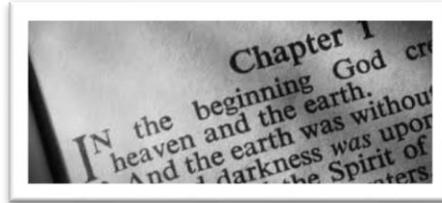


PARISH-BASED SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION HAND-OUT FOR PARENT SESSION A: Salvation History



OPENING PRAYER

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: **O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

FIVE KEY POINTS

- God who is all powerful and all loving has a plan for all things. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...” Gen. 1.1.
- The story begins with God. Creation is the foundation of all God’s saving plans, the beginning of the history of salvation” that culminates in Christ. It is a story of never-ending love.
- God is God and God is love. Creation is the common work of the Holy Trinity. “There exists but one God... he is the Father, God, the creator, the author, the giver of order...” (#292)
- God wants to share his love, so he creates the human person. “To human beings, God grants the ability to cooperate freely with his plans.” (#323)
- Even after the fall of Adam and Eve, our first parents, God does not abandon us. He promises to send a savior.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What can we learn about God from creation?
2. What are some ways we can help our children to learn about God?
3. How do we cooperate freely with God’s plans or not?
4. How do we teach our children to do the same?
5. How is the human family like the Trinity – (God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit)?

Homework

TODAY IN CLASS: CHOSEN Lesson 3: What's your story God? (A Look at Salvation History)

NEXT CLASS: Parents Invited to Attend Student Session 2 – Introduction to Apostolic Service Project & Mass Journal - **Date & Time** _____

HOMEWORK

CHOSEN, student workbook:

- Lesson 2: What makes me happy? (Discovering God as the Source) pp. 5-14 (Skip p. 7)

CONVERSATION STARTERS

What is "salvation history"?

Where did we come from?

Where are we going?

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Adoration: Think about God, your Creator

Contrition: Ask forgiveness for not following his plan

Thanksgiving: Thank God for the gift of life.

Supplication: Ask for the things you need in your life.



CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
who has given us new life through water and the Holy Spirit,
send forth from heaven and shower upon us
the gifts of the Holy Spirit:
wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.
Amen.