
POWER UP

An Edge Night on Grace, Justification, and the Church

Parent Letter

Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge, your son or daughter played a racing game with a twist that shows them the power of grace. The teaching taught the youth about God's initiation of salvation and our response of participation in His grace and touches on the precepts of the Catholic Church, which offer a starting point for that participation. The youth then had time to talk specifically about how they can actively participate in the Divine Life of God. At the end of the Edge Night, the youth were reminded that Jesus takes on our sins and reconciles us, concluding with Veneration of the Cross.

Main Ideas:

- Jesus died and rose from the dead for our salvation. It is by His grace that we may enter heaven.
- In order to receive the free gift of grace, all that is required is our participation; we must respond to God's call.
- The precepts of the Catholic Church give us a starting point for participation in the Divine Life of God.

Catechism Reference:

"The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor: ... 'You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor' ... 'You shall confess your sins at least once a year' ... 'You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season' ... 'You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church' ... 'You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church' ..." (CCC 2041-2043)

Scripture Reference:

"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2)

Family Reflection Questions:

- What did Jesus do for us when He died on the cross?
- What is grace? How does it work in our lives?
- Which precepts of the Church stood out to you the most?
- What did you learn about living out your Catholic faith in your daily life?