



Office of

Catechetical Services

Faith-Based Media

These technologies [new media] are truly a gift to humanity and we must endeavor to ensure that the benefits they offer are put at the service of all human individuals and communities.

*Pope Benedict XVI's Message for the 43rd World Communications Day
"New Technologies, New Relationships. Promoting a Culture of Respect, Dialogue and Friendship."*

Faith-Based Media Workshops

...offer participants a chance to see where their faith and media habits interact. These workshops are great for district gatherings, cluster groups, parish staffs and organizations, ministry groups, PSR classes, grade school classes, parent or faculty meetings.

Social Networking

This workshop is meant to examine the world of social networking for various audiences. Students can learn the positives and negatives of it. Parents can learn about how to monitor their children's use. Parish Leaders and Organizations can learn how to use social networking to aid in ministry and evangelization. Workshops can be focused to address the needs and issues with a particular audience.

Technology and Faith

There are a variety of new technologies to help you become more connected with your faith and each other (see "New Technologies and Faith"). This presentation will help you to use these technologies to promote faith formation and evangelization for a digital generation.

Internet Safety

The Internet is a gift from God and should be used and cared for like any other gifts. Web surfing, social networking, chatting and blogging are among the many ways to use it. This presentation offers some practical advice for staying safe and some cautions about posting information online.

Messages in Your Music

How we choose our music can reveal a lot about a person. It can reveal a process for making decisions (web surfing, clothing and behavior choices). This presentation examines what we listen to, why we listen to it and whether we should continue to listen to it, as a basis to make moral decisions.

Media Awareness

How we watch TV, look at advertising and listen to music influences the way in which we live. This presentation looks at how the media influences one's life and presents some important practices for media consumption.

Presentation times vary depending on topic & audience.

Junior High through Adult Presentations=60 minutes
Middle School=30-40 minutes; Primary Grades=20-30 minutes


Also available:

Faculty/Ministry Group Inservices on catechetical resources, using catechetical and secular media in ministry or the classroom
Media-Based Retreats for all ages and groups

Don't see a topic for your group? One can be designed for your needs.

Knights of Columbus

Catechetical Media Grant

Through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus we are able to offer grants for a variety of catechetical resources and equipment in the amount of up to  \$500.00 (per year).

Details and applications available:

<http://www.oce-ocs.org/ocs>

Click on Media.

New Technologies and Faith

Check out the Pope's Facebook Page

...yes even the Pope's on Facebook!
(Search Benedict XVI in Facebook)

Pope 2 You - <http://www.pope2you.net>
(Variety of technologies to connect you to your faith)

The Vatican's YouTube Channel
<http://www.youtube.com/vatican>

Check out Christian/Catholic Apps from iTunes!

Download daily reading podcasts from the USCCB (<http://www.usccb.org>).

Consider holding a parish-wide workshop using these technologies! Great topic for young adults!

Need help sorting all of this out?

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