

Vision

“The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is also the source from which all its power flows.”

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 10

Call to Celebrate

Call to Celebrate flows from the traditional Church teachings that:

- Liturgy, the public worship of the Church, is the central activity of the People of God.
- The Eucharist is where the faithful come together to offer praise and thanks and to celebrate God’s presence and promise.
- In the Sacraments, the People of God are transformed by their immersion in symbols, rituals, prayers, and participation in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
- Participation in the Sacraments urges the faithful to apostolic witness and action for justice in the world.

Call to Celebrate embodies the principles that preparing children for participation in the sacraments is both:

- a process of initiation that is best done in the midst of family, peers, and the whole community
- a process of liturgical catechesis that respects how individuals, both children and adults, come to know the mysteries of faith, through symbol and ritual

Catechetical Process

At its heart, **Call to Celebrate** follows a liturgical-catechetical method in three steps:

Celebrate Every session begins with a celebration that includes a ritual focus. These celebrations involve children, families, or whole communities in a gradual unfolding of the rites, symbols, and prayers of the Eucharist. The celebration is immediately followed by a reflection on what was experienced.

Remember In every session, a scripture passage that pertains to the Eucharist is proclaimed and broken open, the doctrines that form the body of teaching about the Eucharist are presented, and a specific part of the Eucharistic ritual, or Mass, is explained.

Live Every session includes an activity that helps the children integrate the theme into daily living.

Activity Strand Every session is developed around a developmental activity strand:

- Reflect
- Share
- Respond

which helps participants integrate catechesis into their life experiences.