

**CATECHETICAL
CALENDAR 2018
COME AND SEE JESUS**



THE FACE OF GOD'S LOVE

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5)”

WELCOME TO THE CATECHETICAL CALENDAR

This Calendar is mainly at the service of the parish priest and catechists and promotes the coordination of the catechists in the entire Archdiocese of Pretoria.

This Calendar gives you

- dates of the meetings of formation for all catechists, in centres, distributed through all the archdiocese so that the catechists can easily attend these important meetings
- dates of other meetings of catechists most of those who are serving Christian Initiation of Youth
- dates of Christian celebrations related to catechesis, and of the days of KABELANO

In this catechetical calendar, here and there you will find windows with the following title:

THINK AHEAD:

It is a help for the catechists to pay attention to a special event ahead in the calendar which need preparation.

REMEMBER

It is a help for the catechists to remember important principles, advises or directives to be kept in mind when catechists are going through relevant times or events in the liturgical calendar

NOTES

The ongoing formation throughout the year will be focused on the following words of Jesus:

“God’s Love to us”

The Notes will be a further help to deepen the theme of the ongoing formation.

JANUARY

THINK AHEAD

Christian Initiation of Youth

Christian Initiation Journey of Youth 2018 (i.e. those youth who are supposed to start the Confirmation Journey in the beginning of 2018).

The catechists, who will lead these youth, have to get familiar with or revise the new vision of the Christian Initiation journey of youth. Therefore a study meeting is absolutely necessary for the catechists before they start their work.

Pay attention to this meeting, further on in the calendar.

Christian Initiation Journey of Youth 2017 (i.e. those youth who started in February 2017)

The catechists, who continue to serve the youth of this journey, have to realize that in this second year the celebration of the sacrament of confirmation is the step 3 of the journey.

According the new programme of Confirmation Journey the sacrament of Confirmation should be celebrated during the Easter Season in order to give good time to stage 4 of the journey so important in order to make youth experience day to day the responsibility to be witnesses of Christ.

Be sure that, already at this time, the date of Confirmation is fixed within the Easter Season.

Christian Initiation journey

An important event is the opening of the catechetical year to be held on the 4th February 2018

Study the suggested liturgy of this celebration. It will help you to check on everything that must be in place for an effective start of the catechetical year (registration of children, list of the catechists and their specific task, catechetical material). Do not forget that a meeting with the parents of the beginners (those small ones who begin this year their journey of Christian initiation of Children) in

03 February Mandate:Southern Deanery,Eastern and Western Deaneries Venue Sacred Heart Cathedral time 14h00.

04 February Official opening of the Catechetical Year

05 February Ga-Rankuwa: Formation – 18h00

08 February S. Charles Lwanga: Formation 18h00

10 February Moya': Formation: 09h00.

10 February Holy Rosary 15h00

11 February Hebron Formation 14h00

11 February Rite of election youth 2017.

13 February Mmakau Formation 18h00

14 February Mothutlung Formation

17 February : Mandate Northern Deanery Venue:St Dominic Stink Water 14h00

17 February St. Mary's 14h00.

FEBRUARY
REMEMBER

Purification

The people of Christian Initiation of Adults and of Confirmation Journey, through the rite of election enter the

period of purification, in which all the parish community should take part. At the prayer of the lighting of the East Candle we pray God and say: “Dispel the darkness of our hearts and of our minds”. Adults and youth preparing for sacraments of Christian Initiation have the great task of purifying their hearts and their minds in order to receive fruitfully the sacraments. This will be the task of every Christian during Lent.

Outline of Lent

On the 14th February LENT begins. In the liturgical calendar, Lent is an intense period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, which aims at a spiritual renewal.

All the catechists involved in any form of catechesis should do their best to make continuous connection with the liturgical celebrations during Lent in order to help the catechised people to profit spiritually from the richness of the liturgy.

The words

14 February

Ash Wednesday

It is recommended that Youth of Confirmation Journey 2017 attend as a group the Ash Wednesday Mass. They should have in advance a meeting in order to study the liturgy of the Word of this Mass, which is a good way to understand the goal in stage 3 of their journey.

17 February

Atteridgeville: Formation: 09h00.

17 February

Marapyane: Formation: 09h00.

17 February

Jericho: Formation: 18h00

18 February

Kabelano Tsela 2017-Mass 07h30

18 February

Ten Morgen Formation: 14h00

18 February

Siyabuswa Formation

18 February

Hebron Formation

18 February **1st Sunday of Lent, Rite of election of Christian Initiation of Adults, R.C.I.A 2016, for North Eastern, North West, Northern, Southern Western and Eastern Deaneries Venue Sacred Heart Cathedral at 14h00**

19 February Mabopane: Formation: 18h00.

24 February Lynwood formation 09h00

24 February Klipan formation

24 February Morokolong formation 09h00.

23-25 February **IFJ 2018 1st Retreat. Venue: Christ the New Man center Garankua – 7pm**

03 March **Meeting of Catechists of Christian Initiation Journey of Youth (CIJY) 2017 09h00 – 11h00.**

03 March Midrand Formation

05 March Ga-Rankuwa: Formation – 18h00.

07 March Letlhabile: Formation – 18h00

08 March St. Charles Lwanga: Formation 18h00.

10 March **Workshop for Coordinators in Pretoria North from 09h00-15h00.**

10 March Moya: Formation: 09h00.

10 March Holy Rosary Formation-15h00.

11 March **Hebron Kabelano Tsela 2016 Mass 07h30**

13 March Hebron Formation 14h00.

13 March Mmakau: Formation.

14 March Mothutlung Formation

17 March	Atteridgeville: Formation: 09h00.
17 March	Marapyane Formation
17 March	Jericho Formation 18h00
17 March	St. Peter Clever Mamelodi : Formation: 14h00
18 March	Ten Morgen Formation: 14h00
18 March	Siyabuswa Formation
18 March	Hebron Formation
20 March	Mabopane: Formation: 18h00.
24 March	Lynwood: Formation: 09h00.
24 March	Marokolong: Formation: 09h00.
24 March	Klippan: Formation:

25 March Palm Sunday

MARCH

REMEMBER

Christ's Passover, the centre of the liturgical year.

Beginning with the Easter Triduum, as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. The EASTER is not simply one feast among the others, but "the feast of the feasts". Just as the Eucharist is "the sacrament of the sacraments". St. Athanasius call Easter "the Great Sunday", as the Church calls the Holy Week "the Great Week".

In the Council of Nicaea in 325, all the Churches agreed that Easter should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first moon after the vernal equinox (14 Nissan in the Jewish calendar) (CCC. Nn. 1168-1170)

It is fundamental for our faith to keep in mind the strict connection between Christ's Passover and Christian Baptism, which is in fact a spiritual Passover in union with Christ (Romans, Chapter 6)

The baptismal catechumenate is also permeated by the mystery of Christ's Passover. For this reason all initiation must reveal clearly its paschal nature.

The Easter Vigil, focal point of the Christian liturgy, and its spirituality of baptism inspire catechesis (GDC, n.91). It is in the light of this vision that it is stated that: The rite of initiation is normally arranged so that the sacraments will be celebrated during Easter Vigil.”

EASTER TRIDUUM

29 March	Holy Thursday.
30 March	Good Friday.
31 March	Easter Vigil.
01 April	Easter Sunday
02 April	Ga-Rankuwa: Formation – 18h00.
03 March	Letlhabile: Formation – 18h00
05 April	St. Charles Lwanga: Formation 18h00
07 April	Meeting of Catechists of Christian Initiation Journey of Youth (CIJY) 2017 09h00 – 11h00
07 April	Midrand Formation
08 April	Hebron
10 April	Mmakau: Formation
11 April	Mothutlung: Formation
14 April	Moya: Formation - 09h00
14 April	Holy Rosary: Formation: 15h00.
15 April	IFJ 2018 First Study Day, Pretoria North 9am-3pm
21 April	St. Raphael Mamelodi: Formation, 14h00.
21 April	Atteridgeville: Formation: 09h00.
21 April	Lynwood: Formation: 09h00.
21 April	Marokolong: Formation: 09h00.
21 April	Klippan: Formation:
21 April	Ten Morgen Formation: 14h00.

21 April Hebron: Fromation: 14h00.
21 April Siyabuswa Formation:

22 April Rite of Acceptance of Christian Initiation of Youth 2018.

This rite can be anticipated or postponed according to the time necessary for the motivation of each candidate.

24 April Mabopane: Formation: 18h00.

MAY

01 May Letlhabile: Formation – 18h00.

03 May St. Charles Lwanga: Formation 18h00

05 May Meeting of Catechists of Christian Initiation Journey of Youth (CIJY) 2017 09h00 – 11h00

05 May Midrand: Formation 14h00.

07 May Ga-Rankuwa: Formation – 18h00.

09 May Mothutlung: Formation:

12 May Moya: Formation - 09h00

19 May St. Mary's Mamelodi: Formation – 14h00.

12 May Holy Rosary: Formation: 15h00.

19 May Atteridgeville: Formation: 09h00.

19 May Marapyane: Formation: 09h00.

21 May Jericho: Formation: 18h00.

21 May Mmakau: Formation: 18h00.

26 May Lynwood: Formation: 09h00.

26 May Marokolong: Formation: 09h00.

26 May Klippan: Formation:

27 May Ten Morgen Formation: 14h00.

27 May Hebron: Formation: 14h00.

27 May Siyabuswa Formation:

27 May IFJ 2018 2nd Study Day, Pretoria North, 9am-3pm

29 May Mabopane: Formation: 18h00.

JUNE

02 June Meeting of Catechists of Christian Initiation Journey of Youth (CIJY) 2017 09h00 – 11h00

02 June Midrand: Formation 14h00

04 June Garankuwa Formation 18h00

06 June Letlhabile Formation 18h00

07 June St. Charles Lwanga: Formation 18h00.

09 June Moya Formation: 18h00.

09 June Holy Rosary Formation 15h00

13 June Mothutlung: Formation:

16 June St. Peter Clever Mamelodi Formation 14h00

16 June Marapyane: Formation: 09h00.

16 June Atteridgeville: Formation: 09h00.

16 June Jericho: Formation-18h00.

17 June Ten Morgen Formation: 14h00.

18 June Mmakau: Formation: 18h00.

19 June Mabopane: Formation: 18h00.

23 June Workshop of all the Catechists of Christian Initiation of Youth and Co ordinators at Pretoria North at 09h00 – 15h00.

23 June Marokolong: Formation: 09h00.

23 June Lynwood: Formation: 09h00

23 June Klippan Formation

24 June Hebron: Formation: 14h00.

24 June Siyabuswa Formation:

JULY

- 07 July** **Diocesan commission team meeting at Pretoria North at 09h00.**
- 15 July** **IFJ 2017 Third Study Day, Pretoria North, 9am-3pm.**
- 28 July** **General Assembly of Catechists, Parents & Sponsors of Youth 2017 Pretoria North 9am**

AUGUST

03-05August **THE GREAT RETREAT – Mater Dei Center Naboomspruit Open to all Catechists**

- 01 August Letlhabile: Formation – 18h00.
- 02 August St. Charles Lwanga: Formation 18h00.
- 04 August Midrand: Formation - 14h00
- 06 August Ga-Rankuwa: Formation – 18h00.
- 11 August Moya: Formation - 09h00
- 11 August Holy Rosary: Formation: 15h00.
- 18 August St. Raphael Mamelodi: Formation – 14h00.
- 18 August Atteridgeville: Formation: 09h00.
- 18 August Marapyane: Formation: 09h00.
- 18 August Jericho: Formation: 18h00.
- 19 August Ten Morgen Formation 14h00
- 20 August Mmakau: Formation: 18h00.
- 22 August Mothutlung: Formation: .
- 25August Lynwood: Formation: 09h00.
- 25August Marokolong: Formation: 09h00.
- 25 August Klippan: Formation:
- 26 August Hebron: Fromation: 14h00.
- 26 August Siyabuswa Formation:
- 28 August Mabopane: Formation: 18h00.

SEPTEMBER

CATECHETICAL MONTH

THINK AHEAD:

On a Sunday of September, possibly the fourth Sunday, the Catechetical Sunday should be celebrated in the Parishes.

Catechists will prepare the Day with the catechetical groups in order to remind the Community of the Catechetical program and its requirements.

Main elements: explanation of the Catechetical programs (best if done before Mass); penitential rite by different people; special prayers of the Faithful; offertory procession with banners; testimonies after Communion and Community promise.

01 September Meeting of Catechists of Christian Initiation Journey of Youth (CIJY) 2017 09h00 – 11h00

01 September Midrand: Formation - 14h00

03 September Ga-Rankuwa: Formation – 18h00

04 September Letlhabile: Formation – 18h00.

06 September St. Charles Lwanga: Formation 18h00.

08 September Moya: Formation - 09h00

08 September Holy Rosary: Formation: 15h00.

09 September IFJ 2018 4th Study Day, Pretoria North, 9am-3pm

10 September Mmakau: Formation: 18h00.

12 September Mothutlung: Formation:

15 September Atteridgeville: Formation: 09h00.

15 September Marapyane: Formation: 09h00.

15 September Jericho: Formation: 18h00.

15 September St. Mary's Mamelodi: Formation – 14h00.

16 September Hebron Kabelano Tsela 2017, Mass at 07h30

16 September Ten Morgen Formation: 14h00.

22 September Lynwood: Formation: 09h00.

22 September Marokolong: Formation: 09h00.

- 22 September Klippan: Formation:
 23 September Hebron: Formation: 14h00.
 23 September Siyabuswa Formation:
23 September Catechetical Sunday
24 September Catechetical Cultural Day
 25 September Mabopane: Formation: 18h00
- OCTOBER**
- 01 October Ga-Rankuwa: Formation – 18h00
 03 October Litlhabile Formation 18h00.
 05 October St. Charles Lwanga: Formation 18h00
**06 October Meeting of Catechists of Christian Initiation
 Journey of Youth (CIJY) 2017 09h00 – 11h00**
 06 October Midrand: Formation 14h00
07 October Hebron Kabelano Tsela 2018, Mass at 07h30
 13 October Moya: Formation - 09h00
 13 October Holy Rosary: Formation: 15h00.
 14 October Ten Morgen Formation: 14h00.
 15 October Mmakau: Formation: 18h00
 16 October Mothutlung: Formation:
 20 October St. Raphael/Clever Mamelodi: Formation 14h00.
 20 October Atteridgeville: Formation: 09h00.
 20 October Marapyane: Formation: 09h00.
 20 October Jericho: Formation: 18h00.
 20 October Lynwood: Formation: 09h00.
 21 October Marokolong: Formation: 09h00.
**21 October Day of Sending of Youth of 2017.
 Venue: Church of the Beatitudes**
- 26– 28 October Final Retreat of IFJ 2018 Christ the New Man
 Garankua – 7pm**
- 28 October Siyabuswa Formation.
 28 October Klippan: Formation:
 30 October Mabopane: Formation: 18h00.

NOVEMBER

**10 November Diocesan Commission of Catechesis Pretoria
North at 09h00.**

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Son of the living God, splendour of the Father,

In your great love
You wanted to share our human condition
And to show the mystery of God's life and love to
us
In human ways
We stand before you, as your disciples, with wonder
and faith
We believe that you have the good news of eternal
life
And you are the Holy One of God
Increase our faith
So that we may be drawn
into an ever growing intimacy with you,
our beloved saviour.
Confirm our faith
So that we may stand steadily
Against all the challenges
Of the present time
Make our faith touch deeply our hearts
And shape our way of living
So that we may become
A living example of your gospel
For all the people
Amen.