

# CONFIRMATION / YOUTH MINISTRY 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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