

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE WRAP-UP 5-6-18

FATIMA DECADE PRAYER (July 13, 1917)

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen. (Typically said at the end of each decade of the Rosary)

CONCLUSION OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

- I. "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church" = "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church"
 - A. One
 1. One life in the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 2. One Body and Bride in Christ, the Head and her Bridegroom
 3. One in her Soul, the Holy Spirit, uniting her members in charity
 4. One in faith, sacramental life, apostolic succession, the hope of Heaven, and the charity manifesting the movement of the Holy Spirit and of sanctifying grace (CCCC 161-162)
 - B. Holy
 1. In her participation in the Life of God, by His mercy and grace, through Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit
 2. In the fullness of the means of salvation provided through her
 3. Perfectly in Mary, body and soul in Heaven, and in those other souls in Heaven; imperfectly in those souls in purgatory; and either imperfectly or perfectly in those souls on earth (CCCC 165)
 - C. Catholic—Universal (Insofar as Christ is present in her)
 1. Proclaims the fullness and totality of the faith
 2. Bears and ministers the fullness of the means of salvation
 3. Sent by Christ on mission to the whole of the human race (CCCC 166)
 - D. Apostolic
 1. In her origin (built on "the foundation of the Apostles" Ephesians 2:20)
 2. In her teaching
 3. In her structure—taught, guided, sanctified by the successors to the Apostles (apostolic succession) (CCCC 175-176)
 - E. Mary, Mother of the Church
 1. Mary, Mother of Jesus by conception and birth
 2. Mary, Mother of all Christians by grace (Baptism) and by discipleship ("Behold, your Mother.")
- II. "I believe in the Communion of Saints"
 - A. Sharing, in love and truth, in holy "things": faith, Sacraments, charisms, etc.
 - B. Human persons sharing in the life of God and His holy angels
 1. Church Militant: on Earth
 2. Church Suffering: in Purgatory
 3. Church Triumphant: in Heaven
- III. "I believe in the forgiveness of sins"
 - A. Through Christ's saving sacrifice on the Cross
 - B. Sacramentally: Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist (venial sins), Anointing of the Sick

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS

- I. What was the most interesting or surprising thing I learned this year, and how has it changed my perspective and/or behavior?
- II. What did I learn that I found most challenging and difficult to embrace and to proclaim through word and deed?

MISSION

- I. Pray the Rosary with reverence and meditatively DAILY, preferably with others.
- II. Spend AT LEAST 20-30 MINUTES in silent meditation.
- III. Focus more intently on personal conversion for God's glory and for fruitful service to others.

A. Morning offering—Ask for the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit each morning.

“Holy Spirit, in my mind, heart, emotions, and body, may I experience charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity, and may I manifest these to others in works of mercy. Amen.”

B. Particular Examination at Mid-Day

Examination: “Holy Spirit, show me how I have and have not experienced and manifested charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.”

Act of Contrition

Firm Purpose of Amendment: “I re-dedicate myself to cooperating with the gift of grace within me, Which is the Holy Spirit, God's Love. By the reality of this grace, of the will of God the Father, and of the Sacrifice of the Lamb, I trust that these fruits will ripen in me to be shared with others for my happiness and God's glory. Amen.”

C. Nightly Examination of Conscience based on the “Final Exam” (consult prior handouts) followed by the Confiteor.