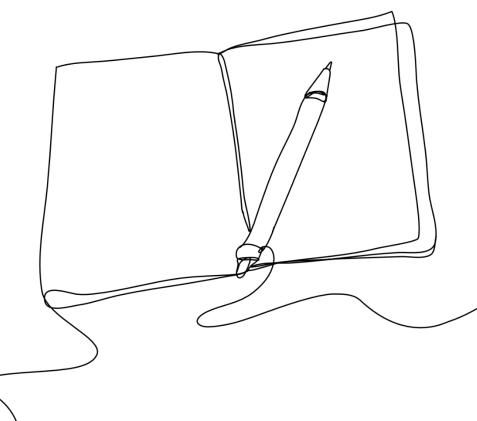
Methods

- Descriptive
- Using mixed method results from survey, interviews, and focus groups
- Observations and narratives
- Reflections



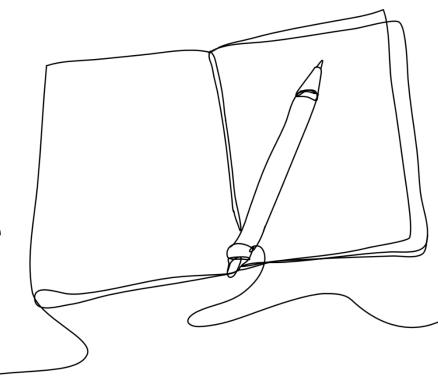
Literatures on Creativity

 Traditional methods of teaching are no longer relevant to 21st century learners (Narayanan, 2017)



Literatures on Creativity

- There is a need to promote creativity in teaching so students can develop knowledge better (Gaspar & Mabic, 2015) and learn more (Salna, 2012).
- For teachers to be creative, they
 must first be trained and equipped
 with enough resources to promote
 creativity (Horng, et al, 2005)



Directory for Catechesis

• The Church does not have a method of her own for proclaiming the Gospel, nor in making the faith known to people. Therefore, an **effort of discernment** is needed in order to determine a effective methodology and pedagogical approach in doing catechesis (DC, 2020, #196)

Directory for Catechesis

- Catechetical process such as relationship, dialogue, reflection, silence, and accompaniment can be used as a way of reception (receptio) and internalization of the learners. (DC, 2020, #203)
- Arts can also be used in teaching and in learning catechesis.
 By way of presenting different forms of arts such as music, visual arts, theatrical plays, and dances, learners may perceive catechesis in an enjoying and participative learning. (DC, 2020, #209-212)

Directory for Catechesis

 Arts can also be used as a way of expressing the learnings upon reception and internalization of catechesis such as writing poems and stories, composing songs, drawing images, interpretative dancing, and plays can last a lifetime rather than merely listening to the catechists' discussions/lectures (DC, 2020,#209-212).



Findings & discussion

 Teaching catechesis research findings using the NCS 2016-2021

 Intervention initiative on teaching and learning catechesis

 Sample creative modules for teaching catechesis

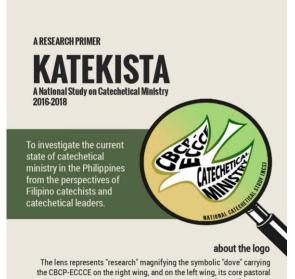


Teaching catechesis research findings using the NCS 2016-2021





NCS 2016-2021: PARI PROJECT



mission - the catechetical ministry, which is the study focus of the NCS.

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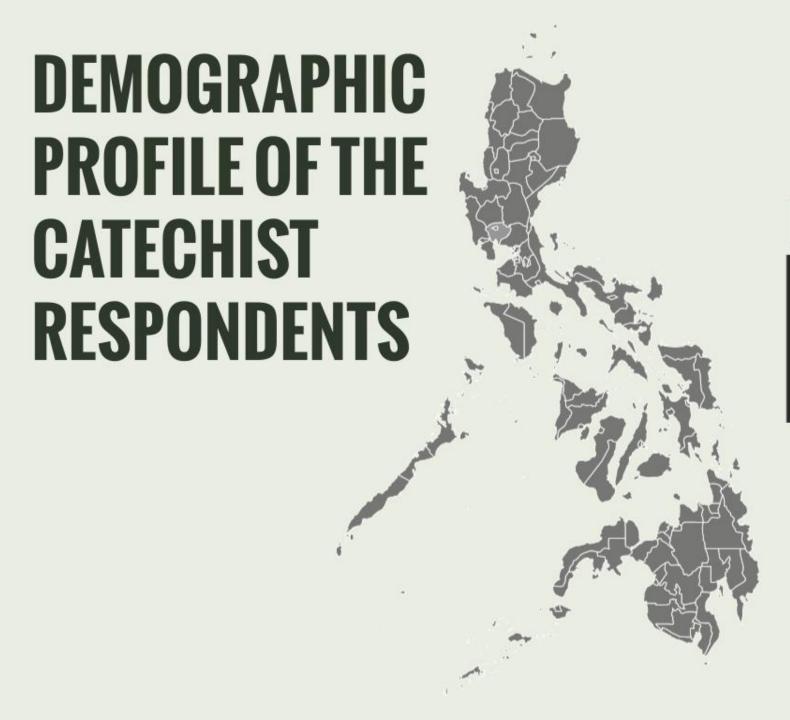
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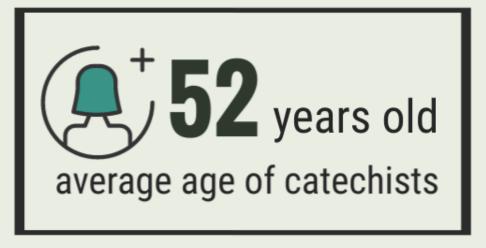


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26,978

surveyed catechists validated for analysis

AGE OF THE CATECHIST RESPONDENTS NATIONAL

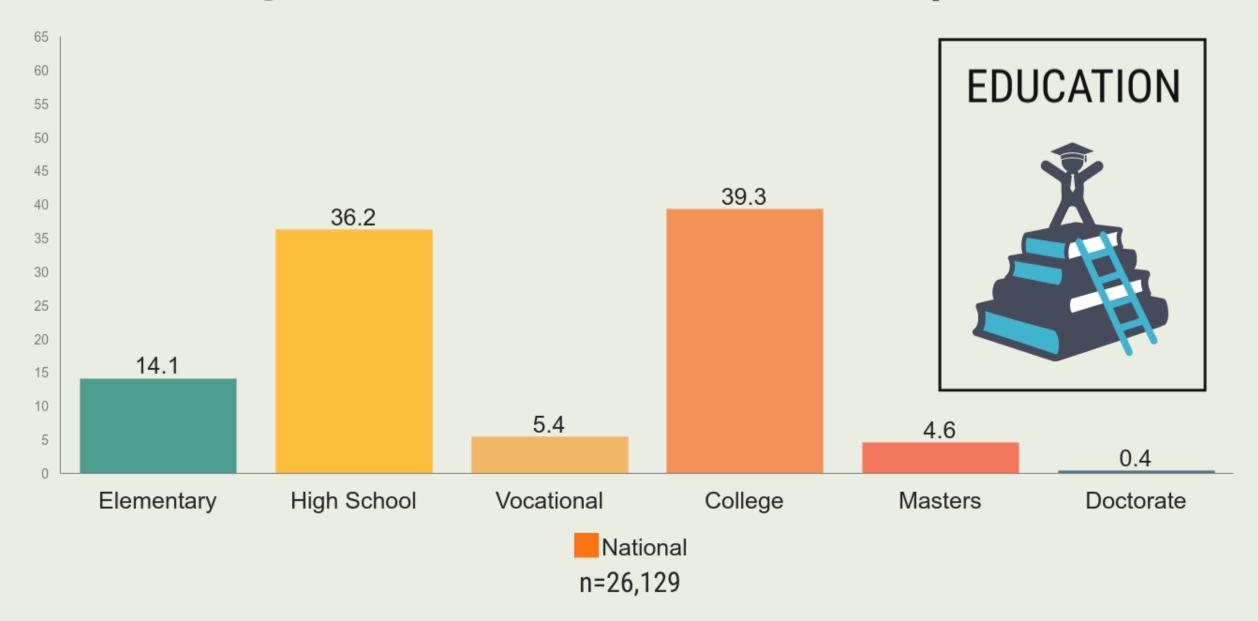


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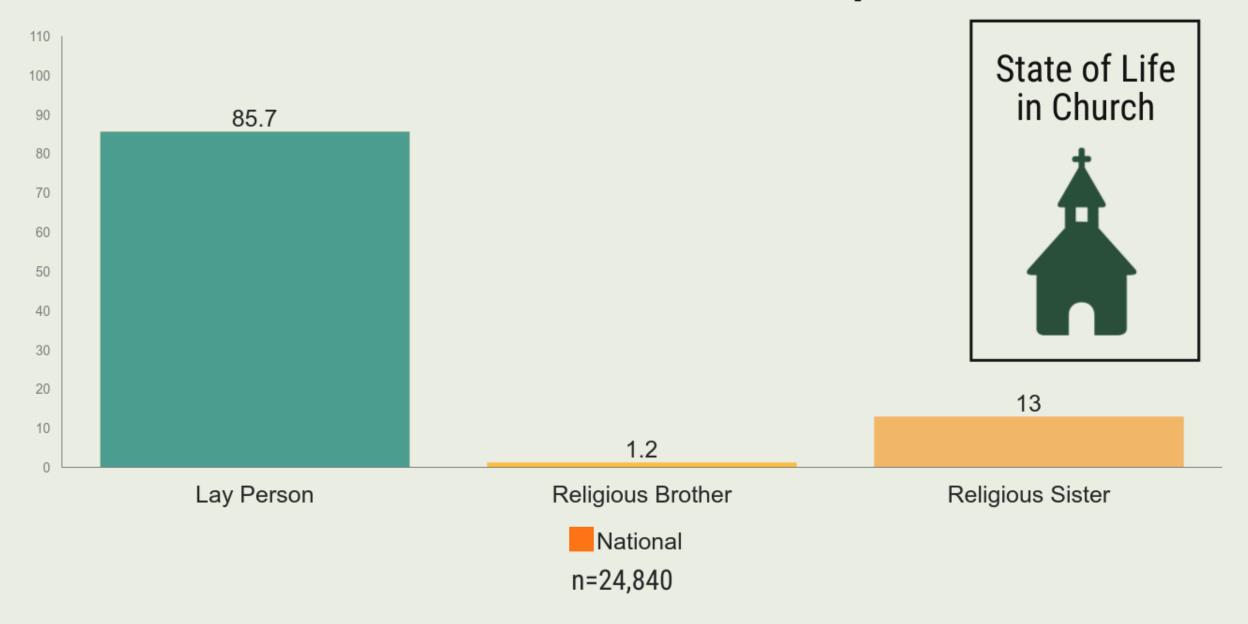
BIOLOGICAL SEX OF THE CATECHIST RESPONDENTS



Highest Educational Attainment of Catechist Respondents



State of Life in Church of Catechist Respondents



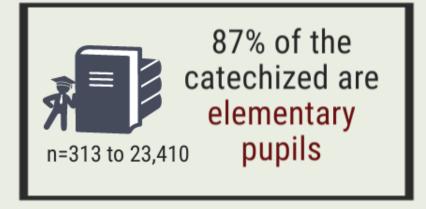
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Where are you doing catechesis?

n=369 to 18,942

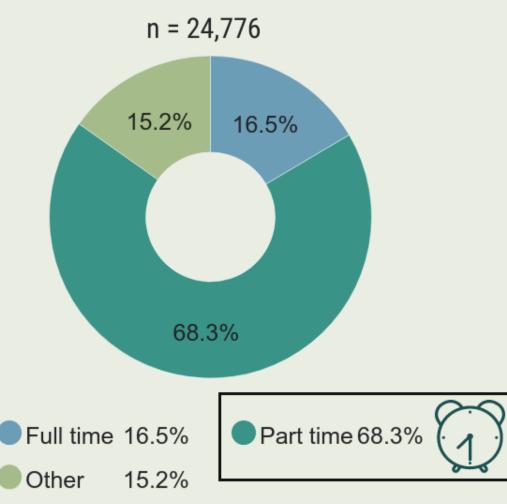


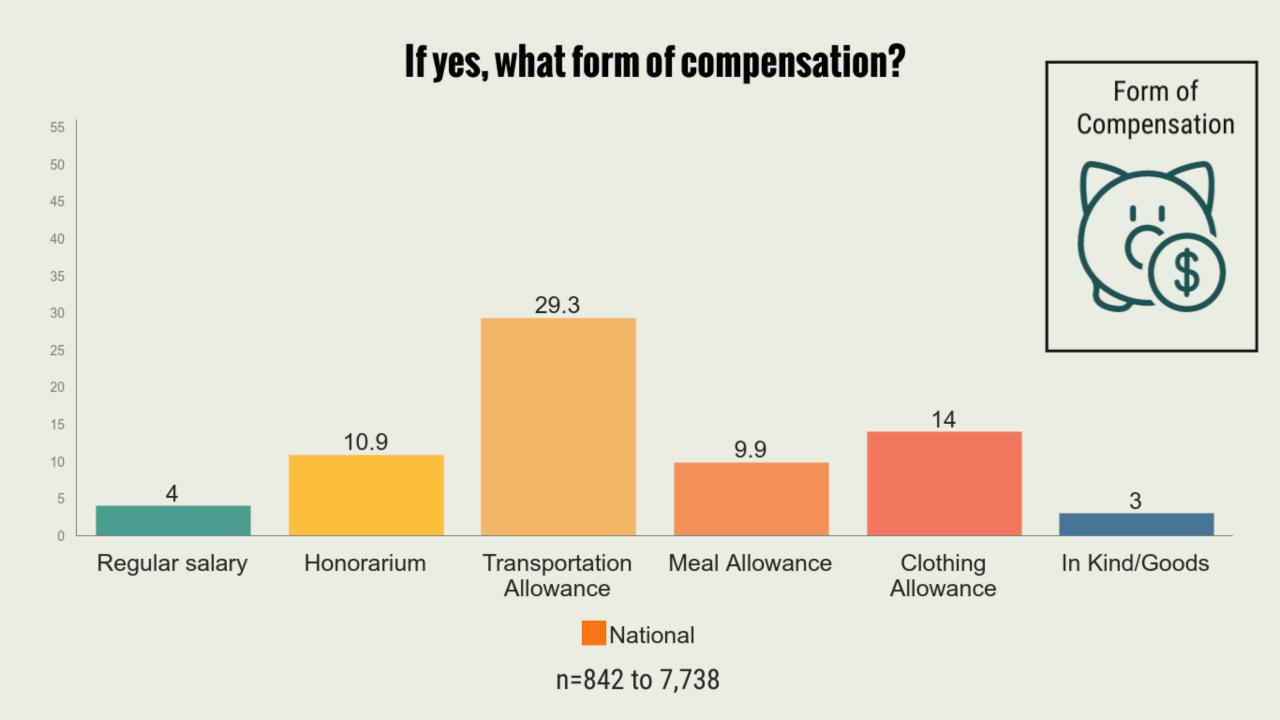




How are you ministering as a catechist?

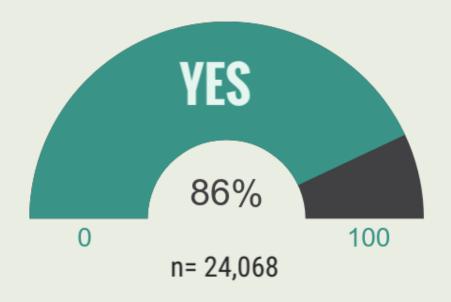




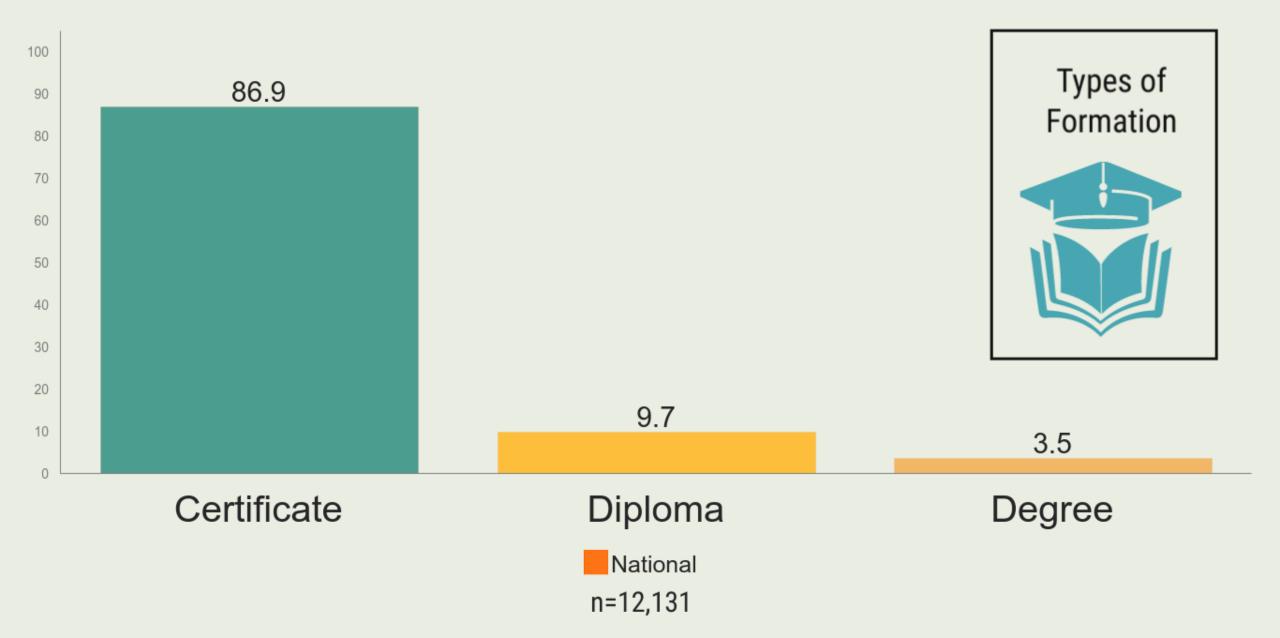


Is formal catechetical formation important?

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Types of Formation of Catechist Respondents



Which of the following catechetical content must be prioritized in your on-going catechetical formation?



1 Bible

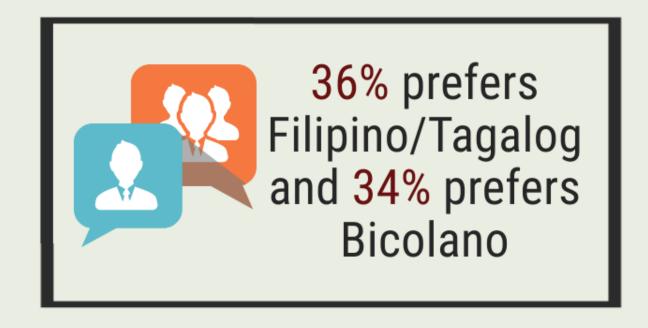
2 Sacraments and Liturgy **3**Fundamentals of Faith

4 Christian Morality

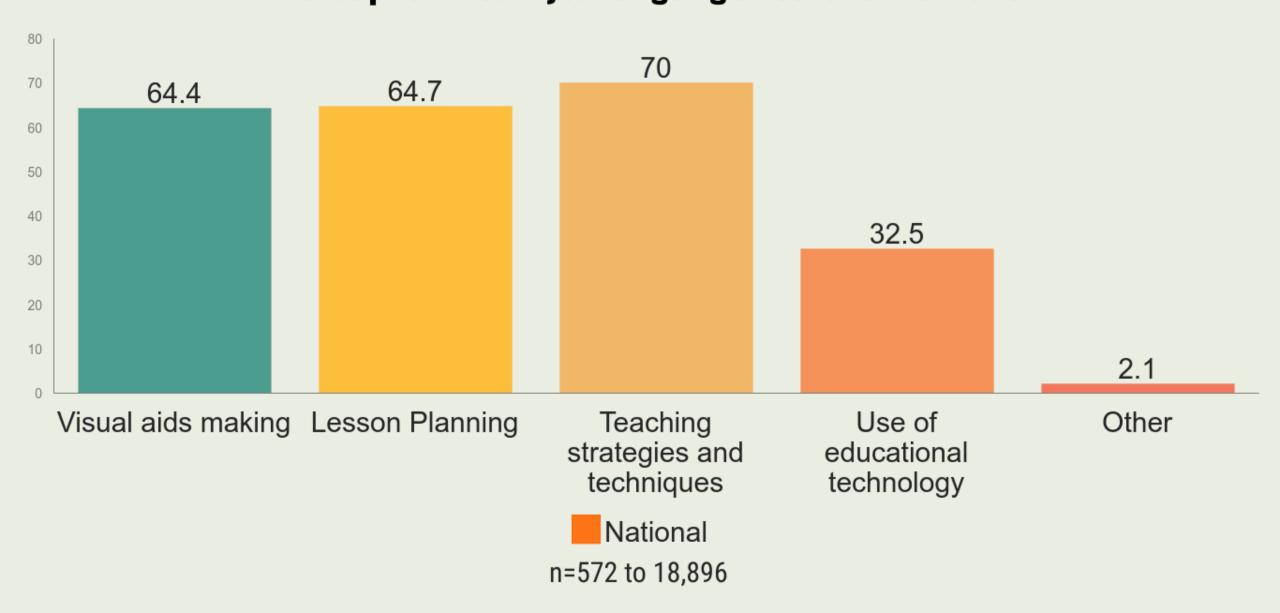


Which medium do you prefer in your catechetical instruction?

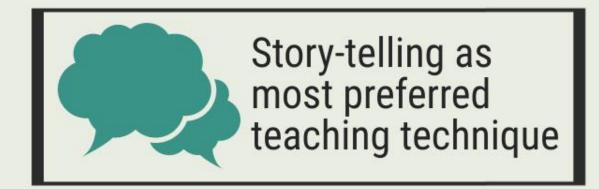
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- visual aids making
- •lesson planning
- *as well as the use of educati Which of the following topics on catechetical pedagogy/methodology *as priority topics for intervention. must be prioritized in your on-going catechetical formation?

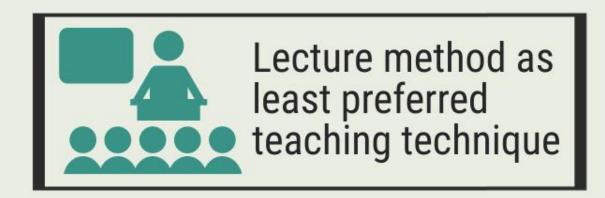


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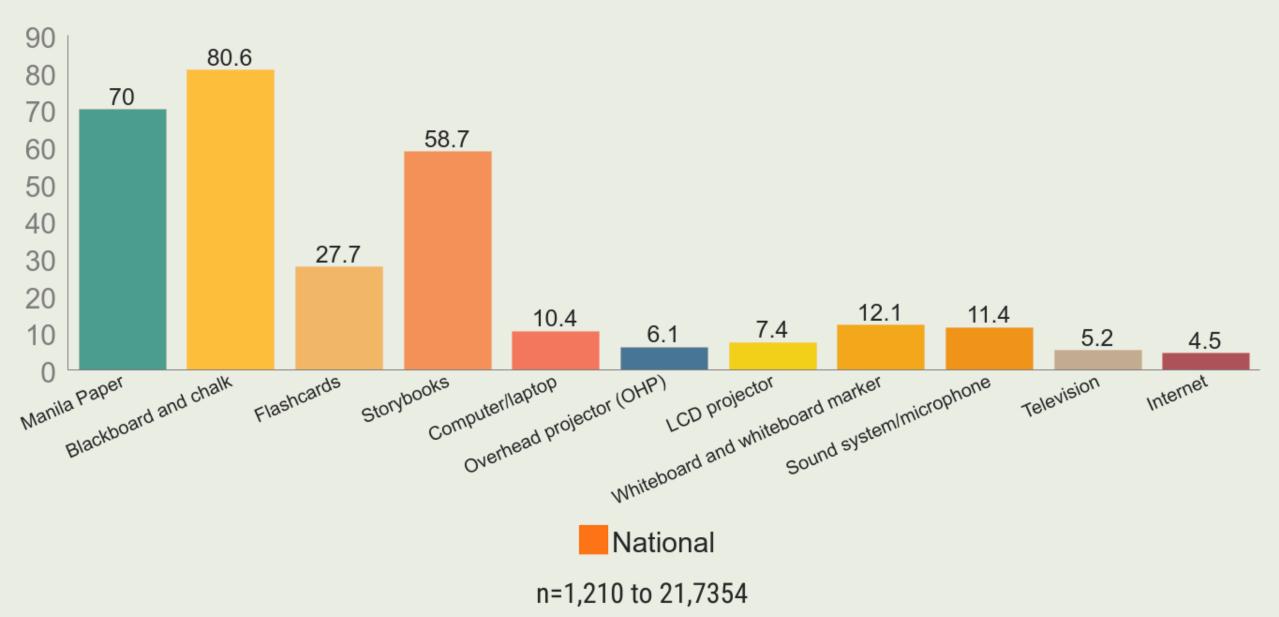
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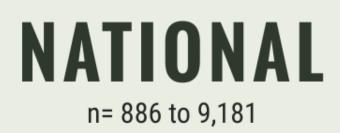


n=23,099

On teaching aids



At present, what external factors make your ministry difficult?



Passive students

Passive parents of students

Inaccessibility of teaching aids

4
Insufficient compensation





Catechetical instruction topics learned from catechesis



n= 6,048



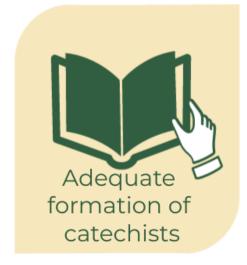
Catechetical instruction concepts learned from catechesis



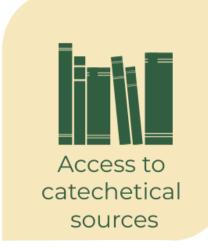












Intervention initiative on teaching and learning catechesis





Responses

Research-based Intervention Outcomes (RIO)

Research-based Intervention Outcomes (RIO)	Gifts of	Givers of
Digital Catechesis	Digital access to resources	Virtual catechesis
Catechesis on St. Joseph	Teachings of St. Joseph	Formation
Creative Resources	Stories of catechists	Creative methods of teaching and learning catechesis
Adult Catechesis	Stories of catechized adults	Formation among adults
Catechetical Human Resources Handbook	Stories on doing catechesis	A handbook for catechetical ministries

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Isang Research-based Intervention Outcome



Coleen Candela...











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Coleen Candela...

























































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Sample creative modules for teaching catechesis

A guidebook using a creative approach





Research and Creativity

Working Title:

KATEKISTANG MALIKHAIN:

Teaching and Learning Catechesis (TLC) Guidebook

Proposed content:

Chapter 1 – The State of Teaching and Learning Catechesis (TLC) in the Philippines

- This part talks about the context of teaching and learning catechesis in the Philippines and the methods and pedagogies catechists use.
- This part utilizes the NCS 2016-2021 data to contextualize Teaching and Learning Catechesis in the Philippines.

Creativity as frame

Chapter 2 – Approaches to Teaching and Learning Catechesis (TLC)

- This chapter talks about the approaches to teaching and learning catechesis as the Directory for Catechesis prescribes.
- This frames the guide book which we are writing.

Chapter 3 – Pedagogies (12 Pedagogies to Teaching and Learning Catechesis)

- This contains the suggested pedagogies that we will talk about in this guidebook. It is still subject to change but here are the proposed pedagogies:

Creative pedagogies

- Parabula (Hesus Ebanghelyo)
- i. Panalangin (Hesus Ebanghelyo)
- iii. Panayam (Lecture Findings on catechists)
- iv. Kwentuhan (Storytelling Findings on catechists)
- v. Tula (Poetry)
- vi. Awit (Songs)
- vii. Sayaw (Dance)
- viii. Teatro at Pelikula (Theatre and Films)
- ix. Larawan at Letrato (Drawing and Photography)
- x. Kalikasan (Nature)
- xi. Katahimikan (Silence)
- xii. Talambuhay (Biography & Life stories)

Creativity in context

Chapter 4 – The Pedagogy of the Filipino Catechists (from Paulo Freire, in the spirit of PCP II)

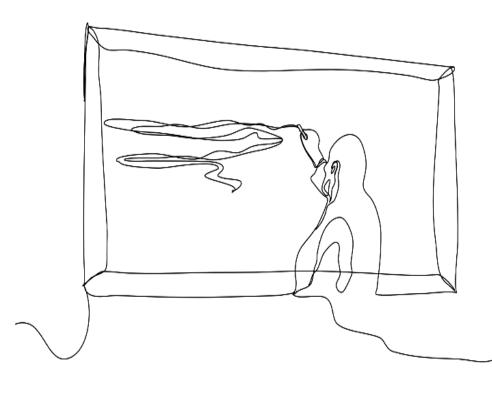
- This chapter talks about the spaces of catechesis relative to the Filipino context.
- It reflects on how we do catechesis for the last 500 years.
- It explains that catechism is a pastoral work and that it is for the Church of the poor.
- This answers the guide question "When and where could we do effective catechesis using the pedagogies of TLC?"

Creativity in delivery

- 1. We can write the guidebook in Filipino; this makes the project more relevant for our Filipino catechists.
- 2. The suggested title for Filipino is Pagtuturo at Pagkatuto ng Katekesis sa Kontekstong Pilipino.
- 3. We can also use Taglish in writing this output.

Art and Photography

- Instead of teaching mostly religious facts, education through art may become the way to open the doors of meaning and give access to the spiritual and symbolic sphere, helping students to become fully human. (Gellel, 2010)
- Through art, the mystery of beauty, that appears to our eyes so briefly and uneven, is assembled in a world of poems, images and great cycles of figuration by means of colours, stones and sounds. There is a need for something more than just knowledge about God, for some kind of a spiritual experience, an encounter with Him by means of art, rituals and liturgy or narratives. (Kielian, 2019)



Art and Photography

When works of art are selected carefully, they can contribute to displaying in an immediate way multiple aspects of the truths of the faith, touching the hearts and assisting in the internalization of the message. (DC, 201)

• Visual Arts and photography can be used as a way of teaching learners catechesis by letting them internalize the concept of a given art related to the lesson. In the same manner, students can directly express their insights and concepts about the intangibles of our faith.

Lecture

Panayam (Lecture) is perhaps the most popular catechetical methodology wherein the catechist takes on the active role in the entire catechetical process of transmitting the faith, and the learners takes on the passive role as the recipients of the faith being proclaimed in front of them.



Lecture

A Learner-Centered Approach in doing Panayam

Learner-Centered approach as a pedagogy, is defined as a teaching strategy that shifts the teachers' role from the main source of information to as the facilitator of the learning process. Learners in this approach play the major role and provides hope to transform and develop the learning competencies of the students (Baeten et al., 2021).

Pedagogical Approaches in Doing Catechesis

Considering the task and moral principles of teaching catechesis, the application of learner-centered approach as pedagogy in teaching has a positive outcome in the learning competencies of the learners. The following are the outcomes of employing learner-centered in classroom based instruction from researches:

Pedagogical Approaches in Doing Catechesis

- Increased Engagement and Class Participation = Learners discovers the faith in their own context
- Increased Knowledge Retention =
- The faith becomes more relevant to the learners' life.
- Promote Self-Efficacy an Improve Motivation = the learner appreciates and lives-out the faith.

Concluding Insights

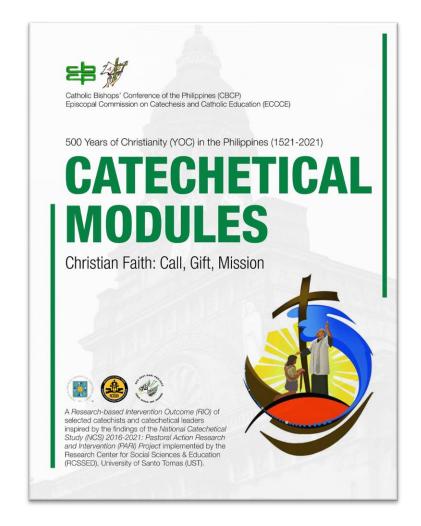
The process led us to different forms of creativity:

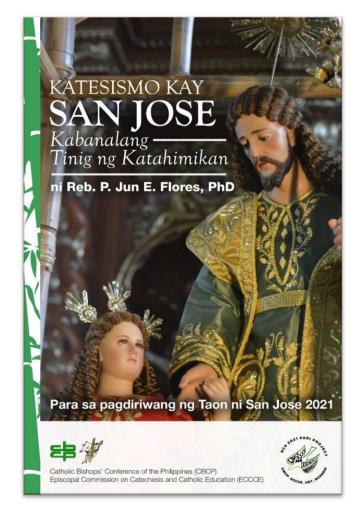
- Creativity of ideas
- Creativity of pedagogies
- Creativity in communities
- Creativity in relationships



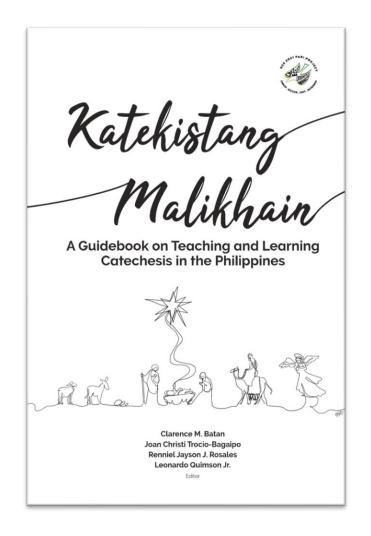
Creativity of Ideas

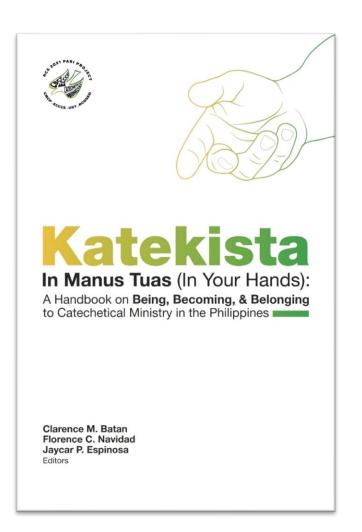






Creativity of Pedagogies





Fuwedeng mauna ang Morai, puwedeng mauna ang Worship, mauna ang Doctrine. A much as possible, na natatackle mo ang topic, naipaabot mo sa bata, naintindihan notata, nakuha ng bata. Right after ng topic mo, ang bata ay natutong magdasal a worship. Right after ng topic, ang bata ay bumait. Nalaman niya na sa topic na ito, an hinihingi sa'kin ni Kristo ay maging mapagbigay, pagiging generous. So ano iyon? An pagiging mapagbigay, ano ang naging topic mo? Ang akong masuliti ana nga ginatuma ang nato kung giunsa ang atoang gimbuhaton sa atoang Simbahan ug ako nasunonako sa akong mga ginikanan ug hangtod nga nagdako ko, maskin sa personal nako ng pag intindi dako naman ko sa sariling opinion, kinahanglan jud nako nga tumanon. Echandoon ka sa Ten Commandmentst Mayaman ang kulturang pinoy sa respete mapagmahal at pagtutulungan, lagi akong magmano sa mga matatanda, mahal ko an aking magulang, lagi nagtutulungan sa lahat ng mga gawain at nagbibigayan. Isa n dumami din yung eskwelahang Catholic kasi nagtuturo naman sila ng para sa mga-s mga tao na mag-magpakabuti oh. Eh, kasi pag sa ibang eskwelahan eh, iba naman yunituturo nila kagay- kagaya sa-sa-- kagaya ngayon pero parang hindi na nga masyadiang catechist eh, isang beses nalang sa isang araw. Eh, gaano lang yun di gaya na kun

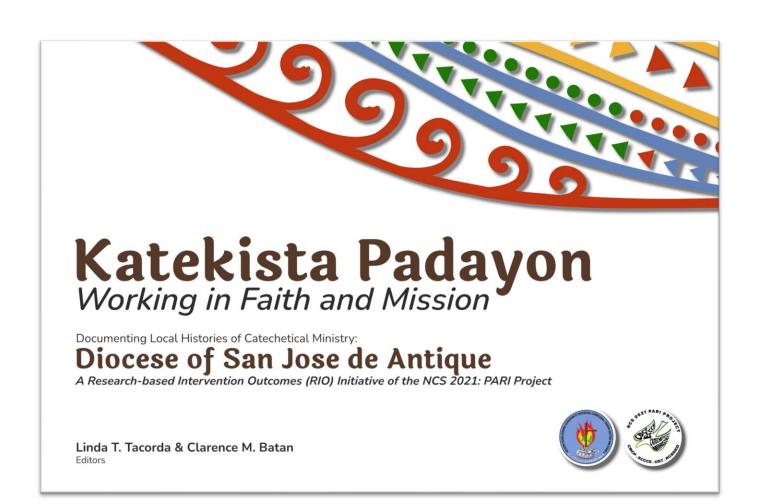
KWENT NG KATEKISTA

Naratibo ng mga Katekistang-Lingkod sa Pilipinas

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g may Catholic kaya lang can't afford naman na. Kas
ano en, wnen i was invoived in parish as kaabag during the time na kulang yung katekist
na foresee ko na volunteer so, wala man tayong ibang maturo kundi si Kristo at kangyan
teaching at sino magturo kung hindi ako makisali so malaki talaga ang papel ng isan
katekista to continue the mission of preaching about God. Paglilinaw sa mga malin
konsepto po na nabigay sa akin, na natutunan ko bago pa lang yung paglilinaw nga n
ginawa ng mga katekista. Kasi, bago po yung mga pagtuturo nila sa akin, may mg
bagay o ideya na sa palagay ko'y tama, pero hindi pa la ganoon yung paraan ng Katoliko
b medyo nasubrahan po ako o nakulangan sa mga bagay na ito. Kaya, nililinaw po nil
yung mga bagay na iyon at inaayos po 'yon. Sa aking pagsisimba bilang Katoliko, ala
bagpapatawad sa kasalanan, lalong lalo na sa aking mga kapwa tao at pagkatapos di
magsimba, nakakagaan ng loob lalong lalo na 'pag may problema ka. Mahirap pen
dapat gawin ibig sabihin dapat tayong mga katekista nahihirapan man tayo
magsakripisyo tayo ay dapat ipagpatuloy so perseverance. Okay. So kung madraawin
mo ang buhay mo bilang katekista halimbawa ang iyong karanasan sa catehesis, anonarawan ito? Anong larawan ang pyede mong ma ano? Mabubuting salita po no Divo

Creativity in communities and relationships



Correspondingly, we also observed creativity in relations evolving among us, the researchers, the interventionists, and the religious educators who journey with us in implementing these creative outputs both for catechetical resources and pedagogies.



A RESEARCH MONOGRAPH
FROM THE NATIONAL CATECHETICAL STUDY 2016-2018

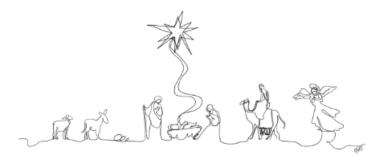
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