

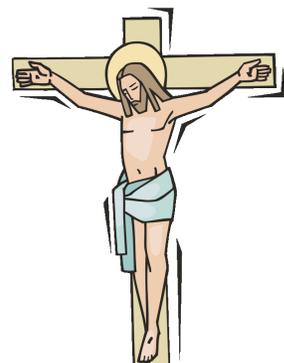
Loving as God Loves

Diocese of Duluth

Parent Letter

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

~ John 15:12



Dear Parents,

When we look upon Jesus on the cross, we see the act of perfect love. The Son of God, sinless though he was, willingly accepted death for us in order to restore us into relationship with our Heavenly Father. Jesus' whole life, in fact, reflected the freely given, total, faithful, and life-giving love of God.

We, too, are called to love in such a way. We are called to love as God loves.

The Diocese of Duluth has produced a set of worksheets entitled, “Loving as God Loves,” to help our children respond to God’s love, particularly as it relates to marriage and family, chastity, and the dignity of human life. Five worksheets have been developed for each grade from Kindergarten through 6th grade. These supplemental worksheets complement and enhance the children’s religious education curriculum.

The worksheets are designed to present in an age-appropriate way God’s plan for love and life. The themes covered in each grade include:

Kindergarten ~ Creation, Loving Everyone, Family, Growing in Virtue

1st Grade ~ Creation, Family, Baptism, Sacrifice, Obedience

2nd Grade ~ God’s plan for us, Marriage, Parents help us, We grow up, Sacraments help us

3rd Grade ~ The Church helps us, Family, Life is a gift, Friendship, Vocation

4th Grade ~ Love involves sacrifice, Choosing good, Conscience, Respect for life, Marriage

5th Grade ~ Grace through the sacraments, The Eucharist, Matrimony is a covenant, Respect for life

6th Grade ~ God created man and woman, The Church, Matrimony, Family, Making good choices

Because you, as parents, are the most important teachers of your children, each worksheet contains a “Parent Page” with an activity to be done at home. These activities provide the opportunity to have a dialogue with your child regarding the important truths of love and life. The remaining pages of the worksheets will be done in class or, if communicated by your child’s teacher, will be completed at home.

We hope you find these worksheets helpful. Know that we are here to assist you in leading your family to the truth, love, and joy that are only found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Zook".

Cynthia Zook
Director of Catholic Schools

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Kneepkens".

Betsy Kneepkens
Director of Marriage and Family