

LESSON 17

AT HOME OUTLINE

OPENING PRAYER

Today we will begin with a short, powerful prayer form St. Ignatius of Loyola, who is renowned for his writing on discernment, which is figuring out what God wants you to do. I encourage you to pray this prayer every day and reflect on where God is leading you.

Let us pray.

In the name of the Father...

(see prayer on pg 155)

In the name of the Father... Amen.

CHALLENGE REVIEW

Have your teen share with your family what their challenge was and their experience of completing.

DIVE IN

Read the "Dive In" aloud to your family.

WATCH IT! SEGMENT 1 (11:03)

1. Apostles
2. B: *in persona Christi*

FAMILY DISCUSSION (5min)

During discussion spend time as a family answering the questions provided and journaling when prompted.

- Vocation means to live a life of love- to make a gift of yourself for others. What does this mean? Why should we do it?
- Do you know any priests, deacons, or religious personally? What are some ways they have helped you or others you know?
- How are priests different from other Catholics? In what ways are they the same?
- What could you do for the world as a priest or religious sister that you could not do as a married person?

WATCH IT! SEGMENT 2 (10:53)

1. C: bride
2. celibacy

FAMILY DISCUSSION (5min)

- How can you offer your support to our priests and religious?
- How is a priest like a "spiritual father" and a religious sister like a "spiritual mother"?
- What do you think your parents and friends would say if you told them you were considering becoming a priest or a religious sister?

WATCH IT! SEGMENT 3 (13:08)

1. D: grace
2. D: I'm supposed to do
3. C: pray

FAMILY DISCUSSION (5min)

- What did you think of sister's story? Are there any similarities to your life? Why is it important to know the stories of priests and sisters?
- Have you ever asked God to reveal to you his plans for your life? What is one way to find out if God wants you to serve him in a particular way?
- What are some things you can do to help discern your vocation to marriage, Holy Orders, or religious life?¹

TO THE HEART

Read the "To The Heart" aloud to your family. When done reading journal about and discuss the question below.

- **JOURNAL** Dedicating your life completely to God, either as a priest or in the religious life, takes great courage. Because these vocations represent God and the church in a special way, priests and religious have unique opportunities to bless the lives of others. **1)** Have you ever considered the priesthood or religious life or talked to someone who chose that state of life? **2)** If you had a friend who was thinking about it, how would you suggest they begin making that decision?

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Have each family member pick ONE challenge at the top of page 161 to complete BEFORE the next class. Have your teen check the box and encourage them to write about it in the space provided. Let them know that you will be sharing these next class to your small group and maybe even the large group.

CLOSING PRAYER (pg 161)

¹ Hints: Encourage them to draw closer to God by confessing their sins, praying, reading Scripture, and attending daily Mass. Also suggest going on a vocation retreat, talking to someone who is already living on of these vocations or talking to Fr. Dave who is the Vocations Director for the Archdioceses.