
Parent Letter

Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge your son or daughter learned about St. Philip Neri. They did an activity where each small group had to gather items for a camping trip and think about the importance of teamwork. During the teaching, they learned about the Church and how it affects them. The youth then had an opportunity to work together and discuss the importance of the unity of the Church. The Edge Night ended with prayer in small groups.

For more support in your journey as a parent be sure to check out our Parent Life website at tparentlife.com!

Main Ideas:

- The word church means “convocation or assembly” and “what belongs to the Lord.” The Church is not created by humans but by God. (CCC 751-752)
- God desires that, through the Church, we should be brought into one family with Him and with one another. (CCC 772-776, 781)
- It is through the Church and the sacraments that we are able to physically encounter God and come into communion with Him. There is not a more direct way to God.

Catechism Reference:

“The word ‘Church’ (Latin ecclesia, from the Greek ek-ka-lein, to ‘call out of’) means a convocation or an assembly. It designates the assemblies of the people, usually for a religious purpose. Ekklesia is used frequently in the Greek Old Testament for the assembly of the Chosen People before God, above all for their assembly on Mount Sinai where Israel received the Law and was established by God as his holy people. By calling itself ‘Church,’ the first community of Christian believers recognized itself as heir to that assembly. In the Church, God is ‘calling together’ his people from all the ends of the earth. The equivalent Greek term Kyriake, from which the English word Church and the German Kirche are derived, means ‘what belongs to the Lord.’” (CCC 751)

Scripture Reference:

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.’” (John 14:6)

Family Reflection Questions:

- What did you learn about St. Philip Neri?
- What did you learn about the Church? Why is the Church so important?
- How does the Church help us encounter Jesus?