

Catechist Update

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Random Notes For This Week:

- My official induction date is Oct 12th. Wed, Oct 6th will be my last day in the office until Dec 1.
- If no one comes by to collect your attendance, please put it in the manila folder in my in box labeled "Attendance to Input"
- Sunday: Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to help set up the spaces.
- There will be no 11/12 RE this Sunday due to me being in the hospital.
- If you could just print an extra copy of your parent letter, whole punch, and then put in the Catechist Parent Letters folder near the check-in binder.
- You can turn portfolio projects into my black basket.

Upcoming Events:

- K4J Oct 10th (6-8)
- Marriage Enrichment Oct 18th
- First Reconciliation Retreat Oct 22nd
- All Saints Festival Nov 1st (1-5)
- First Confession Meetings 11/5 and 11/19

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Repeat: Saints Festival : We Need You!

Have you signed up for the All Saints Festival yet?

Megan Shanahan is hosting this great event on Nov. 1st from 1-5pm. She needs your help! Families are needed to host saint tables. These tables will provide information on particular

saints from around the world.

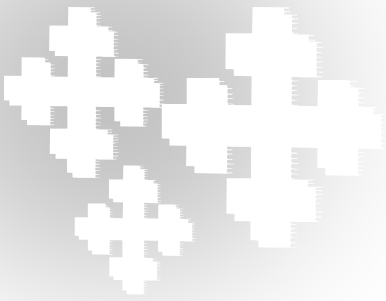
My family has chosen saints from Germany since that is part of our heritage. We are going to dress up and make posters telling about the lives of the saints.

What heritages do you have in your family? Can you think of some great saints you would like to share with our Holy Redeemer family? Call Megan to sign up for a table today!

Portfolio Ideas for Unit 2: Morality

Living as a Child of God, Loving God, Loving Others, Making Choices, and Reconciliation

Oct 12-Nov 18



Idea 1: Ten Commandments to Me (2nd-8th)

Have students write the ten commandments in their own words and create a list of questions they could use as an examination of conscience.

Idea 2: Comic Strips (4th-8th)

Find a comic strip in the Sunday paper. White out

the words. Recopy on white paper. Have students fill in the bubbles with new words that show how to live a moral life in Christ.

Idea 3: Reconciliation Analogy (5th-8th)

Have students write a story that explains why we go to reconciliation. It should be a completely fictional story.

Idea 4: Picture, Picture (K-2nd)

Have students draw pictures of how they could live out the 10 commandments in their families. You will need to state the commandments in language suitable for their understanding.

Questions and Answers for Week 4: Living as a Child of God

Kindergarten:

1. Pg. 9 Draw a picture of God loving you.
2. Pg. 31 Students list some of the talents and gifts God has given them.



doing what I am supposed to do without being asked many times.

5. We are called to be responsible stewards at home and school. This means...I should follow the rules, do my chores, take care of my things, respect others, etc...

because...He loves me.

2. Pg. 15 What does it mean to be made in God's image? It means we have an immortal soul.

3. Tell the story about the balloons or the mirror. Balloons—are lifeless until they have air breathed in them, just like we are lifeless until God blows his Spirit in us. Mirror—people should recognize God in us, but just like a mirror only shows us an image of ourselves, we are only an image of

First Grade:

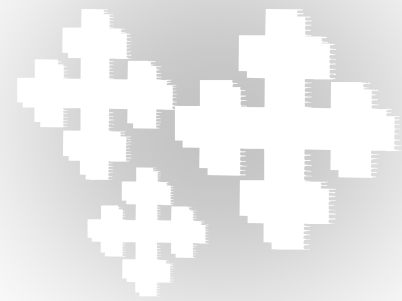
1. Pg. 10 God made me because...He loves me.
2. Pg. 11 Some gifts God has given me are...various responses
3. Pg. 13 A steward is someone who takes care of something.
4. Responsible means

6. Pg. 37 How can I live as Jesus wants me to live? I can love God, myself, and others by...etc...

Second Grade:

1. Pg. 14 God made me

The Role of the Christian Family In the Modern World: Article 8



The whole Church is obliged to a **deep reflection and commitment**, so that the new culture now emerging may be **evangelized in depth, true values acknowledged, the rights of men and women defended, and justice promoted** in the very structures of society. In this way the "new humanism" will not distract people from their relationship with God, but will lead them to it more fully.

Science and its technical applications offer new and immense possibilities in the construction of such a humanism. Still, as a consequence of political choices that decide the direction of research and its applications, **science is often used against its original purpose, which is the advancement of the human person.**

It becomes necessary, therefore, on the part of

all, to recover an awareness of the primacy of moral values, which are the values of the human person as such. **The**



great task that has to be faced today for the renewal of society is that of recapturing the ultimate

meaning of life and its fundamental values.

Only an awareness of the primacy of these values enables man to use the immense possibilities given him by science in such a way as to bring about the true advancement of the human person in his or her whole truth, in his or her freedom and dignity. **Science is called to ally itself with wisdom.**

The following words of the Second Vatican Council can therefore be applied to the problems of the family: "Our era needs such wisdom more

than bygone ages if the discoveries made by man are to be further humanized. For the future of the world stands in peril unless wiser people are forthcoming.(17)

The education of the moral conscience, which makes every human being capable of judging and of discerning the proper ways to achieve self-realization according to his or her original truth, thus **becomes a pressing requirement that cannot be renounced.**

Modern culture must be led to a more profoundly restored covenant with divine Wisdom. Every man is given a share of such Wisdom through the creating action of God. And it is only in faithfulness to this covenant that the families of today will be in a position to influence positively the building of a more just and fraternal world.

Questions to reflect on:

- How do we evangelize in depth, acknowledge true values, defend rights, and promote justice?
- In what ways is science used against the advancement of the human person?
- What is the meaning of life?
- How do we educate the moral conscience? How can this be a part of our regular class time?

God. When we sin its like putting dirt on the mirror, making it difficult to see the image. We have to wash the dirt off to see the image more clearly.

4. Pg.16 What does sacred mean? Holy
5. Why is human life so sacred? Because God made it, made it in his image, and he only makes good things.



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Third Grade:

1. Pg. 11 My purpose as part of God's creation is to...**love God, myself, and my neighbor.** They can be more specific if they want. Maybe talk about vocation.

Fourth Grade:

1. Pg. 8 What is a covenant? **A relationship between God and humans, a promise of relationship**
2. What is the New Covenant? **Christ gave his life so that we could know true love and live with God forever in Heaven.**
3. How are the Beatitudes part of the New Covenant? **The Beatitudes are teachings that help us to love God, ourselves, and others. They are attitudes that show we are loving.**
4. How does God's covenant help you to lead a holy life? **God's covenant helps us lead a holy life by being a witness of love for us. He shows us how to live as he taught us.**

Fifth Grade:

1. Pg. 9 Why are your bodies, as God's creation, sacred? **Our bodies are sacred because God lives inside of us. We are made in his image and likeness.**
2. Describe how we are made in the image of God. **We have immortal souls that allow us to live with God forever.**

Idea for Middle School and High School Reflection:

Jesus Interviews Me

Imagine that Jesus is interviewing you, What would your responses be to the following questions:

1. What is the toughest thing about being a teen in today's world?
2. Sometimes you seem embarrassed by me. Why is it hard to tell your friends you love me?
3. If you could ask me any question, what would it be?
4. I loved you disciples very much; they were my best friends. How would you like me to bless your friends?
5. Do you really believe in me, or are you a Christian just because your parents are
6. Why do you spend so little time talking to me? I'm here to listen whenever you need me.
7. Why is it sometimes tough for you to go to reconciliation? Do you know that I will always forgive you?
8. Are you struggling with a tough decision right now? How can I help you?
9. You don't always use the gifts I have given you. Name them and tell me how you can share them with others.
10. Have you heard me calling you? How will you serve my people?