

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE: WRAP UP (5-5-19)

ACT OF CHARITY

O Lord, I love You above all things
and I love my neighbor for Your sake
because You are the highest, infinite, and perfect good,
worthy of all my love.
In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

SUMMARY

- I. Sacraments—Signs from Heaven uniting us to our origin and directing us on our way to our destiny, which is perfect communion with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and with the holy angels and saints. Seven signs that effect what they signify:
 - A. REBIRTH from above through adoption by grace—BAPTISM
 - B. GROWTH in strength as a disciple to give witness as an apostle—CONFIRMATION
 - C. Spiritual NOURISHMENT for development in holiness and in communion with God and neighbor—EUCCHARIST
 - D. HEALING of the soul wounded by sin—RECONCILIATION
 - E. DEEPER UNION with the Cross of Christ and ACCEPTANCE of His Way—ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 - F. LIVING in Communion and on Mission—HOLY ORDERS/MARRIAGE
- II. The Father's gifts to restore our life as His children
 - A. His Crucified Son—Baptism/Reconciliation/AOS/Eucharist/Holy Orders/Marriage
 - B. Mary, our Spiritual Mother—Icon of the Church as Mother
 - C. The Holy Spirit—Baptism/Confirmation

FINAL QUESTIONS (T/F)

1. At the particular judgment, a person's soul separates from his or her body and, after God's judgment, goes either to Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory.
2. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are Baptism, Reconciliation, and the Eucharist.
3. Everlasting love is ultimately determined uniquely by each individual human person according to his or her particular views and feelings.
4. God created man and woman originally with sin on their souls so that He could save them.
5. In the case of an emergency, anyone can Baptize, provided that he or she has the intention of doing what the Church does.
6. In the Sacrament of Baptism, a person is adopted by grace as a child of God the Father to live as a priest, prophet, and king.
7. The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are received for the first time in the Sacrament of Confirmation.
8. The event in Scripture that corresponds to the Sacrament of Confirmation is Pentecost as described in the Book of Acts.
9. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is an unbloody representation of Christ's bloody sacrifice on Calvary's Cross, and also a representation of The Last Supper.
10. It is actually a duty for a Christian always and everywhere to give God thanks.
11. Since venial sins are so common, Mother Church does not encourage her members to confess them in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

12. To receive the grace of Reconciliation, a person—after a careful examination of conscience—must give the name and number of times one has committed all grave sins not yet confessed, if there are any.
13. Whenever we are sick, we know that Christ is with us, because He is the Suffering Servant Who “took our infirmities and bore our diseases.”
14. The primary effect of the Anointing of the Sick is restoration of physical health.
15. A person is not responsible for accepting and embracing the sex of his or her birth.
16. A female is never truly made in God’s image and likeness because God has revealed that He is male as shown in God the Father and God the Son.
17. God created “male and female” for conflict so that they become stronger through this conflict.
18. For a Marriage to be true in God’s eyes, couples must intend a free, total, faithful, and fruitful covenant love.
19. We do not see actual bishops, priests, and deacons in the Christian Church until the rule of the Roman Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century AD.
20. Deacons, priests, and bishops are exclusively ordained by a bishop.

SUMMER MISSION

- A. God-centered re-creation: Vacations that help you draw closer to God rather than take you away from Him
- B. Summer reading—*Catechism of the Catholic Church*: Numbers 1691-2557
- C. Deeper cooperation with Sacramental grace
 1. Full and actual participation in Holy Mass
 2. Attending additional weekday Masses
 3. Adding or increasing Eucharistic Adoration
 4. Daily mental prayer
 5. Monthly Confession/Confessing ASAP after committing grave sin
- D. Renewing Baptismal Promises daily

I renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God.
 I renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over me.
 I renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin.
 I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 Who was born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered death and was buried,
 rose again from the dead
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Holy Catholic Church,
 the Communion of Saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting. AMEN!