

For use with the PATHWAYS *Parish Catechist For Youth* Self Evaluation Guide
Part 4: Developing Your Catechetical Skills, #3, view segments I. – VI. listed below.

**Video Workshop for Teachers of Youth
St. Mary's Press**

For Catechists of Older Adolescents (15-18 yrs.)

To forward to the beginning of the segments below, follow these simple steps:

- Rewind the VHS tape to the beginning
- Re-set the counter on your VHS player
- Forward the VHS tape to the times listed below

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| I. | Preparing the Learning Space | 43:00 |
| II. | Creating a Welcoming Environment | 50:17 |
| III. | Guiding Group Activities | 55:45 |
| | a. Know purpose of activity | |
| | b. Experience activity | |
| | c. Have materials ready | |
| | d. Create Mood | |
| | e. Explain directions/repeat directions | |
| | f. Don't over explain (purpose of activity) | |
| | g. Stress cooperation | |
| | h. Monitor time | |
| | i. Discuss immediately | |
| | j. Be patient with yourself | |
| IV. | Leading Discussions | 59:30 |
| | a. Eye contact | |
| | b. All on same physical level | |
| | c. Activity stimulates discussion | |
| | d. Open ended Questions ask for: information, analysis, application | |
| | e. No domination of discussion | |
| | f. Don't mistake silence for disinterest | |
| | g. Facilitator vs. Authority – turn discussion back to group | |
| V. | Effective Presentations | 1:04:15 |
| | a. Before you share it - Make it your own | |
| | b. Outline Notes – visible | |
| | c. Catch their attention – use a hook (symbols, metaphor) | |
| | d. Tell a story – selective and brief | |
| | e. Summarize at end | |
| VI. | Leading Prayer | 1:10:30 |
| | a. Young people want to pray | |
| | b. Think actions, not just words | |
| | c. Create mood | |
| | d. Help them settle and center themselves | |
| | e. Be sure directions are understood | |
| | f. Select appropriate music | |
| | g. Avoid rushing | |
| | h. Be comfortable with silence | |
| | i. Don't let it fizzle: Closing critical – use gestures | |
| | j. Accept results | |