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Kerygma (Proclamation) and Catechesis

Catechesis is the explanation of Christian teaching, which serves for the preparation of catechumens for Baptism, the churching of faithful and the deepening of their faith (mystagogy). We find examples of apostolic catechesis especially in the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, where the apostle responds to the questions of the faithful, and clarifies the relation between faith and daily life. The goal of catechesis, as the essential work of the Church, is to teach and form Christians in the faith, leading them into fellowship with Jesus Christ and the Church community. Catechesis has a systematic character. It elucidates a Christian understanding of the personal and social life of the faithful, in light of the teachings of Christ in the Church. (#54)