

Prayer for a New Catechetical Year

Opening Prayer

Leader: *Begin with the sign of the Cross.*

Loving God, our Father,

Today we gather to celebrate a new beginning,
the beginning of a new catechetical year.

Open our hearts and our minds to your Word,
to your Son, to your Spirit,
and to one another.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Reading: Mark 10:13-16

The Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

Closing Blessing

Leader: Let us pray.

Loving God, Creator of this beautiful day,

We thank you for gathering us together today as we celebrate another new beginning in the lives of our children and we ask your blessing upon us.

Lord, bless these catechists. Give them your gifts of patience and wisdom as they guide these children entrusted to their care.

Lord, these parents. Give them your gifts of wonder and awe so that the mysteries of our faith will continue to be revealed to them through the simplicity of their children.

Lord, bless these children. Give them the gift of your grace as all of us gathered here work together to help them come to know you and the incredible love you have for each one of them.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.