***CONFIRMATION PREPARATION YEAR 1***

***ASSIGNMENT PACKET***

***DUE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 19, 2017***

1. **Write your own family creed**. Work with the members of your family to identify what you believe together, and create your own family Creed. Must be typed and at least 2 full paragraphs/10 sentences.
2. **Complete 4 Liturgy Reflection Worksheets**
3. **Complete the Our Faith Worksheet**
4. **Complete the Priorities Worksheet**

***OUR FAITH***

Answer the following questions:

What do we call the Church’s office that teaches on matter of faith and morals?

1. Hierarchy
2. Holy Orders
3. Magisterium
4. Parish Council

What does “catholic” mean?

1. Saintly
2. Roman
3. Primary
4. Universal

We celebrate Jesus’ going to heaven on the Feast of the:

1. Ascension
2. Assumption
3. Resurrection
4. Presentation

What is the “Communion of Saints?”

1. The union of believers, living and dead, who form one body in Christ
2. Those who have gone before us and are in Heaven
3. Those Catholics who receive Communion at Mass
4. Those the Church has canonized as saints

Which is the summary of the essential beliefs of the Catholic faith?

1. The Hail Mary
2. The Nicene Creed
3. Precepts of the Church
4. Acts of faith, hope and love

What is Transubstantiation?

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Who was the First American born saint?

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What is the color for the liturgical season of “ordinary time”?

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What do we call saints who died for their faith?

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What is the catechumenate?

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What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

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What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

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Three people have been born without Original Sin who are they?

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What are the four marks of the Catholic Church?

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What is the Paschal Mystery?

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What is Sanctifying Grace?

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**PRIORITIES WORKSHEET**

What is the craziest thing you have ever done for something you value? Why was it worth it? Why was it not worth it?

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How can we hear God if we are always plugged into some type of media? When do you ever take the time to turn off the “noise” and enjoy the silence?

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**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God,   
the Father almighty,   
maker of heaven and earth,   
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,   
the Only Begotten Son of God,   
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,   
true God from true God,   
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;   
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,   
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,   
he suffered death and was buried,   
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven   
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,   
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,   
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,   
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Facts of our faith: The Nicene Creed***

We pray the Nicene Creed at Mass. It is based on the Creed developed by the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325. The Creed was given in its final form in 381 at the Council of Constantinople. The Creed is a reflection of the unity of the members of the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It is a reflection of the unity we are called to have with one another.

Our faith is our personal commitment to God. The word Creed comes from the Latin word credo, which means “I believe”

* Talk with the students about what some of their beliefs are.

Who are some people that you believe in? Why do you believe? To believe in someone is to have a relationship with that person and to trust that person. The trust that a baby has for his or her mother is a good example. The baby learn to trust because the mother changes diapers, feeds, bathes, and comforts the baby. The baby has faith in the mother because of the mother’s loving actions.

Our faith in God is like that. The stories in the Bible show that God has always been faithful to his people. The stories of the saints are great examples of God’s love and trust. People in our lives show us faith by sharing their own experiences. Our own life experiences can lead us to believe that God can be trusted. In the Creed, we say what we believe.

***Themes of the Nicene Creed***

* God is the creator of all that exists.
* Jesus was and is totally one with God, fully divine; of one substance (consubstantial) with the Father.
* Jesus, God took on human flesh and lived among us. He was eventually executed and crucified, but death did not defeat him as God raised him up so that we could know that all Jesus taught us was true.
* The Holy Spirit remains with us guiding the Church and empowering believers not only to remember but also to live out the message of Jesus.
* We are called to live out our faith in community in “one holy catholic (meaning universal) and apostolic (following in the tradition of the Apostles) church.”

***Translation:***

***I believe***: The creed is still the faith of all of us, but by saying “I” we each take responsibility to proclaim our faith. With the rest of the assembly, we make a personal promise to our faith.

***Things visible and invisible***: Seen and unseen are not quite the same as visible and invisible; things can be visible even if they are unseen by us. For example, relatives who live far away are visible to people where they live, but unseen by us every day. We believe that God is the maker not only of things we can see, but of all that is invisible, for instance, heaven.

***Only Begotten***: these words mean that Jesus is really one of a kind and always was. He always was the Son of God.

***Born of the Father before all ages***: These words make it clear that Jesus always was with the Father. He did not begin when he was in Mary’s womb.

***Consubstantial:*** meaning that Jesus and the Father are one and the same God. Jesus is not lesser or greater than the Father. They are the same in substance.

***Was incarnate***: to be given flesh. We believe that Jesus became flesh and he is fully human and fully divine.

***He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day***: We believe Jesus died on the cross and rose again for us.

***Accordance with the Scriptures***: helps us remember the Resurrection was talked about in both the Old and New Testament. Scripture plays an important part of our faith, and we mention it in our Creed.

***I believe***: Once again (for the third time) we each claim this as our own faith.

***Adored:*** we believe God should be respected and highly praised in a way proper only to God.

***I confess:*** in the Creed, the word confess means to profess belief in. When we say “I confess” we are saying we believe with all our heart.

***And I look forward to the Resurrection***: at the end of the Creed we mean we are sure we can live with God forever.