

## A Catechist's Prayer

*Almighty and Merciful God, Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit,  
I place myself in your care as I begin my commitment  
to serve you with dedication and dignity.*

*Enlighten me that I may understand  
that dignity does not come from the work we do,  
but from the persons we are.*

*Give me the ability to communicate that a person's dignity  
is realized in community with others.*

*Help me become aware of numerous insults to human dignity  
and to share that knowledge with others.*

*Grant that I may act with courage and hope  
against anything that insults human dignity.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Almighty and Merciful God, Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit,  
I ask for the grace to be patient and merciful in your service,  
for your mercy endures forever.*

*Bless me, as I am commissioned by the Church  
to announce your mercy, the "beating heart of the Gospel."*

*Aid me in teaching and applying the works of mercy  
in my life and in the lives of those I teach.*

*Grant me an understanding of Mercy:  
the bridge that connects God and all God's children,  
opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever.*

*May this "Year of Mercy" enrich me  
and all who journey with me in faith, hope and love.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Amen.*

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## Oración del Catequista

Dios Todopoderoso y Misericordioso, Creador, Redentor y Espíritu,  
Me pongo en su cuidado al comenzar mi compromiso  
para servirle con dedicación y dignidad.

Ilumíname para que pueda entender  
que la dignidad no proviene del trabajo que hacemos,  
sino de las personas que somos.

Dame la capacidad de comunicar que la dignidad de una persona  
se realiza en comunidad con otros.

Ayúdame a tomar conciencia de numerosos insultos a la dignidad humana  
para compartir ese conocimiento con los demás.

Haz que yo pueda actuar con valentía y esperanza  
contra todo lo que insulta la dignidad humana.

Bienaventurados los que padecen persecución por causa de la justicia,  
porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos.

Dios Todopoderoso y Misericordioso, Creador, Redentor y Espíritu,  
Pido la gracia de ser paciente y misericordioso en su servicio,  
pues tu misericordia es para siempre.

Bendíceme, como encargado por la Iglesia  
para anunciar su misericordia, el “corazón palpitante del Evangelio.”

Ayúdame en la enseñanza y la aplicación de las obras de misericordia  
en mi vida y en las vidas de aquellos que enseño.

Concédeme una comprensión de la Misericordia:  
el puente que une a Dios y a todos los hijos de Dios,  
abriendo el corazón a una esperanza de ser amado siempre.

Que este “Año de la Misericordia” me enriquezca a mi  
y a todo el que viaje conmigo en fe, esperanza y amor.

Bienaventurados los misericordiosos,  
porque ellos alcanzarán misericordia. Amén.

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