

YEAR 4 - LESSON 7 - FAMILY GUIDE WK. 2



FAMILIES FORMING DISCIPLES

A FAMILY-FOCUSED APPROACH TO FAITH FORMATION

GOD'S SAVING LOVE FOR US: LITURGY AND THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

TOPIC: THE SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND MISSION: HOLY ORDERS

FAMILY AT-HOME MISSION ACTIVITY

The Sacraments at the Service of Communion and Mission are the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony (marriage). In Holy Orders, some baptized men of the Church are set apart or consecrated to serve the whole Church as priests.

Because Jesus wants to be closer to us, to heal us and to keep His promise to always be with us, in addition to the common priesthood of all believers, God has continued to call some men to the ministerial priesthood. These men, through priestly ordination, receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders to act in the person of Christ Himself while celebrating the sacraments. They are called to continue the mission that Jesus gave to His Apostles to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Sacraments and serve the spiritual needs of God's children.

The Last Supper

Luke 22:14, 19-20

When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles. Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, **“This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me,”** And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.”**

Step 1: As a family, together watch one or more of the videos below:

HOLY KIDS: [Each Vocation Explained](#)

Step 2: As a family, together watch one or more of the Holy Week videos below:

- [What is Holy Week? Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter!](#)
- [Stations of the Cross](#) - for kids
- [The Passion](#) - for kids
- [Preparing for Lent](#) (can be adapted to renew Lenten commitments and prep for Holy Week)

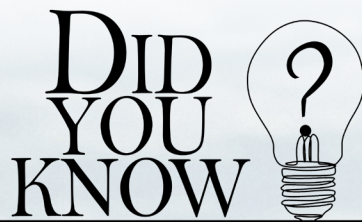


Step 3: Discuss how your family's practice of the Lenten pillars of praying, fasting and almsgiving are going as we get closer to Easter and make your Family Holy Week Plan.

Step 4: Gather around your home altar and pray together a decade of the Rosary, meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries and all that Jesus has done for us.

Step 5: Be prepared to share about your Family Holy Week Plan at the next gathering.

Step 6: Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation or make intentional plans to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family.



Priesthood and the Eucharist Go Together

Without the Eucharist, we would not have priests. Jesus instituted the priesthood when He instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper – *do this in memory of me*. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church's life. Because it is Jesus' saving sacrifice re-presented and the Real Presence of Jesus Himself—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—the Eucharist is the source and summit of the priesthood as well.

At the same time ... without the priesthood, we would not have the Eucharist! Jesus entrusted the celebration of the Eucharist—the Mass—to the ministerial priesthood (bishops and priests). We need our priests and are grateful to our Lord Jesus for calling men to the priesthood. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for the priests in your life, at your parish, and for all priests, and pray for all men discerning the Lord's call to priesthood.