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An Edge Night on the Jesus' Passion and Death

Parent Letter

Dear Parents and Family,

The Edge Night this week began with a game that purposefully made the youth uncomfortable to put them in the position of what it would have been like to be in the crowd as they accused Jesus. The teaching broke open why Jesus was persecuted as well as what His death won for us and it's connection to the Eucharist. The youth were then challenged to come up with movies that have characters who sacrificed their lives for the good of others to open up a discussion about the sacrifice of Jesus. The Edge Night ended with a reflection on Jesus' words from the cross.

Main Ideas:

- From the beginning of Jesus' public life He was misunderstood, He was different, and a lot of people found His teachings to be difficult and offensive and they sought to destroy Him because of this. (CCC 574-586)
- God loves us so much that He was willing to die for us. He was willing to give the greatest sacrifice of His very life to save us — all of us. There is not a single person who has lived or ever will live for whom Christ did not suffer and die. (CCC 605)
- Jesus was obedient to the will of the Father to the point of being killed. His obedience saves us from our sins. His obedience makes up for all of humanity's disobedience. (CCC 612)

Catechism Reference:

"At the end of the parable of the lost sheep Jesus recalled that God's love excludes no one: 'So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.' He affirms that he came 'to give his life as a ransom for many;' this last term is not restrictive, but contrasts the whole of humanity with the unique person of the redeemer who hands himself over to save us. The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: 'There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer.'" (CCC 605)

Scripture Reference:

"He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?" (Romans 8:32)

Family Reflection Questions:

- Explain the opening activity to me. How did you feel when everyone was accusing the Core Member?
- How does this relate to the story of Jesus?
- What movie or story did you come up with that had a character who sacrificed his or her life for someone else?
- How does this relate to the story of Jesus?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus loves you so much that He died to free you from your sins?