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## Work activities spring – winter 2019

### The Handbook of catechism for the Diocese of Reykjavik

The E-book that I have been co-writing with mother Porta Coeli is now almost ready and some parishes are trying it out. I am making some changes along the way.

I will visit all the parishes and introduce it to catechists this winter. The book contains 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 will be available online for free.

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 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

I am teaching catechism to those who will receive the sacrament of confirmation in spring 2020.

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.

This year 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 Sweden. The meeting was great and a lot of important pieces of information was shared along with the countries.

<https://youtu.be/OwX-PwNQISY>

## Catholic paper

In the last year, I have written many articles about different things for the „Kaþólska kirkjublaði“, as well as taken interviews and photos.

## Facebook page

Facebook page of Trúfræðsla Reykjavíkurbiskupsdæmis (Catholic education page)

<https://www.facebook.com/Tr%C3%BAfr%C3%A6%C3%Bosla-Reykjav%C3%ADkurbiskupsd%C3%A6mis-691082287941937/>

I opened and manage a Facebook page for Catholic youth where 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 this year's work.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/3M3swDnMDt711k7GA>