



Dear Parents

RE: NEXT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UNIT TO BE STUDIED IN YEAR FOUR

'Creator of Human Life (Jesus)'

Life is a gift enjoyed by human beings. To live, every human being needs a soul, which is created personally within every individual by God. Our soul also lives on forever: what a wonderful and mysterious thing! This Religious Education unit begins with the children wondering at the gift of human life. This leads people to wonder and discover God, who is the Lord of Life. The unit then explores ways in which Jesus answered people's questions about life after death. Jesus came to show how people can become closer to God. The second theme of the unit focuses upon how Christians celebrate Jesus as the Word of God. The children then examine ways Catholics celebrate Jesus as the Word of God through Liturgies of the Word and the seven sacraments. Finally, the unit explores how Christians are called to live in ways that help them become close friends of God.

You could help your child during this unit by, for example:

- wondering with them about questions such as:
 - Who created the miracle of human life?
 - What is the best thing about growing up?
 - What do I enjoy most about my life now, which I could not enjoy when I was younger?
 - What do I wonder about human life?
- discussing with them that every person has a soul, which lives forever, even after they die
- wondering with them about God who is the Lord of Life
- pointing out to them the part of the Mass referred to as the 'Liturgy of the Word' [First reading of Scripture through to General Intercessions (or Prayer of the Faithful)]
- talking with them about the sacraments you have experienced or at which you have been present (Baptism, Penance or Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick)
- discussing with them practical ways in which the family may contribute to the realization of the Fifth Commandment by helping others acquire the basic necessities of life (eg. contributing to collections for those in need such as Project Compassion and Catholic Mission, donating food, toys and blankets to St Vincent de Paul Society, etc.)

Yours sincerely

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