



Dare casa «a chi è chiamato alla fede in Gesù Cristo e alla fraternità cristiana» (IG 49)

CATECUMENATE IN ITALY

2018 - 2019

1) After 25 years, the National Service for the catechumenate – part of the National Bureau for catechesis in Italy.

- a. In June 2018, during an evaluation meeting, the national group was asked to propose some new members of the service by the director of the National Bureau.
- b. In the last three years, the national service for catechumenate has aimed to be present at each meeting of regional commissions for catechesis. In order to reinforce the presence in each ecclesiastical region, we asked the regional directors to find a representative person for the catechumenate.
- c. Opportunities for formation have been proposed to the smallest dioceses, who normally have less experience and less organization.
- d. It is still very difficult for us to collect the statistics from the dioceses.
- e. We are preparing a proposal to the Episcopal Commission (CEDAC) for *Statutes for the Catechumens*, as requested in the Code of Canon Law.
- f. Every year, we celebrate a thematic *Round table* with the biggest Italian dioceses: the 30th of January 2019 we discussed the topic of the accompaniment of adolescents in the catechumenate. Ten dioceses are been involved and some other ecclesiastical bodies and services of the CEI. We shared interesting practices and discussed current questions.
- g. Recently, we tried to enter in dialogue with specialized revues for catechesis and liturgy, diocesan newspapers, publishing some articles.

2) New initiatives:

- a. We proposed to all dioceses a new formation experience for members of diocesan/regional Teams, with the title *E cominciarono a fare festa* (15-17th Mars 2019).
- b. The participation in the Master in Pastoral theology for Christian Initiation for young people was encouraged (UPS – Rome).

3) Project:

- a. We start to work with the national Service for catechesis with disabled people to offer a better help for catechumens with disabilities.

4) Current questions:

- a. Formation of the catechists.
- b. Formation of the clergy.
- c. Awareness and involvement of the communities: initial proclamation and mystagogy

5) Challenge for the next years:

- a. For the catechumenate to become more popular in Italy (media, popular religiosity, everyday parish life).