

Report of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Thailand on
The Use of "Directory for Catechesis"
and Motu Proprio "Antiquum Ministerium" on the Ministry of Catechist
By the Catholic Commission for Catechetical Education, Desk for Catechesis
Meeting of Catechetical Leaders of the Episcopal Conferences of Asia,
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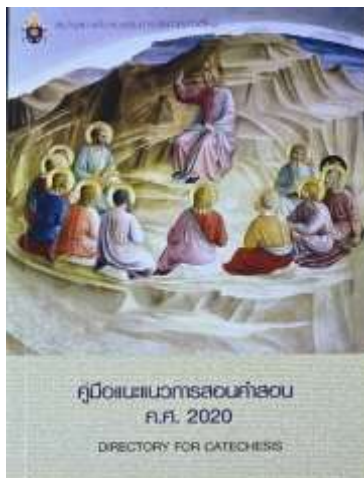


(The image is from the meeting, held on January 21, 2026.)

1. How was the Directory of Catechesis received into your Episcopal Conference?

1.1 Translate into Thai

The Directory for Catechesis 2020 was translated into Thai in July 2020 by the Commission of the Catechetical Department, under the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Thailand.



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1.2 Published online



The Thai edition of The Directory for Catechesis was published online on the official website of the Catholic Commission for Catechetical Education, Desk for Catechesis www.thaicatechesis.com



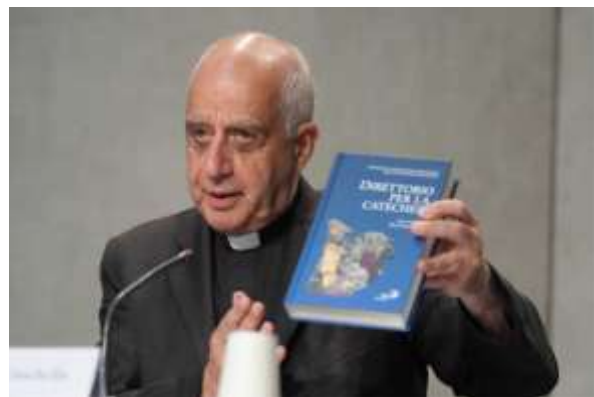
1.3 Search Program according to the Chapter

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Develop a search program on the website to facilitate research and study.

<https://www.thaicatechesis.com/dc2020/>

1.4 Published on Newspaper and Online



Bishop Francis Xavier Vira Arpondratana, author of the “5-Minute Catechism” column in Thailand's Catholic weekly newspaper U-Don-Saan, and on the official website of the Catholic Commission for Catechetical Education, Desk for Catechesis, translated of the statement by Bishop Rino Fisichella introducing The Directory for Catechesis 2020, issued on June 26, 2020.

(<https://www.thaicatechesis.com/kamsornhanatee/content170/content170.html>)

1.5 Seminar



A Seminar on Thai Catechetical Training Guidelines in 2020 on the topic "How are Today's Youth Interested in Religion?" on October 27-28, 2020, at "Baan Phu Waan Pastoral" Center, with 24 participants.

1.6 Training and catechesis



A seminar on "Evangelization in Culture," based on the Directory for Catechesis 2020, was held on November 20, 2020, with 15 participants.

1.7 Catechetical Formation



"Evangelization and Living in Cultures", based on the Directory for Catechesis 2020, on March 11, 2021, with 35 participants.

1.8 Online Conference



A lecture titled "Inculturation of Faith in Thai Culture According to the New Directory for Catechesis 2020", on July 20, 2021, via Zoom, with 25 committee members participating.

1.9 Catechists Formation

A lecture titled "Catechesis and Inculturation of Faith in Thai Culture According to the New Directory for Catechesis" (DC 394-400) by two speakers: 1) Archbishop Vira Arpondratana and 2) Bishop Chusak Sirisut, Chairman of the Commission for ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, on October 7, 2021, via Zoom and Live broadcast on Facebook, with a total of 557.



1.10 Rome Catechist Alumni Meeting



Rome Catechist Alumni Committee organized "A Lecture on the Directory for Catechesis 2020" at the 6th Rome Catechist Alumni Meeting on December 18, 2021, via Zoom, with 14 alumni participating.

1.11 Catechist Training Course Formation



The Christian Study program at “Saengtham College”, the only higher education institution in Thailand that teaches philosophy and theology to prospective priests/religious figures and official catechists under government accreditation, and the “National Catechetical Training Center” offers courses specifically for studying the Directory for Catechesis 2020.

2. How was Antiquum Ministerium received and how is it applied?



2.1 Translated into Thai



The Thai translation of Motu Proprio “Antiquum Ministerium” was completed on May 19, 2021.

2.2 Published on the website.



2.3 Study and Discussion



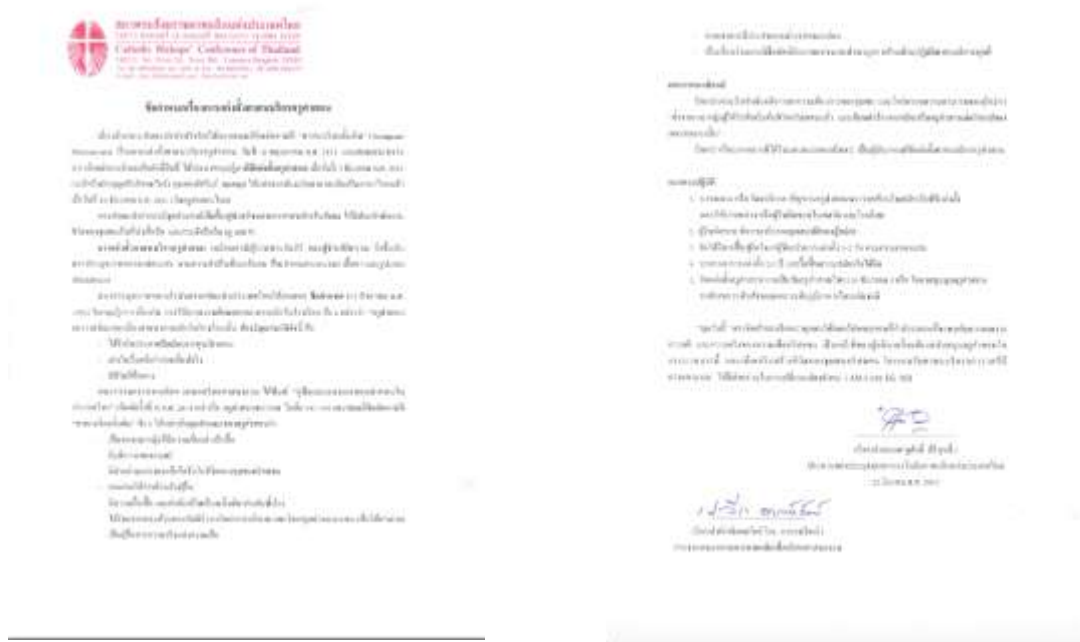
On July 22, 2022, Catholic Commission for Catechetical Education, Desk for Catechesis organized a study and discussion on Motu Proprio “Antiquum Ministerium”.

2.4 Translated the Rite of Institution of Catechists into Thai



After the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments published the Rite of Institution of Catechists on December 13, 2021, a Thai translation was released on December 16, 2021 (completed within 3 days) and came into immediate use

2.5 Guidelines for the Appointment of Catechists



The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Thailand issued "Guidelines Regarding the Appointment of Catechists" on March 22, 2023, which includes:

1. Historical Background
2. Importance and Necessity
3. Definition
4. Qualifications
5. Role of the Bishop
6. Appointment Guidelines of the Catechists

3. Strengths and Struggles in implementing: The Directory for Catechesis A.D. 2020 and Motu Proprio “Antiquum Ministerium”.



Strength 1: To provide clarity and guidance



The Directory for Catechesis A.D. 2020 and Motu Proprio “Antiquum Ministerium” have helped to clarify the approach to catechesis in a concrete way and better answer contemporary questions.

Strength 2: Promotes Collaboration



The new perspective of The Directory for Catechesis A.D. 2020 promotes greater collaboration between departments within the Bishops' Conference, dioceses, and catechetical centers, such as evangelization, interreligious dialogue, youth ministry, and mass media.

Strength 3: Appointing of Lay Catechists



Raising awareness within the Catholic Church in Thailand about the importance of formally appointing lay catechists.

Strength 4: A Source of Pride



It is a source of pride for lay catechists that the Church cares for, honors, and officially welcomes them.

Struggle 1: A Source of Pride



A lay catechist who may not have much formal education but has good Christian life, experience, and serves as a good example. They have limited access to and understanding of official Church documents, even though catechetical centers provide knowledge and understanding through periodic training.

Struggle 2: Increased Responsibilities and Works



To the general understanding of laypeople, especially local catechists, formal appointment means demanding increased responsibilities and works.

Struggle 3: Perspectives



There are few lay catechists who have received formal training in catechetical education (college or National Catechetical Center), making it increasingly necessary to rely on local catechists. This, however, makes it more difficult to introduce new perspectives on catechesis.

Struggle 4: Using of Technology



Most of the local catechists, who are the primary catechesis in rural churches, are not digital natives, which slows down the a new way of catechesis.

-Thank You Very Much-