

CONFIRMATION FAITH SHARING PROJECT #7: WHAT DO I DO ON SUNDAY?

Due:

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE:

SPONSOR/MENTOR'S SIGNATURE:

DATE YOU MET TO DISCUSS:

BEFORE MEETING WITH YOUR SPONSOR: Candidate phones sponsor and schedules a 60-90 minute meeting time and gives sponsor a copy of this project. Items needed: project, pen or pencil, Bible.

Let's Get Together

****Reminder

Remind each other about confidentiality and trust: what is shared here stays here.

****Back Up a Moment

Were you more conscious of your choices this past month?

What was one behavior that you have begun to consciously change? How are you doing it?

****Opening Prayer

**I believe in one God,
both father and mother,
who synchronized the events of Creation.
I believe in the Son
and in the spirit who fills us with love.
I believe that all three beings are one.
I believe Jesus Christ was born and that he died for us;
living his life in the full holiness of God,
and by his death opening the gates of heaven.
I believe that Jesus rose again
and that one day all will be judged in the fairness of God.
I believe in the forgiveness of sins
and in the existence of heaven.**

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****Focus Question

???Why go to Mass???

Heart of the Matter

****What Do I Do On Sunday?

Fill in the attached **What Do I Do On Sunday?** worksheet.

Tell It Like It Is (Faith-sharing) *Candidates, please write your answers on another sheet of paper.*

Share on your responses to **What Do I Do On Sunday?** worksheet.

****1: What is the importance of each item in relation to attendance at Mass?

****2: How does your description of Mass relate to your level of participation in Mass?

****3: How do the various liturgical seasons help us celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus?

****4: How did you do? Check your answers.

Part 1:

- A. Greeters
- B. Genuflection
- D. Sign of the Cross
- E. Penitential Rite
- F. Gloria
- G. Opening Prayer

Part 2:

- 1. First Reading (Old Testament)
- 2. Responsorial Psalm
- 3. Second Reading (New Testament)
- 4. Gospel Reading
- C. Creed
- D. General Intercessions

Part 3:

- A. Preparation of Gifts
- 1. Our Father
- 2. Sign of Peace
- D. Communion

Part 4:

- A. Announcements
- B. Blessing & Dismissal

Think of Mass as a meal. When you gather with your family or friends for a meal, you sit and talk, eventually move to the table, say grace, pass the food, eat and drink, and finally leave each other. Look back over the parts of the Mass to see how Mass is much like celebrating a meal with your family or friends.

****5. All are symbols of the Mass. Does this surprise you? Perhaps the most forgotten symbol of the Mass is the community. Yet, the celebrating community is very important. On a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being the lowest), how would you rate the St. Mary's Parish community's active participation in Mass? Give reasons for your answer.

****6. Mass is celebrated much the same way wherever the nearly one billion Catholics gather around the globe. Have you ever been to Mass at another Catholic church, other than St. Mary's? How was Mass the same? How was it different? If or when you leave St. Mary's Parish, how would you like your next parish to celebrate Mass?

****7. Who at St. Mary's could you talk to about your suggestion? How could you state your suggestion in a positive, constructive manner?

****8. What does the Bible say about worshipping God in our church?

****9. These baptismal promises were made for you by your parents at the time of your baptism. They summarize the faith of the Catholic Christian community. At what part of the Mass do we say them? What meaning do they have for you at this point in your life?

****Project Summary

The purpose of Mass is not entertainment. In Mass, we are not the audience - God is. We come to worship God as a community. Mass gives us time away from the hustle and bustle of our busy lives and enables us to hear how God speaks to us and to feel nourished. God feeds our spiritual needs. We renew our belief in God at Mass and share a meal together, around a table, as we celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Theologian/philosopher Soren Kierkegaard said, 'When you leave a worship service, you should not ask "What did I get out of it?" but "How did I do?" Explain what this means to you after completing this faith sharing project.

What Can We Do?

We are called to ACTION! Choose one of the suggestions below or think of another on your own that relates to this topic.

****Suggestions:

- When you attend Mass this next Sunday, pay particular attention to the homily. Be ready to discuss the following questions:
 - What are two things worth remembering from this homily?
 - How does this homily relate to my life?
 - What questions did this homily raise for me?
- Invite at least one friend to attend Mass with you. After Mass, eat together and spend a few minutes recalling the message you heard at Mass.
- Before or after Mass, make an effort to speak to someone you don't know quite as well. If someone appears to be alone at Mass, that person might appreciate a greeting most of all.
- Find one aspect of Mass to get involved in. Join the choir, become a greeter or usher, volunteer to lector, etc.
- Other

Going With God

****Closing Prayer

Lord and Friend,
I rededicate myself
to a life of prayer and worship of You.
May a song of praise be the constant melody of my heart.
I re-commit myself
to serve the needs of those around me
and the needs of all the world.
May I find my salvation *here*
at this time and in this place where I now live.
May my union with those who share my commitment
be a source of confirmation and inspiration to me.

Looking Back

****Complete these sentences:

One thing I learned about my sponsor/candidate during this session is...

One thing I discovered about myself during this session is...

After this session, one thing I like about the Catholic Church is...

The sponsor keeps his/her copy of this project. The candidate turns in his/her copy of this project at the next meeting.

What Do I Do on Sunday?

1. List 5 things you could do on Sunday instead of going to Mass.

2. Circle the words that best describe a typical Mass at St. Mary's:

Terrific Inspiring Boring Mysterious Entertaining Fun
Exciting Long Interesting Happy Friendly
Dramatic Strange Formal Embarrassing Evangelistic

3. Catholic Masses or liturgies are centered around different liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. What is your favorite liturgical season of the Church year?

_____ Why? _____

4. Write the parts of the Mass in order to complete the following outline:

Part 1: Gathering Rites

- A. _____
B. _____
C. Opening Song & Procession
D. _____
E. _____
F. _____
G. _____

Part 2: STORY TELLING

- A. Liturgy of the Word
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
B. Homily
C. _____
D. _____

Part 3: MEAL SHARING

- A. _____
B. Eucharistic Prayer
C. Communion Rite
1. _____
2. _____

Part 4: COMMISSIONING

- A. _____

WORD LIST

Announcements
Blessing & Dismissal
Communion
Creed
1st Reading (Old Testament)
General Intercessions
Genuflection
Gloria
Gospel Reading
Greeters
Opening Prayer
Our Father
Penitential Rite
Preparation of Gifts
Responsorial Psalm
2nd Reading (New Testament)
Sign of Peace
Sign of the Cross

B. _____

C. Living the Eucharist in the world.

5. Which of the following are symbols of the Mass? (check as many as you wish)

___ bread ___ wine ___ Word of God
___ community ___ prayers ___ music

6. What do you think? A= AGREE NS=NOT SURE D=DISAGREE

A NS D

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| ___ | ___ | ___ | a. The best place to worship God is in church. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | b. I feel close to God when I worship on Sunday morning. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | c. Teenagers should have their own Mass. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | d. The main purpose of Mass is to praise God. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | e. The time I spend alone with God in prayer, thought, and bible reading is just as important as Sunday Mass. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | f. I don't get anything out of homilies. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | g. It is not necessary to "dress up" for Mass. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | h. A good Mass should be entertaining. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | i. The songs we sing during Mass help me worship God. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | j. Mass helps me live the Christian life during the week. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | k. Attending Mass as a family is important to me. |

7. Complete this sentence: If I could change one thing about Mass at St. Mary's, it would be:

8. Read one of the following passages of scripture and decide what it says about worshipping God in our church.

John 4:20-24 _____

1 Chronicles 16:23-33 _____

Revelation 4:8-11 _____

9. Under each of the four baptismal promises below, write your own reflections on the faith it summarizes.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. _____

I believe in Jesus Christ, his own Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father. _____

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the apostles at Pentecost and today is given to me sacramentally in confirmation. _____

I believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. _____
