

Candidate Full name: _____

Opening Prayer

Loving Father, we come to you as your children. Help us to feel your love and mercy and also show love and mercy to our family, friends and neighbors. We invite the Holy Spirit to be with us today and each day to guide us to follow Your will. God is good! We are thankful for this time to grow closer to Him by learning about our faith. Amen

Open your Bible

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples so that they might extend God's love and mercy to the world by forgiving sins in God's name as Jesus did.

- Think about the last time received God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Read together **Matthew 18:21-35** and also **John 20: 19 – 23**

Pope Clement I wrote "Love unites us to God; it cancels innumerable sins, has no limits to its endurance, bears everything patiently."

- We all make mistakes. How does it feel when someone offers you their forgiveness? _____

- Do you regularly seek God's healing and forgiveness? Why or why not? _____

A meaning of the word Eucharist is "thanksgiving" and it nourishes our faith life. In the celebration of the Eucharist, the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus are remembered. In the busyness of our lives, we forget that Jesus gives us a personal invitation to share in the Eucharistic meal.

Jesus instituted the celebration of the Eucharist at the Last Supper

Read together **Mark 14: 22 – 25**

The first version of the celebration of the Mass happened in the passage, the road to Emmaus.

Read together **Luke 24: 13 – 35**

- What are ways that you can participate more at Mass? _____

- What are some distractions that keep you from attending Mass? _____

- What gifts and talents can you share with our faith community in support of Mass? (Lector, Usher, Music Ministry, decorating the church, Children’s liturgy, etc.)

Living Our Faith

Take a moment to reflect on your personal relationship with Our Lord.

Discuss what encourages you to grow that relationship.

Think about who you have (or will) ask to be your Sponsor.

How can that person have a role for you to grow in faith? _____

Think of the last family gathering you were a part of at home. What was the occasion? _____

- How many connections can you make between your family gathering at home and the family gathering that you participate in during Mass? (See if you can come up with more than 5) _____

Closing Prayer

Loving Father, We are called to be Eucharistic people and extend Your love and mercy to others. Strengthen in me the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Help me to understand the plan you have for my life and continue to grow my relationship with you. Amen

Meditate Be still, listen, reflect in prayer

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (only takes 10 minutes) An app you could use – **Hallow** from Ascension Press

This prayer is a beautiful and powerful prayer that could be looked at as an extension of our daily Mass.

Jesus, I trust in You Write in a journal any thoughts and feelings you experienced while praying.