



**Saint John Paul The Great**

"Your work, dear catechists and religion teachers, is more necessary than ever and requires on your part constant fidelity to Christ and to the Church.

Like John the Baptist, the catechist too is called to point out Jesus as the awaited Messiah, the Christ. His task is to invite people to fix their gaze on Jesus and to follow him, for Jesus alone is the Teacher, the Lord and the Saviour."

"Among the laity who become evangelizers, catechists have a place of honour. The Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church speaks of them as 'that army of catechists, both men and women, worthy of praise, to whom missionary work among the nations owes so much.'"