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2011-2012 Non-Gathered Session #1

Theme: The Sacrament of Baptism

I Read each of the following scriptures and write a short summary for each of them:

- Isa. 61:1-9 (The Lord has anointed me.)
- Matt. 28:18-20 (Make disciples of all nations.)
- Titus 3:4-7 (The water of rebirth.)

II In “The Catholic Youth Bible” (Saint Mary’s Press), read the following articles and write a short reflection for 3 of the 7 articles:

- **LIVE IT!** “Elijah, Prophet of God in Solidarity with the People!” (near 2 Kings chapters 1 & 2)
- **LIVE IT!** “Keep On Turning” (near 2 Chron. 15:8-15)
- **PRAY IT!** “King Nebuchadnezzar’s Conversion” (near Daniel chapter 4)
- **CATHOLIC CONNECTIONS!** “Baptism” (near Matt. 3:13-17)
- **PRAY IT!** “The Gospel Call to Conversion” (near Matt. 7:21-27)
- **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS!** “Christ Lives in Us Through the Holy Spirit” (near John 14:12-21, 16:12-15)
- **PRAY IT!** “Conversion” (near Acts 9:1-9)

III Read Chapter 16, *Baptism*, in “The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth” to define the following as it relates to the chapter:

- Sacrament of Initiation
- Catechumenate
- Catechumens
- Sacramental Character
- Baptism
- Baptism of Blood

IV From your above reading in “The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth” (Chapter 16), answer the following:

- How is Baptism celebrated in your parish? What is your favorite part of the baptismal ritual? What do the symbols and words used mean to you?

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2011-2012 Non-Gathered Session #2

Theme: Honoring Family: An Intergenerational Session

I Read each of the following scriptures and write a short summary for only Two (2) of them:

- Prov. 30:17 (on mocking and disobeying parents)
- Sir. 3:1-16 (duties towards parents)
- Eph. 5:21 – 6:4 (the Christian household)
- Col. 3:20 – 4:1 (“Children, obey your parents.”)

II In “The Catholic Youth Bible” (Saint Mary’s Press), read the following articles and write a short reflection for each article:

- **LIVE IT!** “Ravens & Vultures” (near Prov. 30:17)
- **CULTURAL CONNECTIONS!** “Honoring Our Parents in God’s Way” (near Sir. 3:1-16)
- **INTRODUCING** “The Holy Family” (near Luke 2:41-52)
- **LIVE IT!** “Restrain Your Ego” (near 1 Cor. 8:1-13)
- **LIVE IT!** “Family Relationships” (near Eph. 5:21 – 6:4)
- **LIVE IT!** “The Christian Family” (near Col. 3:20 – 4:1)

III Read Chapter 25, *Honoring Family*, in “The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth” to define the following as it relates to the chapter:

- Civil Authorities
- Civil Disobedience
- Natural Law
- Society
- Civil Laws

IV From your above reading in “The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth” (Chapter 25), write your short reflection to answer one (1) the following:

- Are you someone who finds it easy to obey your parents, or is that a challenge in your life? What kind of expectations do your parents have of you?
- Think of one political issue you care about: the environment, poverty, gun control, abortion, domestic violence, the death penalty. How does your faith help inform your conscience about that issue? How could you become politically involved to make a difference about the issue?