

Abschlussbericht Januar 2021:

## Work activities and final report

**The Handbook of catechism for the Diocese of Reykjavík.**

The E-book of lesson plans, study materials and lesson plans are now ready.

It has hundreds of pages of study materials for children and youth.

It can be viewed here:

<https://catholica.is/thjonusta-barnastarf-trufruedsla/>

The E-book lessons contain a detailed study guide, study materials and lesson plans for each age group from 5-15 years of age. The book is in Icelandic and is available online for free for teachers, parents and children.

The online handbook is made to give orientation to the parents and teachers around Iceland who have no experience teaching Catechism. They can find material and methods to teach their children easily online.

It gives a guideline for the dioceses for what the children should know in order to receive the sacraments.

It contains lesson plans, powerpoints, word documents, activities, etc. It was made from the document “Curriculum for the Catechesis of children and adolescents in the Diocese of Reykjavík” which is based on the proposal for a new curriculum of the Catholic Church in Sweden and also the Guidelines for Catechesis in the North, Nordic Bishops Conference 1982, which was translated into Icelandic in 1993.

### Teaching catechism

In 2019 and 2020 I taught catechism to children who received the sacrament of confirmation.

We have made some changes and updates of the confirmation study program and tried to make it more fun and more active. Also, we were in desperate need of new material in Icelandic.

So I spent a lot of time and effort into making a new study material and rethinking the methods of teaching. This is quite a challenge because our confirmation candidates are on so many different levels of knowledge of our faith. Some have been to catechism classes since a young age and others hardly ever.

To make a long story short I made a program which is full of fun activities, games and of course the traditional Catholic preparation for confirmation.

The new confirmation program of two years I wrote is ready and we are teaching it.

### **World youth day.**

I was on charge of organizing WYD in Iceland along with my colleague Ivan Sovic the last four years.

2019 we invited the author of Tweeting with God, Fr. Michael Remery to visit Iceland. The weekend was full of activities, workshops, religious talks and fun for the youth. The world youth day is growing in Iceland and more children attended this year than last.

The new confirmation programme I wrote is partly based on his book so it was a big help to get his opinion on the program.

### **The Nordic conference of catechism, Iceland, Stykkishólmur.**

The conference was held in Stykkishólmur in May 2019. I was the organizer along with Ulrika from Sweeden. The meeting was great and a lot of important pieces of information was shared along with the countries.

["Katekesen förändrar människors liv"](#)

### **Catholic paper.**

In the last years, I have written many articles about different things for the "Katólska kirkjublaðið, as well as taken interviews and photos.

### **Facebook page**

Facebook page of Trúfræðsla Reykjavíkurbiskupsdæmis, ( Catholic education page)

[Trúfræðsla Reykjavíkurbiskupsdæmis](#)

I opened and manage a Facebook page for Catholic youth were we publish materials about things of interest each time of the church year.

I hope this summary gives you some insight into my work activities. I am very thankful Bonifatiuswerk to have the opportunity to work for the Catholic church in Iceland.

Here are photos from 2019-2020 work.

### Photos



*Unnur Gunnarsdóttir mit Firmlingen der Diözese Reykjavik Foto: Bistum Reykjavik*

### **Quantitative Questions:**

1. How big is the area of the project?

The project was covering 103.000 km<sup>2</sup> and it included one person: Catechism coordinator in the Diocese of Reykjavik.

2. How many people were engaged in the project?

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3. How many people used the offers of the project?

People used the offers of the project and were: all the priests, religious orders, catechists and students of all 8 parishes in diverse numbers, therefore the project reached almost all groups of Catholics in Iceland.

4. Which target groups were reached by the project?

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