

Belonging to the Communion of Saints

We Live Our Faith

Homily Hints

The Big Question:

“In what ways do I live my Catholic faith?”

Chapter Goals:

1. to understand that together we are called to become living examples of God’s love
2. to await the day on which we will share in life everlasting with Mary and the entire communion of saints
3. to live our faith as the Pilgrim People of God, loving one another and giving witness to Jesus and our faith in him.

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This final Big Question is a wonderful way for the young people to summarize a year’s work. Reflect on the illustration on page 258 of the *We Live Our Faith as Members of the Church* student book, which is an extremely dramatic representation of the Last Supper. The young people are learning that Jesus Christ calls all of us into communion with his Father, and that we share that communion in the faith, the sacraments, special graces, possessions, and charity. Notice in the illustration Jesus is looking directly at us: we are part of the Last Supper; we are part of the story. Emphasize to the young people the wonderful, comforting, yet challenging idea that *all of us*, as faithful members of the Church, are part of the story.

Explain that as Pilgrim People of God, we are on an earthly pilgrimage toward the fulfillment of God’s Kingdom, and on this journey we are joined with all the members of the Church before us and with us now. We can gain courage from the example of those who have gone before us and those with us now, especially from Mary, who is our greatest example of saint and disciple. The story of Christ and his Church is never ending. Encourage the young people to witness to this story and their faith in their lives.

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