

# PRAYERS

As you continue to implement PATHWAYS for your parish/cluster, here are some prayers to use in your parish gatherings.

## **Prayers**

### **For the catechists:**

Gracious God, we trust that you have called and gifted the men and women of this community to hand on to one another faith in Christ. We ask you to encourage them in their vocation as catechists, give them open minds and willing hearts, that together with many other catechists in our diocese, they may begin this PATHWAYS journey. Grant that we all seek to know you better and to serve you well, for this is our call. We ask this through Christ, in whose footsteps we walk. Amen.

### **For the parish:**

God of us all, you have gathered together your people in the parish of (place your parish name here.) We trust that you are here among us, encouraging us to learn and grow in the ways of faith and in our commitment to hand on faith in Christ through the ministry of catechesis. Give our parish willing catechists and spirits of inquiry as together we discover the many facets of catechetical ministry. Link us to other parishes, that together we might discover your presence among us in new and exciting ways, and so witness to others our belief in the Risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

### **For identifying catechists to participate in PATHWAYS:**

You call us O God. You are calling now within this community. Open the ears of those to whom you have given the gift of catechesis that they may hear their name called to participate now in the PATHWAYS program for catechist formation. Lead them O Lord, to deeper commitment and service to you, who are for us teacher, leader and Savior in Christ. Amen.

### **In thanksgiving for PATHWAYS participants:**

Generous God, in our midst are catechists who are learning and growing as ministers of your word. We give you thanks for them: (you may wish to name them here.) They are sure and certain signs of your goodness to us and of the trust you have placed in this community of faith. Grant them the gift of your presence, that they may know the truth of Emmanuel: God-with-us. We ask this through Christ, our teacher and our Lord. Amen.

### **For a Spirit of openness and learning:**

Christ, our teacher, grant that we who are called to catechetical ministry might have the spirit of the apostles: eager to learn, willing to share our knowledge of you, and certain that with you, there is always more to understand. Shape us all into eager learners, engaged in the process of discovery aided by PATHWAYS and in the company of catechists throughout this diocese, that we may be faithful sharers in your command to “go and make disciples.” We ask this in your name. Amen.