

Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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WELCOME

SUNDAY, September 16, 2018 A.D.

To the Parish Family of
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES

(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

COME WORSHIP WITH US

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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions
First Saturday: 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary
First Saturday: 12:00pm, Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday
St. Jude and St. Anthony: Wednesday
Infant of Prague: 25th of the month
St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & 12Noon Mass.
Tuesday-Novena Prayer and Adoration: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Thursday-Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction: 7:00pm
Friday-Exposition & Adoration: 12:30pm-3:00pm



THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/CONFESSION:

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 7:50am.
First Friday at 6:30pm
Saturday at 11:00a.m.-Noon; 3:00pm - 3:30pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.

Latin Mass every Sunday 8:15AM

Spanish Mass every Sunday 1PM



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

This Sunday, September 16, 2018, we will celebrate our annual Catechetical Sunday. The 2018 theme will be "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." At OLV we will have a special 10:45AM Mass to thank the Lord for numerous witnesses of faith in our parish. We will commission our CCD teachers for this new CCD year. I would like to personally thank them for coming forth, for their zeal and dedication to serve the Lord and for their time (that many times is taken from their own homes and families) to offer instead to others and share their faith with others. THANK YOU for witnessing to your faith even in the difficult times.

For all of us Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Traditionally that is also an official inauguration of the CCD classes. I would like to welcome students who have been coming for several years as well as those who are completely new to our CCD program. It will be a great adventure of faith with Lord.

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Did you know that every Monday after the 8:00AM Mass we have a novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. We also pray the Rosary DAILY after the completion of the 8:00AM weekday Mass.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00PM-3:00PM we have a group who are praying a **Marian Novena Rosary** in Church in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Jesus asked one thing from us!!!

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. Every Thursday evening we at OLV try to fulfill this request by having a Holy Hour from 7-8PM. Join us in carrying out Jesus' request.

FRIDAY ADORATION

Just a reminder we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 12:30 – 3:00PM.

So stop by and adore Our Eucharistic Lord.

JUST A REMINDER

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

CCD Corner

It is great seeing so many of our teachers and students returning to class. Today we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday**, a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. At this morning's 10:45 Mass our teachers will be commissioned to bring the Good News to our children. Please keep them and our students in your prayers. **Next Sunday (September 23rd)** is the last day to register your child for CCD this year. If you know anyone who hasn't done so already, please alert them. **September 30th at 9:45** we will be holding our first mandatory meeting for the parents of our **First Communion Class**. More information will be emailed out by our CCD Office Staff. Have a great week!

Upcoming OLV Parish Events

Sep 18 - Tue – Marian Novena Prayer 2:00-3:00PM
Sep 19 - Wed - OLV Needlers 6:30PM
Sep 20 - Thu - Holy Hour 7:00PM
Sep 21 - Fri - Adoration from 12:30PM-3:00PM
Sep 23 - Sun - Parish Picnic 1:30PM
Oct 21 - Sun - Catholic Daughters Brunch - Chez Madeline

Rosary Society

The Rosary Society will meet this Thursday, Sept. 20, for Mass at 12:00 and recitation of the Rosary. Meeting, refreshments and socialization will follow in the lower Church. We meet on the third Thursday of each month. All women are welcome. Please come and join us in honoring Mary in this special way and praying for your intentions and families.

St. Cecilia Food Pantry

During the month of September, there will be a collection for non-perishable food to stock the St. Cecilia Food Pantry. Cooking oils (canola, vegetable) and peanut butter are especially needed items. Please bring your donations to the Church atrium or leave outside the rectory garage.

LEARN TO KNIT/CROCHET

The OLV Catholic Daughters meets every Wednesday evening in the lower church and will teach you to knit or crochet. Contact Renee Tringali at 201-768-0648 for more information.

7th Annual Gladys Heyliger/Mary Carley Scholarship

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1639 is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an 8th grade student going into a Catholic High School in September. Applications are available in the CCD office and OLV rectory.

Knights of Columbus

All men over 18 are invited to join the OLV Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. For more information or to join, please contact Greg Evanela 201-784-5752.

OLV Prayer Power House

Become one of our prayer team members. There are no meetings, so this apostolate is wonderful for all, including those parishioners who are homebound. For information, please phone Maria at the rectory.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

KEEPING FAITH

One of the most important things to do in sickness, trouble, disaster, or hurt in our lives is to not lose heart. It would be wonderful if we never lost heart at all. But, as with most things in the spiritual life, "it ain't so simple." To keep your trust and confidence, you must constantly be able to deal with disappointment - with a sense of freefalling into disaster and of looking into the distance and seeing the horrible monster called "loss of faith." When things go badly, a phrase comes to me: "Keep the faith." I was talking to a wonderful young woman I've known all her life. She is in the last stages of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), but can manage to talk to me with the technical miracle of a computer that operates from her eye movements. Unable to move, she wrote to me recently, "I keep my faith." This is what we all must do. It isn't a simple choice. It's like loving someone. You've got to go over and over it again. Most people have crises in their lives, and a great many people have disasters. In every life comes sorrow. A wonderful example to follow is Anne Morrow Lindburgh, who, as she writes about, in her book *Hour of Gold, Hour of Lead* (Harvest Books, 1993), turned to the crucifix.

Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR - "There Are No Accidents"

PADRE PIO

The saintly stigmatized Padre Pio was always a merciless enemy of feminine vanity: he never tolerated low-necked dresses, short and/or tight-fitting skirts, and forbade his spiritual children to wear transparent stockings. In the last few years of his life, his severity increased enormously, as fashions became more and more immodest. He unrelentingly dismissed from his confessional before they could step inside, all women judged to be incorrectly dressed. By 1967, on some mornings, he turned them away one after another, until he ended up confessing very few. His brethren noticed this with a certain unease; then, they decided to post on the door of the church a warning: "By Padre Pio's explicit wish, women must enter the confessional wearing skirts AT LEAST 8 INCHES BELOW KNEE. It is forbidden to borrow longer dresses in church and to wear them in the confession." The beginning of the struggle with no concessions whatsoever coincided more or less with the advent of the mini-skirt, launched by the English girl Mary Quant. It had not yet reached Italy as Padre Pio was thundering against short skirts. As fashion houses announced: "Eight inches above the knee", Padre Pio warned: "Eight inches below the knee". When summer comes, a pastor of souls worries a little more than usual about the salvation of the flock that Our Lord has confided to him. He knows that, in the summer season, souls are more exposed to occasions of offending God, "of attacking God with His own gifts", especially through sinful fashions of dress. Our Lady said to Sister Lucy at Fatima: "There will be fashions which will greatly offend My Divine Son". Today's fashions prove Our Lady's words true, for these fashions are occasions of sin, occasions, alas, of serious sin by reason of the sinful thoughts and desires which they provoke. In the Gospel, Our Lord warned us about such evil desires: "But I say to you that whosoever shall look on a woman to lust after her, hath already committed adultery with her in his heart". (ML 5:28). In the life of Saint Frances of Rome, we read of a vision of Hell which was granted her, and which lasted for four hours. God willed to show her in the fires of Hell, certain ladies whom she had known in Roman society. For what sins had these souls been damned? They had been damned: - for guilty desires, even though these had not been put into act. - for indecent styles of dress, which were the fashion of the day, and which had been a cause of seduction and of sin, for dances, considered inoffensive by the world. This vision of Hell so marked Saint Frances of Rome, that she had it painted on the murals of her chapel, as a constant reminder of the judgments of God. God then gave her the mission of drawing the Roman ladies out of their luxury and their vanity.

The Gift of Every Day

Before beginning your work, dear brethren, never fail to make the Sign of the Cross. Do not imitate those people without religion who dare not do this because they are in company. Offer quite simply all your difficulties to God and renew from time to time this offering, for by that means you will have the happiness of drawing down the blessing of Heaven on yourself and on all you do. Just think, my dear brethren, how many acts of virtue you can practice by behaving in this way, without making any change in what you are actually doing. If you work with the object of pleasing God and obeying His Commandments, which order you to earn your bread by the sweat of your brow, that is an act of obedience. If you want to expiate your sins, you are making an act of penance. If you want to obtain some grace for yourself or for others, it is an act of hope and charity. Oh, how we could merit Heaven every day, my dear brethren by doing just our ordinary duties, but by doing them for God and the salvation of our souls! Who stops you, when you hear the chimes striking, from thinking on the shortness of time and of saying in your minds: "Time passes, and death comes closer. I am hastening towards eternity. Am I really ready to appear before the tribunal of God? Am I not in a state of sin?"

St. John Vianney

Catholic HS Co-op Test

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic high school in Fall 2019! The High School Placement Test (HSPT®) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic high schools will be given on **Friday, November 9**. Register online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 4th. Catholic High School Expo admission fairs will be held 7-8:30pm on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at Visitation Academy, Paramus and Wednesday, September 26 at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark. Visit www.catholicchoolsnj.org or call 973-497-4260.

High School Open House

Sunday, September 16, Bergen Catholic (Oradell), 1pm-3pm.

Visit www.bergencatholic.org/admissions to register. For info' contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, at mrosa@bergencatholic.org.

Sunday, September 23, Paramus Catholic HS (Paramus), 1pm-4pm. for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their parents.

Thursday, September 27, Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey) for students and families 6:30pm-8:30pm. Register at www.donboscoprep.org.

Sunday, September 30, St. Joseph Regional HS (Montvale), 11am-2pm for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and families. For more info call 201-391-3300 or register at www.sjrj.org.

Sunday, October 14, Academy of the Holy Angels (Demarest), 1pm-4pm. Presentation at 2:30pm. Register online at www.holyangels.org/admissions.

Wednesday, October 17, Paramus Catholic HS (Paramus), 7pm-9pm for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their parents. For more information contact Admissions at 201-445-4466 x 104.

Sunday, October 28, Don Bosco Prep (Ramsey), 1pm-3pm. Preceded by 12PM Mass. Register at www.donboscoprep.org.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr. Chris Ciccarino, our weekend assistant, and Fr. Jerry Hahn of St. Anthony's in Northvale, invite OLV parishioners, particularly those who may have wanted to be pilgrims this year but could not, to join our March 7-15, 2019 Holy Land visit. For more information, please call Fr. Jerry 201-768-1177.

Respect Life Community Walk for Life

Join us Saturday, September 22, 10am-12:30pm! Gather at St. John the Baptist Church in Hillsdale parking lot at 10-10:15am. Walk will commence at 10:30am at St. John's to St. Andrew's Church in Westwood. It will conclude with prayers at St. Andrew's. Snacks and cold beverages will be available at St. Andrew's.

PRESCRIPTION

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

CLOTHING BINS

September is one of the busiest months of the year as students return to school and most adults resume a normal working schedule after summer vacation. Would you be willing to take some time to gather your unwanted clothing and shoes to help Catholic Charities? Drop them in the Catholic Charities bins located on the Church grounds. In addition to used clothing we also welcome small appliances, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals and books (no reference books).

Pray for Those in the Military

Lance Corporal Matthew Brady, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Commander Julia H. Cheringal, US Navy;
Captain Ben Clemente, US Army;
Ensign Jon Clemente, US Navy;
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo, U.S. Marine Corps;
Specialist Peter Dippolito, U.S. Army;
Major Michael Franson, US Army;
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene, US Army;
Lance Corporal Thomas lafrate, U.S. Marine Corps;
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger, US Navy;
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger, US Navy;
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn, US Air Force;
Captain Shawn Linn, US Army;
OS3 Daniel T. LoVecchio, U.S. Navy;
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy, U.S. Army;
Colonel John McLaughlin, US Army;
Lieutenant John G. Miele, US Army.

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick

Please **PRAY** in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the **SICK** of **OLV PARISH** may be restored to health and all those who **ASSIST** and **CARE** for the sick will be given the **STRENGTH** to continue **GOD'S GOOD WILL**: baby Sean Cresci, baby Cole McKeon, Addie Bennington, Richard Bolton, Helene Burzi, Irene Ciccarino, Eleanor Daily, Antoinette Dougherty, Deb Dovale, Dan Filippone, Sebastion Filippone, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Danny Francis, Kathy Freeburn, Marietta Flahive, Bernardita Garcia, Kyle Gauweiler, Tom Giuliano, Marylou Goreb, Stefani Gosselink, Thomas Haring, Glen Hall, Barbara Hric, Megan Kavanagh, Peter Kellar, George Loder, Lisa LoSchiavo, Peter Mahler, Anne Matthaei, David Mercur, Skylar Migliaccio, Jim Millar, Len Moriarity, Kevin Mullane, John Murawski, John Pal, Joyanna Peros, Canice Prince, Dan Ragusa, Mary Rinner, Linda Rivera, Suzanne Rothschild, Wendy Ruggiero, Michael Tobia, Kathryn Turrell, Jason Unanue, Therese Vaglio, Jim Walsh, Brian, Carla, Chris, Dierdre, Jennifer, Lucas, Lynn, Lori, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, and Sean.

NEED BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For more information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation*, should also contact the rectory for preparation class information.

CONVALIDATION

Were you married civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? See Fr. Wojciech for details and to see if your marriage can be regularized with the Church.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 17 – St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor
8:00 Joan Accavallo R/b Karen Accavallo
12:00 Joseph Merola R/b the Ferrara Family
Tuesday, September 18—St. Joseph of Cupertino, Priest
8:00 Benjamin Obutelewicz R/b Regina Bond
12:00 Barbara Stonitsch R/b Peter and Carole Stonitsch
Wednesday, September 19 – St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr
8:00 Margaret Leroble R/b the Barrett Family
12:00 Pietro Colarullo R/b loving family
Thursday, September 20 – St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions
8:00 Peter Bentivegna R/b the Bentivegna Family
12:00 Deceased and living members of Rosary Society
Friday, September 21 – St. Matthew, Apostle
8:00 Lucille Malouche R/b Rita McNamara
12:00 Ivan Busanic R/b the Busanic Family
Saturday, September 22—St. Thomas of Villanova, Spain-bishop
8:00 Gina Ottomanelli Bender R/b the Ottomanelli Family
12:00 William and Lucy Desmond R/b the Desmond Family
4:00 John J. Harrison R/b the DaSaro Family
5:00 Sr. MArchangel and Sr. M. Elfreda R/b Josephine J. Fogarino
Sunday, September 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina-priest
7:30 Mark Joseph Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
8:15 Denise Regalado R/b Joseph and Traude Barbiero
9:30 Anna McNulty R/b Dean and Mary Ubriaco
10:45 James and Joan Filippone R/b Ron and Adele Filippone
12:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Pio R/b the Zaccaro Family
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Barbara Maran R/b OLV K of C Council #14483
7:00 Intentions of Joesph Pacheo R/b the Bolton Family

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for the repose of the souls of Louis and Malvina Bertoglio, r/b Bruce Michael Ricciardi
The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp burns this week for the repose of the soul of Michael Giotta, r/b Anne Giotta.
St. Joseph Votive Lamp burns this week for the Dalton Family, r/b Julia Dalton.
The Convent Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for those serving in defense of our country.
The Infant of Prague Votive Lamp burns this week for a special intention, r/b the Dalton Family
The Pope John Paul II Votive Lamp burns this week for the souls in Purgatory.
The Flowers before the Blessed Mother have been donated in honor of the Holy Name of Mary, r/b Mike and Maria Hellrigel.

ARTIST

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.' Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. Tabernacle
- 2. Chalice
- 3. Purificator
- 4. Altar
- 5. Chasuble

"Facebook now has more than 500 million users, which may help explain why unemployment is around 10 percent".

Jimmy Kimmel

Stories of Korean Martyrs**Ss. Kim Ob-I Magdalene, Kim A-gi Agatha, Han A-gi Barbara**

On September 20th we venerate the Korean Martyrs. Kim Ob-I Magdalene and Han A-gi Barbara were arrested together in September 1836. It is not certain whether Kim A-gi Agatha was captured with them or at her own home. In any event, the three of them were taken into custody on the same day. In prison they found themselves in the company of several other Catholics. They were Nam Myong-hyok Damian, accused of hiding the bishop's vestments, Kwon Tug-in Peter, accused of making and selling crucifixes and holy pictures, Pak A-gi Anna, who remained in prison despite the apostasy of her husband and children and Yi Ho-yong, Peter's sister Yi Agatha. The first to be questioned was Pak A-gi Anna. In spite of the torture she remained unbowed. "So what if my husband and son have apostatized! I choose to keep my faith and die for it," she lightly answered the police. Next was Han A-gi Barbara. No less brave than Pak A-gi Anna, her body was a bloody mess when they had finished with her. While Han A-gi Barbara was undergoing torture, Kim Ob-I Magdalene have witnessed her faith by explaining Catholic doctrine to the police commissioner. Next Kim Agatha was called. "It is true you believe in the Catholic Church?" "I don't know anything but Jesus and Mary." "If you could save your life by rejecting Jesus and Mary, wouldn't you reject them?" "I would rather die than reject them." And in spite of the tortures Agatha could not be persuaded to change her mind. Seeing this the police commissioner had them moved to prison. When the other Catholic prisoners saw Kim A-gi Agatha arriving they cheerfully greeted her. "Here comes Agatha who doesn't know anything but Jesus and Mary," they said, congratulating her on her bravery. Because of her inability to learn the doctrine and prayers Kim A-gi Agatha had not yet been baptized. She was the first to be baptized in prison during the persecution. Baptism gave her new strength and with it she went on to overcome terrible torture and punishment.

After all the investigations and trials, death sentences were handed down on Nam Myong-hyok Damian, Kwon Tug-in Peter and Pak A-gi Anna on May 11, 1839. The next day Yi Kwang-hon Augustine and Pak H.I.-sun Lucy were also sentenced to death. It took three more days of discussion before Kim Ob-I Magdalene, Han A-gi Barbara and Kim A-gi Agatha were given the sentence for believing in Catholicism and refusing to give up that belief.

Finally May 24, 1839, arrived. The events of that day are described by Cho Shin-ch'ol Charles as follows "On the appointed day ox carts, with crosses taller than the average person erected on them, were brought to the jail. When all was ready guards brought the condemned prisoners out and tied them to the crosses by the arms and hair. A foot rest was put under their feet and the signal given to depart. When they arrived at the steep hill on which the Small West Gate is situated the guards suddenly pulled away the foot rests and the drivers urged the oxen to run headlong down. The road is rough, with many stones. The carts lurched, causing extreme agony to the prisoners who were hung on the crosses by their arms and hair. The execution ground is at the foot of the hill. The guards took the prisoners from the crosses and tore off their clothes. The executioners tied their hair to the wooden beam and proceeded to cut off their heads." The nine martyrs received their crown at three o'clock in the afternoon, the same time as Jesus breathed his last on the cross several tens of centuries. In accordance with the law the bodies were left at the execution site for three days. In the court record of the time it is written: "On April 12, Yi Kwang-hon Augustine, Kwon Tug-in Peter and others, in all nine criminals, were executed for following the false religion." Bishop Imbert wrote as follows: "With difficulty we reclaimed the bodies at dawn on April 27. We buried the bodies of the martyrs at a place I had prepared earlier. I would have liked to have dressed the bodies in fine clothes and anointed them with expensive perfume, in the European manner. However, we are poor and to dress the bodies in this way would have been a burden on the Catholics, so we just wrapped them in straw matting. Now we have many protectors in heaven. When the day of religious freedom comes to Korea, as I know it will, these bodies will be a precious heritage." Saint Kim Ob-I Magdalene, Saint Kim A-gi Agatha and Saint Han A-gi Barbara were beatified on July 5, 1925 and together they were canonized on May 6, 1984 at Yoido, Seoul, by Pope John Paul II.

**Bishop Robert Barron's Message for Catechetical Sunday,
Chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis,**

We are living in a secularized society which continues to squeeze Christianity to the margins, or completely out of engagement with Jesus Christ and the Church.

We are losing baptized Catholics at an alarming rate. According to Pew Research, nearly one-in-four Hispanic adults (24%) are now former Catholics and most of them are "nones", a term used for people with no religious affiliation.

Many parents are saddened to report that their children are leaving the Church after preparing for and celebrating initiation sacraments, and after years of Catholic School or parish religion classes. Figures for Baptisms, Church weddings and weekly Mass attendance are down. Those who self-identify as atheists or agnostics ("Nones") now make up roughly 23% of the U.S. adult population.

Adults, especially young adults, are more likely to say they are not religiously affiliated than in past generations. (Michael Lipka. A closer look at America's rapidly growing religious 'nones'..., pew research center; 5/5/2017). Also growing in numbers are those who are baptized, and in junior or senior high school, who are increasingly stopping to self-identify as Christians and grouping themselves among the "Nones".

At the same time, we are blessed with an incredibly generous cohort of faithful who are sacramentally graced to give Gospel witness in their homes, schools and workplace, if only they were invited, trained and supported in their outreach as missionary disciples. It will take the whole Church's witness and engagement of the "Nones", inside and outside the walls of the church and across society, to reach out, accompany them, and share the joy of the gospel with them.

Our 2018 and 2019 Catechetical Sunday and Leadership Institute themes are designed to address the phenomena of the "Nones" in two parts. During 2018, we will be researching some of the causes eroding faith and moving people to step away from life in Christ and his body, the Church. We will also showcase some of the many groups of missionary disciples already enlisted and engaged as witnesses for Jesus Christ. Hopefully many more will be able to learn about and join in their efforts.

During 2019, we will focus particularly on the steps needed to enable the faithful to claim their true roles as witnesses to Jesus Christ. In imitation of Jesus' encounter with two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), we will become more familiar with terms like "accompanying", "evangelizing" and "catechizing". We will learn how to assist folks in exploring the reasonableness of the Faith, having an "encounter" with Jesus, sharing in a deeper faith experience, and drawing out the meaning of those experiences for their lives. May the joy of our life in Christ be so remarkable that even the "Nones" are moved to ask what is the secret behind this joy and claim it for themselves.

KIDZ KORNER

1. In Church, what is the golden "box" called that contains the Hosts?
2. In Church what is the name of the "cup" that the Priest uses?
3. What is the name of the cloth that the Priest uses to wipe out the cup?
4. In Church what is the name of the big wooden "table"?
5. At Mass, what is the name of the colored vestment that the priest wears?

Answers on page four.