

**St. Jerome Catholic  
Church  
Faith Formation**

**Discipleship  
Award Program  
2016-2017**

**Level: Fourth Grade  
Part C**

**Due: Sunday, May 14, 2017**

Dear Parents,

The purpose of the Discipleship Award Program is to help the young people of St. Jerome learn, explore and experience our Catholic faith in a way that leads them to a greater understanding of and a deep, lifelong commitment to our faith. It is important for our children to learn that we are not passive spectators in our relationship with God. Each and every day, we must engage ourselves in activities that draw us closer to God and to our final goal of eternity with Him in Heaven. It is the goal of this program to give our children opportunities to do just this, engage in activities that draw them closer to God, and to recognize them for their efforts. The Discipleship Award Program is an optional program for those students and families who wish to use it.

There is an award booklet for each grade level, Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Each grade level booklet will contain age appropriate activities. It will be important however, especially with younger children, for parents to be actively involved in assisting children with completing the program requirements. In fact, some of the activities included are family activities. The Church teaches that “Parents are the principal and first educators of their children” (CCC 1653), and children will receive the most benefit from this program when families are actively involved in the learning process. Documents will also be available on the St. Jerome website.

How the program works:

- Each year, students will have the opportunity to achieve the discipleship award three times (see due dates to turn in paperwork on the following pages). If a student earns all three awards in a given year, he/she will receive special recognition in the form of an additional award, called the Trinity Award. As the discipleship program continues to grow and develop, other recognition will be given when students earn the Trinity Award multiple times.
- The activities within the program are separated into four categories based on the Four Pillars of the Catholic Church: What We Believe, How We Worship, How We Live, and How We Pray. Some activities within each category will be required, and some of the activities will be listed as options within each category.
- The due dates and directions for each of the award periods are given on the following pages.
- Homeschool students: When instructions are given to share something with a class, the homeschool student may share the project at a homeschooling or similar type gathering.

We look forward to partnering with you in encouraging our students to grow in knowledge and faith. Please feel free to contact the Faith Formation office if you have any questions for Pre-K through First Grade at 813-787-2028, Grade Two through Grade Five at 727-595-3100x330 or 727-595-3100x336 for Grade Six through Eight.

In Christ,

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## 2016-2017 Fourth Grade Discipleship Award Part C – Due Sunday, May 14, 2017

The requirements for this award are listed below. This form and any required attachments must be turned in to the Faith Formation Office by Sunday, May 14. (Forms may also be mailed to St. Jerome Catholic Church, Faith Formation Office, 10895 Hamlin Blvd., Largo, FL 33774-5051)

### ***Section One: What We Believe***

#### ***REQUIRED ACTIVITY***

We believe in one true God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth. Read the following from the Bible: Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Exodus 20:2-3; Mark 12:28-30. On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph, poem, song, or draw a picture describing/illustrating how we can show that God is first in our lives. Attach it to this form.

#### ***CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES***

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 1: In our world today, people sometimes treat other things, or even other people, as if they are more important than God. On a separate sheet of paper, list at least 5 things that you believe people sometimes treat as more important than God. Then write a sentence or two describing what you might say to these people to help them understand that nothing should come before God in our lives.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 2: We believe the saints are examples of holiness for us. With your parents' permission, go to the following site: [webelieveweb.com](http://webelieveweb.com). In the "Take Me To" menu, choose "5", "Student", and "Activities" and then click on "Go To." Choose "Lives of the Saints" and then "Archive". Read about one of the following saints: Saints Isidore and Maria or St. Rose Philippine Duchesne. After reading about the saint, click on and print out the "Intermediate Activity". Complete the Activity and attach it to this form.

### ***Section Two: How We Worship***

#### ***REQUIRED ACTIVITY***

As Catholics, we believe that "the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life" (CCC2177). It is important that we gather as a Church family each week to worship. Say hello to the priest after Sunday Mass on at least eight(8) of the following weekends and have the priest initial next to the appropriate date.

_____ Feb.28/29	_____ Mar. 4/5	_____ Mar. 11/12	_____ Mar. 18.19
_____ Mar. 25/26	_____ Apr. 1/2	_____ Apr. 8/9	_____ Apr. 15/16
_____ Apr. 22/23	_____ Apr. 29/30	_____ May 7/8	

#### ***CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITES***

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 1: Serve as a greeter at a Sunday Mass. You should arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet people and open the church doors for them as they arrive for Mass. Write the date you served \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ and have the priest or Catechist sign here. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 2: With your family, participate in either the Solemn Entrance (Saturday at 4:00 pm or 5:30 pm; Sunday at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, 12:30 pm or 5:00 pm Mass) or the Solemn Procession (10:45 Mass) on Palm Sunday, April 9. See the bulletin or parish website for more details. Have the priest sign here \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 3: With your family, attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 13, 7:00 pm). Have the priest sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 4: Attend the Sunrise Mass on Easter morning (April 16, 7:00 am). Have the priest sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 5: With your family, attend the Divine Mercy Mass or 3:00 pm service on April 23. Have the priest sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Section Three: How We Live***

Jesus told us we are the "light of the world" and that we must let our light shine for others so they can see the good we do and give glory to God (Matthew 5:14-16).

#### ***\_\_\_\_\_ CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES***

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 1: Make an Easter Card for one of our homebound parishioners. This activity should be completed by Friday, April 7. Turn in the card to the Faith Formation Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 2: Ask your parents or grandparents if you can do some chores to earn money to buy food for our monthly food drive. With your own money, shop for some food for the poor. Donate what you bought to the Lifeline/Homeless Ministry food drive on one of the following weekends: March 4/5 or March 11/12.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 3: The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is May 7. Make a card for at least one of our priests here at St. Jerome that includes a prayer thanking God for this person's vocation. This activity should be completed by Friday, April 28. Turn in the card to the Faith Formation Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 4: Choose one week to keep track of all the ways you were a "light of the world" letting Christ's love shine through you. On a separate sheet of paper, make a list for each day of the week and attach it to this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option 5: During the season of Lent, we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us grow closer to Jesus. With your family, create a Family Lenten Plan. On a separate sheet of paper, create a chart with 3 columns. Label the columns: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. In each of the columns list the ways your family will focus on each of these during Lent. Attach a copy of your Family Lenten Plan to this sheet.

**Section Four: How We Pray**

We pray in many special ways, especially during Lent.

**CHOOSE THREE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES**

Option 1: With your family, attend the Stations of the Cross **at least two Friday EVENINGS** during Lent. See the bulletin or website for information. Write the dates you attended and have the priest sign here: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

Option 2: With your family, attend the Lenten Penance Service and receive the Sacrament of Penance. Have the priest sign here: \_\_\_\_\_.

Option 3: With your family, attend the Live Stations of the Cross. See the bulletin or website for more details. Have the priest sign here: \_\_\_\_\_.

Option 4: With your family, attend the Tenebrae Service during Holy Week. See the bulletin or website for more details. Have the priest sign here: \_\_\_\_\_.

Option 5: With your family, attend the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 14). See the bulletin or website for more details. Have the priest sign here: \_\_\_\_\_.

Option 6: With your family, pray the Rosary. Write the dates your prayed the Rosary with your family here: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.

Option 7: With your family, attend the Veneration of the Cross service on Good Friday (March 25 at 3:00 pm). See the bulletin or website for more details. Have the priest sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 8: With your family, attend the Blessing of the Easter Food and Baskets on Holy Saturday (April 15). See the bulletin or website for more details. Have the priest sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 9: Between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, visit the Marian Shrine in the church at least one time and pray one decade of the rosary for a special intention. Write the date you visited the shrine here \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_.

Option 10: With your family, participate in the parish Traveling Chalice program to pray for vocations. Contact Marie Ronnlof, 727-595-5799 or tronnlof@verizon.net, to schedule your family's week with the chalice. Once you have the chalice, follow the instructions provided and pray each day of the week as a family for vocations. Take a picture of your family with the chalice and attach the picture to this form.

Option 11: With your family, make a special visit to the Holy Family Chapel and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Write the date you prayed in the chapel here. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_.

## Discipleship Award Program Completion and Submission Form

When you have completed all the requirements for Part C of the Discipleship Award, complete this form and submit it with the Award forms and any other required attachments. **All forms and attachments are due by Sunday, May 14, 2017.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

\_\_\_\_\_ St. Jerome Parish

\_\_\_\_\_ St. Jerome Faith Formation Classes

\_\_\_\_\_ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

\_\_\_\_\_ Homeschool

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

In case we have any question, please complete the following:

Parent's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Numbers:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_