

2.2 COMMUNICATION CHARISMS

2.2 d TEACHING

What is it?

- The **Charism of Teaching** is the spiritual gift given to some Christians to empower them to explain the truths of the Word of God and the teachings of the Church clearly and to apply both effectively so that those who are taught understand and learn, interpret and apply what they learn in their life situations.
- The **Charism of Teaching** is the special ability to instruct others in the Scripture and Catholic Doctrine in a logical and systematic way so as to communicate pertinent information for true understanding and spiritual growth.

When does Jesus express it?

Jesus expresses the Charism of Teaching when He began to teach them the Beatitudes, the Law, Anger, Adultery, Divorce, Oaths, Retaliation, Love of Enemies and how to be perfect (Matthew Chapter 5), when He traveled to the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues (Mt 9:35), when He teaches in the Temple, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, and on hillsides and proclaims, “My teaching is not my own but is from the one who sent me (John 7:14 – 17).

Why is it important?

- The Gift of Teaching anoints a person to understand, clearly explain, communicate, and apply God’s Truths, scripture, the teachings of the Catholic Church, and the writings of the saints to everyday life situations.
- Those with this gift are able to teach others by clearly explaining and applying scripture in a way that causes others to learn and more importantly, grow spiritually and grow closer to God.
- This gift enables teachers to prepare others for ministries as well as discern their charisms for ministry.
- The Charism of Teaching differs from the skill of teaching in that those with this gift are able to clearly and concisely communicate Scripture, Church doctrine, and Christian truths in such a way that others are drawn closer to God, experience inner conversion, and align their lives more closely to the life of Christ and the mission of the Church.
- Those who operate in the Charism of Teaching are instruments for God to infuse more than what was taught by simply the word of the teacher. Rather, those who benefit from this gift experience the grace of God at work in their understanding and in their spiritual growth as a result of what they heard the teacher say.
- Those who operate in this gift are able to teach God’s truths in an exciting and effective way that takes root in the hearts of those who listen and hear.

How would someone express it?

- Communicate biblical truth that inspires people and challenges obedience to the Word.
- Challenge adult and young students to learn about and embrace the truths of Scripture.
- Motivate others to grow spiritually by becoming an adult or child catechist.
- Help others understand the bible by teaching at and/or leading bible studies.
- Give attention to detail and accuracy.
- Enjoy preparing for giving a teaching through extended times of study and reflection.

What could a parish or religious community do to call it forth and/or support it?

- Invite those who have this charism to serve in parish Learn more about those in your parish or community who have the Charism of Teaching and record what you learn in your parish/community database.

- teaching ministries, aligning their training, formation and gifts with the age and stage of development of those they will teach and with the content they will teach.
- Call forth those who have this charism to serve as a catechist in RCIA, Child and Adult Catechism Programs, Faith Formation Programs and other special parish activities or events that will benefit from the Charism of Teaching.
- Invite those with the Gift of Teaching to continue their formation by attending local, state, and national events.
- Appoint those with teaching gifts to attend Diocesan Trainings and In-services so they can return to the parish/community and effectively teach and share what they have learned.
- Invite those with this charism to serve as a retreat presenter, workshop presenter, seminar presenter, conference speaker, or catechism teacher.

Scripture Passages: [Ephesians 4:11-16](#); [Romans 12:6-8](#); [1 Corinthians 12:28-31](#); [Hebrews 5:12-14](#); [Acts 18:24-28](#)

Caution You Are About To Enter The No Sin Zone

Be careful not to find yourself offended if those you teach do not acknowledge you or your gift and do not be concerned with what you taught if you have asked for God’s anointing and were obedient to what He revealed to you. The Charism of Teaching does not usurp or supplant the role of the Church hierarchy in its mission of teaching and communicating God’s truths to the faithful.

Evangelization Team Notes: When you go on a home visit or evangelize others, bring your favorite scripture passage to share. Give a short teaching related to the passage or share a brief summary of the passage.

Author’s Notes: Those with this charism pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit and allow the Spirit to lead them not only in what they teach but also in how they teach it. Teachers, under God’s anointing are always open to changing the game plan or even the content of their teachings as they respond to God’s promptings.

Witness: Whenever I experience those who have the Gift of Teaching, I find three things to be true. First, what they teach seems to move me deeply in the moment, touching my inner being. Second, what they teach has a lasting impact on me in as much as I find myself able to recall and share at least one major idea of what was taught with others and third, I find that when anointed teachers teach, I am not ready for them to stop. I still want more.

Discussion Questions:

- Describe situations in which you have operated in this charism.
- How do you feel when you operate in this charism?
- What do others tell you when you operate in this charism?
- What do you observe happening to others when you operate in this charism?
- Talk about someone you know with this charism.

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