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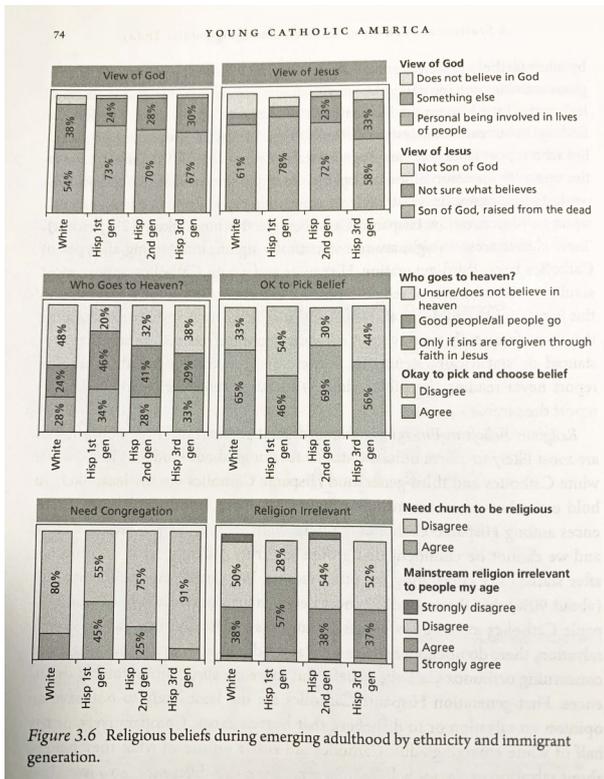
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Reflection of the Month: St. Augustine described in *City of God* the eternal happiness we will have in heaven. “How great shall be that felicity, which shall be tainted with no evil, which shall lack no good, and which shall afford leisure for the praises of God, who shall be all in all.” In these turbulent times it is easy to lose focus on the joyful eternal and instead lament over the present. Be of good cheer!

Statistic of the Month:



As each successive generation of Hispanic children becomes more integrated into American society, they seem to lose good religious habits. Parents can mitigate this through praying the Rosary with their children daily and by demonstrating their faith through attending mass regularly. No se puede subestimar el valor de rezar el rosario todos los dias con su familia.

Saint of the Month: Mother Cabrini

Frances Cabrini was born on July 15, 1850 in a small village called S’ant Angelo Lodigiano near the city of Milan. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Today the Missionary Sisters, their lay collaborators and volunteers work as teachers, nurses, social workers, administrators and members of institutional boards of trustees. They can be found on six continents and 17 countries throughout the world – wherever there is a need. The Feast Day is November 13th.



Wisdom from the Desert Fathers:

“A Brother in Scete happened to commit a fault, and the elders assembled, and sent for Abbot Moses to join them. He, however, did not want to come. The priest sent him a message, saying: Come, the community of brethren is waiting for you. So he arose and started off, and taking a very old basket full of holes, he filled it with sand, and carried it behind him. The elders came out to meet him and said: What is this Father? The elder replied: My sins are running out behind me as this sand, and I do not see them, and today I come to judge the sins of another! They hearing this said nothing to the brother but pardoned him.”

Catechist Spotlight:



Catherine Roets is in the *Catechist Spotlight* this month! Catherine has been a catechist at St. William of York for **14 years!** She finished the 2-year program to be certified Master Catechist through Christendom in 2020. Ms. Roets has a BS in Sociology and a Master's Degree in elementary education from UMW. She feels that she was called to teach and enjoys teaching 1st grade.

- ◇ What is your favorite part of teaching?
- ◇ CR: I like watching the kids build a relationship with Jesus.
- ◇ What do you love most about being Catholic?
- ◇ CR: I love the constancy of our Faith, but also how each person's relationship with God is their own and personalized to them.
- ◇ Who are your favorite saints?
- ◇ St. Maria Goretti for her bravery and courage. St. Rita of Cascia because she had a lot of life struggles, but her desire to be with Jesus never wavered. Mary, Un-doer of Knots because we all have a lot of concerns weighing us down and she is there to lighten the load. Lastly, Our Lady of Kibeho because her messages reminded us to pray the rosary daily.

Thank you, Ms. Roets, for your untiring work and dedication to the RE program at St. William of York!

Administrative Notes:

Drop-Off/Pick-up:

We have been very blessed to have a smooth start to the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you to everyone for your patience with the drop off and pick up process. One note for the pickup at noon – it is very important that once you select your method of pickup that you only use that method. So, if you normally will be going to the 12:15 Spanish Mass but today you are not, **YOU STILL NEED TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP IN THE CAFETERIA – NOT THE CAR RIDER LINE.** We stage the students in the cafeteria based on their family number, so it will take extra time to have your child return to the front of the building if you decide to pick up in the car rider line.

Parent Meetings:

First Penance, November 7th after drop-off in the school gym for 2nd Grade/
First Holy Communion students and parents

November Notes:

- Confession-November 7 & 14 at 5:30 pm in the church for 8th grade/
CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 students (those who will be confirmed on December 4th)
- Formation in Christian Chastity will be in class November 21, 2021.
- **NO CLASSES** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 and Sunday, November 28, 2021 for Thanksgiving Break.