

Church and Home: One in Spirit

A “Scavenger Hunt” for Sunday School Families

To launch the Diocesan theme of “Church and Home: One in Spirit” the St. Leon Sunday School (Fair Lawn, NJ) conducted a beautiful project that involved all their families. The results were fantastic. IF YOU’RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT, CREATIVE, AND ALL-INCLUSIVE, PLEASE TRY THIS! And our thanks to the dynamic leaders of St. Leon Sunday School, including, among others, Superintendent Andrea Carden, for their energy and enthusiasm.

Each Sunday School family is provided with a scavenger hunt list, a camera and spiral bound photo album (with a space on the cover for them to fill in their names) to complete the Church and Home – One Spirit project. They are to use the camera to take pictures as directed in the Scavenger Hunt list or gather pictures they already have. Once families complete the list, they can print photos and assemble the album. You might want to organize an opening meeting with all parents (or families) to distribute albums and cameras and provide instructions, (such as: they can use scrap booking techniques or decorate in any way they wish). They may also include other pictures in their book that go along with the theme of Church and Home – One Spirit. Plan an event – perhaps Easter communion or some other special day, for families to bring in their albums so they – and the rest of the parish – can enjoy the results. Here’s the list.

Take a picture or use a picture you have of

1. your family at dinner saying a prayer before eating
2. your family sitting together in a pew at church
3. your family with your priest
4. your family on the outside steps of the church
5. your family at the grave of a deceased family member
6. each family Sunday School child in his/her Sunday School class
7. your family at home reading the Bible
8. each child family member saying bedtime prayer
9. five things your family likes about church (i.e. taking communion, lighting candles, coffee hospitality, playing on the church grounds, singing the hymns, etc.)
10. three things you have at home that are similar to three things in our church (a total of six pictures) (i.e. candle, cross, incense, Bible, wine, stained glass, pictures, curtains, doors, hanging lanterns, flowers, coffee and bagels, etc.)
11. a picture of a service at church (wedding, baptism, badarak, etc.)
12. a picture of a deacon or choir member or Sunday School teacher
13. a picture of your family’s home and your church family’s home
14. a picture of each child with his/her godparent(s)