
Parent Letter

Dear Parents and Family,

We enjoyed having you join us for the Edge *Family Series* tonight. Please use this to follow up with your youth this week or, if you were not able to join us, here is a brief recap of what happened. The Edge Night began with a fun relay race, where the team members ran with balloons statically stuck to their heads. The teaching broke open the importance of the theological virtue of faith, which was followed by the youth and parents having discussions in small groups. Parents and youth then came back together to make cards for those who have just received the gift of faith. The Edge Night ended with the youth and parents gathering in the church where they made an Act of Faith.

Main Ideas:

- The theological virtue of faith is a gift from God that is given at the moment of Baptism. Faith helps us to believe and follow all that is revealed to us by God.
- Faith without works is dead; our faith is meant to help us make good decisions and guide our everyday actions.
- Being a disciple of Christ includes sharing our faith and love of the Lord with others.

Catechism Reference:

“Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us, and that Holy Church proposes for our belief, because he is truth itself. By faith ‘man freely commits his entire self to God.’ For this reason the believer seeks to know and do God’s will. ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’ Living faith ‘work[s] through charity.’ (CCC 1814)

Scripture Reference:

“Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” (James 2:17)

Family Reflection Questions:

- What was your favorite part of tonight’s Edge Night?
- How is faith like a spark?
- What can we do to grow in faith?
- How can a stronger faith help us in our day to day life?

GROUNDED

An Edge Night on Hope

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Main Ideas:

- The theological virtue of hope transforms our hearts from desiring the things of this world, to desiring the joys of heaven.
- Hope sustains us in times of great trial and suffering; it helps us to remember that Christ never abandons us and is faithful to His promises.
- Jesus has given us the Beatitudes as blueprints for finding genuine happiness on earth.

Catechism Reference:

“Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. ‘Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.’ ‘The Holy Spirit . . . he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.’” (CCC 1817)

Scripture Reference:

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.” (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Family Reflection Questions:

- What was your favorite part of tonight’s Edge Night?
- How does hope ground us?
- How do faith and hope work together?
- How does hope affect our day to day life?
- What can we do to grow in the virtue of hope?

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Main Ideas:

- The theological virtue of charity moves us from obeying God out of obligation, to obeying God out of love and thus actually *desiring* to do His will.
- Jesus is the perfect model of charity; His death upon the cross was the greatest act of love the world has ever seen.
- Christ wishes to set our hearts ablaze with love for both God and for others so that we would do all things from a place of humility and selflessness.

Catechism Reference:

“Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.” (CCC 1822)

Scripture Reference:

“He who does not love does not know God; for God is love.” (1 John 4:8)

Family Reflection Questions:

- What was your favorite part of tonight’s Edge Night?
- Why do you think love is the greatest of the theological virtues?
- How do faith, hope, and charity all work together?
- How does charity affect our day to day life?
- What can we do to grow in the virtue of charity?

INFUSED

An Edge Social Night on Living the Virtues

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Dear Parents and Family,

We enjoyed having you join us for the Edge *Family Series* tonight. Please use this to follow up with your youth this week or, if you were not able to join us, here is a brief recap of what happened. The Edge Night began with a couple of fun games. There was a short teaching which focused on how the theological virtues change our lives. The parents and youth also had an opportunity to pray together in Eucharistic Adoration. The Edge Night ended with snacks and refreshments around a campfire.

Main Ideas:

- The theological virtues help us to enter into a living relationship with the Holy Trinity.
- These virtues were infused into us at Baptism, but we must unwrap them and allow them to grow within us.
- These virtues will change our lives for the better, conforming us more perfectly to God's will.

Catechism Reference:

"The theological virtues are the foundation of Christian moral activity; they animate it and give it its special character. They inform and give life to all the moral virtues. They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life. They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being. There are three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity." (CCC 1813)

Scripture Reference:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Family Reflection Questions:

- What was your favorite part of this Edge Night series?
- What does it mean that the virtues are infused in our souls?
- How can the virtues help our relationship with God?
- What can we do to unwrap the gift of these virtues in our lives?
- What is one new thing we can do as a family to put these virtues into practice?