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With the decree of May 11, 2008, the Pontifical Council for the Laity approved in a definitive manner the Statute of the Neocatechumenal Way.

The Neocatechumenal Way acts according to the lines proposed by the initiators, contained in the Statute and in the thirteen volumes that bear the title Catechetical directory of the Neocatechumenal Way (see Statute art. 2, 2o), namely:

- Vol. 1: Phase of conversion or initial catecheses.
- Vol. 2: First scrutiny.
- Vol. 3: Convivence: "Shema."
- Vol. 4: Second scrutiny.
- Vol. 5: Initiation to prayer.
- Vol. 6: "Traditio."
- Vol. 7: "Re-Traditio."
- Vol. 8: "Reditio."
- Vol. 9: "Our Father – 1st part."
- Vol. 10: "Our Father – 2nd part."
- Vol. 11: Our Father – Conclusion."
- Vol. 12: "Election – 1st part."
- Vol. 13: "Election – Intermediate and final parts."

These studied volumes of the Catechetical directory have been revised by the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith from 1997 to 2003 and opportunely corrected with references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church inserting the themes before each catechesis.

Recently, the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, having once again examined the results of the above-mentioned study, with the end of giving a greater security to the acting of the Neocatechumenal Way, and also to offer a doctrinal guarantee to all the pastors of the Church, has seen it opportune to give the Pontifical Council for the Laity – as the Dicastery which follows this ecclesial reality- the responsibility of giving a special approval to the volumes of the Catechetical directory of the Neocatechumenal Way (see the Letter of November 20, 2010, Prot. N. 36/75 -33843).



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Therefore:

In the light of articles 131 and 133, § 1 and § 2, of the apostolic Constitution Pastor Bonus on the Roman Curia and article 2, 2o of the Statute of the Neocatechumenal Way, the Pontifical Council for the Laity having duly consulted with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, approves the publication of the Catechetical directory as a valid and binding support for the catechesis of the Neocatechumenal Way. The volumes of the Catechetical directory have been properly authenticated by the Pontifical Council for the Laity and sealed copies have been deposited in its archives.

Given in the Vatican, December 26, 2010, feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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