

Catechist Tip Sheet

KEEP IN MIND THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF YOUR LEARNERS

CREATE A LEARNING SPACE THAT PIQUES THE INTEREST OF THE LEARNERS

HAVE A FOCUS OBJECT

Capture the attention of your learners with something related to the lesson

APPEAL TO THE SENSES

Younger children, especially, respond to objects they can touch, smell, listen to, etc.

INCLUDE A VISIBLE ELEMENT OF THE LITURGY

Use part of each class to help develop within your students, a rich prayer life and comfort with the Mass

DON'T IGNORE THE VALUE OF HOSPITALITY

MAKE LEARNERS FEEL WELCOME

LEARNING THE NAMES OF YOUR PARTICIPANTS IS A HIGH PRIORITY

Begin the year with nametags so everyone is comfortable with one another's names

HONOR BOTH LEARNING AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Recognize that students do not come in a "one-size fits all" package. Vary your teaching style and teach with empathy

TALK TO YOUR LEARNERS AT THEIR LEVEL

Show respect for their thoughts and insights and respect that you will have both introverts and extroverts among your students

CREATE A SACRED SPACE

THE PHYSICAL SET UP OF YOUR ROOM IS IMPORTANT IN PROVIDING ENCOUNTER

MAKE THE PRAYER SPACE THE CENTER OF YOUR ROOM

This helps make it clear that Jesus is the center of your lesson and your entire program!

KEEP THE SPACE CLEAN, UNCLUTTERED AND COMFORTABLE

