

Make-up Lesson for Sunday Session 4-b for Grade 4

March - April

Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church

Erath, Louisiana

Large-Group Assembly for Grades 3-5

- After **Opening Prayer**, Mrs. Frances greeted the children and quickly reviewed a couple of facts regarding the **liturgical calendar** (Seasons of Lent and Easter).
- When time permits, she often shares pictures from our most recent **Saint Joseph Altar** (usually held on March 18-19) in our church parish hall.
 - See previous [pictures](#) of our Saint Joseph Altar. (*It grows and gets better year after year!*)
 - Read a brochure about the Saint Joseph Altar.

Introduce the hierarchy of the Catholic Church

There are a few basic facts about our local church parish, diocese, archdiocese, and the world-wide Catholic Church that every Catholic should know. We began introducing those details today:

- **Hierarchy:** a system or organization in which people or groups are ranked one above the other according to status or authority
- **Catholic:** universal
- About our **church parish:**
 - **NOTE:** Each church parish is surrounded by an imaginary border in the rural area surrounding the town in which a Catholic church is located. (*In other words, every household on the planet—whether or not it is the home of a Catholic family—is located within the boundaries of a Catholic church!*) The priest who is assigned as pastor of that church parish is responsible for the soul of everyone who lives within that imaginary border—and he takes his job seriously! He does the best he can using the gifts (skills and talents) that God has given him to lead the “sheep of his flock” to eternal life with God in Heaven. Upon his death, every priest wants to be able to say that he did his very best to help each “sheep” that was entrusted to him throughout his priesthood. For this reason, he should be notified when Catholic parishioners enroll in programs and/or receive Sacraments in other Catholic church parishes. (*Just like the details surrounding Sacraments which are administered in our church, those other details must be recorded in our parish records.*)
 - **Name of our church parish:** Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church
 - **Name of our pastor:** Fr. Andre Metrejean

- **Name of our deacon:** Rev. Mr. Tim Marcantel
- **Name of the seminarian whom our church parish currently supports:** Rev. Mr. Korey LaVergne
- ***NOTE:** You'll find scanned pictures of these men at the end of this lesson plan. That handout also includes information regarding the **difference** between a **permanent deacon** (Dcn. Tim) and a **transitional deacon** (Dcn. Korey).*
- Almost every town around the world has a Catholic Church in it, but our churches are not run by town/city government! They are all part of the world-wide (**universal**) Catholic Church! To keep things running smoothly in all areas of the world requires rules and policies.
 - Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, those policies are discussed in detail at the Vatican (in Rome, Italy) over a long period of time.
 - Decisions are never rushed in the Catholic Church and often take years, decades, or centuries of conversations—and even then, many “things” never change! (*What was **true** hundreds of years ago is still **true** today!*)
 - If/When any changes are agreed upon by proper personnel, they are put into **Canon Law**. (*Canon Law is similar to the Constitution of the United States, but it contains the laws, rules, and policies set forth to guide the sacred traditions and beliefs taught and encouraged by the Catholic Church over the past 2,000 years.*)
 - When priests are ordained by their bishops, they promise to be obedient to the bishop, who in turn, has promised to be obedient to his archbishop, who has, in turn, promised to be obedient to the Pope. All of them are expected to follow and enforce the rules and policies in **Canon Law**.
- In our civil government, several local towns—and the rural areas around them—are grouped together to form **parishes**. Parishes (or counties in other states) are grouped together to form **states**. States are grouped together to form our entire **country/nation**.
- Similarly, several **church parishes** (*which already include the rural areas around the towns where the churches are located*) in a wider area (*within the imaginary boundaries of a few civil parishes*) are grouped together under the leadership of a **bishop** to form a **diocese**. Several dioceses are grouped together under the leadership of an **archbishop** (who is the bishop of the **archdiocese** (*the diocese in which he resides*)).
- All archdioceses around the world form the **world-wide Catholic** (*universal*) **Church**. The **Pope** is the leader of the world-wide Catholic Church. He also serves as the **Bishop of Rome** (Italy), the diocese in which he resides.
- About our diocese:
 - Within the boundaries of the state of Louisiana, you'll find seven separate dioceses: Shreveport, Alexandria, Lake Charles, **Lafayette**, Baton Rouge, Houma-Thibodaux and the Archdiocese of New Orleans. (*A map is included on page 8 in this make-up packet.*)
 - **Name of our diocese:** Diocese of Lafayette
 - **Name of our bishop:** Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

- About our archdiocese:
 - **Name of our archdiocese:** Archdiocese of New Orleans
 - **Name of our archbishop:** Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond
- About our Pope:
 - **Name of our Pope:** Pope Francis
- NOTE: The Pope also appoints **cardinals** (*bishops who serve in a variety of capacities*) to work in specific assignments or departments and/or serve as liaison within the world-wide Catholic Church.

Review game: “I have . . . Who has?”

- At the end of this lesson plan, you’ll find a series of “*I have . . . Who has?*” cards with answers and questions on them. Feel free to print them, cut them out, and allow your child to mix them up and put them back in order a couple of times.

Review the Common Elements Found in Catholic Churches

If there was any time remaining in Sunday Session 4-b, our Grade 4 students reviewed some of the common elements that are found in every Catholic Church. In 2013-14, Mrs. Frances quickly drew 64 “rough draft” sketches of sacred objects used before, during, and/or after the **Liturgy of the Mass**. Those 64 sketches were then divided into four groups (*decks*) consisting of 16 sketches each. After reviewing/introducing all of the names/purposes of all elements in one deck of cards, our students play “Go Fish” or “Memory” with it. After a couple of games, if time permits, we review/introduce the items in another deck and play cards with that deck.

Before class ends, we always review:

- Proper, respectful **Sign of the Cross** (words and actions).
- Every time we enter a Catholic Church, we dip one (or two) finger(s) in **Holy Water** and pray the Sign of the Cross while we focus our attention on the **Blessed Sacrament** (the **Real Presence of Jesus Christ**) in the **tabernacle**.
- Practice making a proper **genuflection**: Before we enter our pew in church, our right knee touches the floor as we focus our attention on the **Blessed Sacrament** in the **Tabernacle** (not in the pew looking for a place to sit).

Closing Prayer

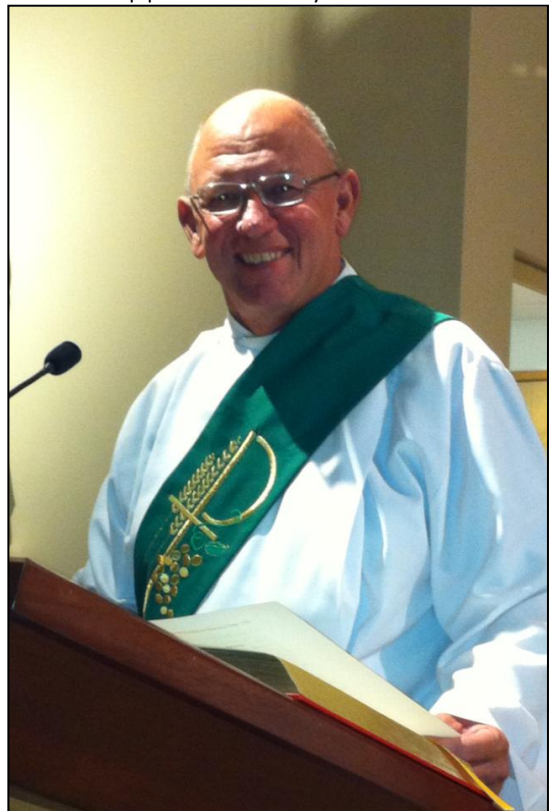
As the closing prayer for this make-up lesson, please recite one of the prayers which is found on our [Grade 4 Prayer Sheet](#).

Parents:

Please **read** and **sign** the **last page** of this make-up packet and **return it to Mrs. Frances** at your earliest convenience. She will then be able to make a note on the roll call sheet to indicate that this lesson was made up with your help.



Fr. Andre Metrejean
Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church



Dcn. Tim Marcantel
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

NOTE:

Dcn. Tim and Dcn. Korey have both been ordained as deacons, but they were ordained through different programs.

- Dcn. Tim studied and was ordained through the **Permanent Diaconate**. This means that he will forever (permanently) be a **Permanent Deacon** in the Catholic Church. However, if his wife dies before he dies, he will have the option to request permission from his children in order to enter the **seminary**, study for two or three more years, and be ordained as a **priest**. If he—or his children—prefer(s) that he not enter the seminary for further study, he will forever remain ordained as a deacon.
- Dcn. Korey studied and was ordained as a **Transitional Deacon** while studying in the seminary to become a priest. The word “transition” means “to shift, move, or evolve.” At certain points along the journey through seminary studies, a seminarian is ordained as an **acolyte** (altar server), a **lector**, and a **Transitional Deacon**, before being ordained as a **priest**.



Rev. Mr. Korey LaVergne
Sponsored by
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church



Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
Bishop, Diocese of Lafayette



Archbishop Gregory Aymond
Archbishop, Archdiocese of New Orleans



Pope Francis
Bishop, Diocese of Rome (Italy)
and
Pope of the world-wide Catholic Church

Individual cards for *I have . . . Who has?* Review Game

Parents: Please print and cut these cards out. After mixing up the cards, ask your child to pick one card and read the first “*Who has ...?*” question. Have them search through the rest of the cards to find the correct “*I have ...*” answer. Then read the “*Who has ...?*” on the same card. Search through the remaining cards for the next “*I have ...*” answer and continue until you get to the last card. If questions were answered correctly, the final “*I have ...*” answer should be on the very first card your child picked to begin this activity.

<p>I have . . . a system or organization in which people or groups are ranked one above the other according to status or authority.</p> <p>Who has . . . the definition of the word “Catholic”?</p>	<p>I have . . . Universal.</p> <p>Who has . . . The name of our church parish?</p>
<p>I have . . . Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church.</p> <p>Who has . . . the name of our pastor?</p>	<p>I have . . . Fr. Andre Metrejean.</p> <p>Who has . . . The name of our deacon?</p>
<p>I have . . . Rev. Mr. Tim Marcantel.</p> <p>Who has . . . Name of the seminarian whom our church parish currently supports?</p>	<p>I have . . . Rev. Mr. Korey LaVergne.</p> <p>Who has . . . The term that refers to the published work that is similar to the Constitution of the United States, but contains laws, rules, and policies regarding the Catholic Church instead of public government?</p>

<p>I have . . . Canon Law.</p> <p>Who has . . . The name of our diocese?</p>	<p>I have . . . Diocese of Lafayette.</p> <p>Who has . . . The name of our bishop?</p>
<p>I have . . . Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel</p> <p>Who has . . . the number of dioceses located within the physical boundaries of the state of Louisiana?</p>	<p>I have . . . seven.</p> <p>Who has . . . the name of our archdiocese?</p>
<p>I have . . . Archdiocese of New Orleans.</p> <p>Who has . . . the name of our archbishop?</p>	<p>I have . . . Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond.</p> <p>Who has . . . the name of our Pope?</p>
<p>I have . . . Pope Francis.</p> <p>Who has . . . The word that refers to other bishops who are appointed by the Pope to specific assignments and duties within the world-wide church?</p>	<p>I have . . . cardinals.</p> <p>Who has . . . the name of the diocese where the Pope resides and serves as Bishop?</p>

I have . . .
Diocese of Rome (Italy)
Who has . . .
the definition of hierarchy?



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please complete this page and return it to our Church Parish Office as soon as possible so Mrs. Frances can update our attendance records to indicate that you have helped your child make up the work that he/she missed **during Sunday Session 4-b** in **March/April**.

My child, _____ (currently in Grade ____) and I have read and discussed all of the information included in this make-up packet for **Sunday Session 4-b** for **Grade 4** (in March/April).

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date