

JUNIOR HIGH LEVEL

MINISTRY FORMATION – OBSERVATION FORM Office of Religious Education Archdiocese of Los Angeles

(To be completed by the catechist candidate observing an experienced catechist)

DIRECTIONS: Candidates for certification are encouraged to read and become familiar with this form before observing a class/session conducted by an experienced catechist. Heightened consciousness about what to observe will make this a better learning experience. It is strongly encouraged that you spend some time with the experienced catechist after the session to share your perceptions/questions/observations in order to gain as much as possible from this important part of the Practicum Phase of the Catechist Certification Process. *Remember to return this form to the Master Catechist Team with whom you are working toward certification.*

NAME OF CANDIDATE OBSERVING _____

LOCATION OF FORMATION CENTER (PARISH/CITY) _____

NAME OF CATECHIST BEING OBSERVED (OPTIONAL) _____

PARISH WHERE OBSERVATION TOOK PLACE _____

GRADE OBSERVED _____

DAY/DATE/TIME OF CLASS _____

LENGTH OF CLASS _____

TEXT USED / PUBLISHER _____

Was there an aide present? If "yes", how did the aide assist? _____

1. Atmosphere: The atmosphere created was:

Relaxed Loving Exciting Informal Youth Friendly

Other: _____

This was achieved through: music environment/decoration room arrangement

attitude of catechist other: _____

2. Catechist: Describe what you saw and felt relating to the catechist's manner, voice, animation, rapport and preparation.

The catechist: was warm had an open manner used a pleasant tone of voice

helped create an atmosphere of belonging was interesting/engaging

appeared prepared enjoyed good rapport with the learners

_____ _____

Other comments/evidence: _____

3. Learners: Describe what you saw and felt most related to learner's motivation, cooperation, participation, interest and responsibility.

The learners were motivated cooperative participative interested
 _____ _____

Other comments/evidence: _____

4. Lesson Presentation:

A) What was the aim of the lesson? _____

Was it successfully carried out? _____ How? _____

B) Life experience was presented by: lecture discussion media story-telling
 Other: _____

C) Faith development (understanding God's word/tradition of church/etc.) was developed from life-experience through: Scripture Church Teaching Textbook Media
 Other: _____

D) Faith Response was elicited from the learners through: prayer discussion song
 activity Other: _____

Commenting specifically on the areas below, *what did you learn* from observing this session?

A. Space Management: _____

B. Learner Activities: _____

C. Use of Text/Materials/Resources & Teaching Techniques: _____

D. Prayer: _____

E. Learner Participation: _____

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