

We Are a Communion of Saints

We Live Our Faith

Homily Hints

The Big Question:

“Who are my role models?”

Chapter Goals:

1. to respect the faiths of others and to rejoice in what we share with people of other Christian faith communities
2. to encourage one another as members of the Church, the Body of Christ, joined in the communion of saints
3. to honor Mary as the Church’s greatest saint and the mother of all who believe in Jesus Christ.

Homily Hints:

During this homily or conversation, be careful to avoid assumptions as to who the young people’s role models may be. A good way to begin is to simply ask who their role models are. Their answers may surprise you; young people are very profound! Allow time for the young people to express their opinions, and listen so you can delve deeper into the reasons for their choices.

This homily can lead to a discussion of the communion of saints. Stress the comfort and strength it gives us as Christians to be joined to the union of all baptized members of the Church, both living and dead. Everything that each member of the Church does affects every other member. We are left with a legacy and a heritage of great men and women who have lived lives of discipleship that can be examples for all of us. Mary is the perfect example. She always said yes to God and her rosary and devotions are a constant way we can live out our lives as faithful disciples of Jesus. Remind the young people that as Catholics, we honor Mary as the Church’s greatest saint.

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