EVERLASTING

An Edge Night on One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic

Parent Letter

Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge your son or daughter learned the story of St. John Vianney. The Edge Night was broken into four mini Edge Nights, each covering one of the marks of the Catholic Church. Each mini Edge Night consisted of a quick game, a five minute teaching, and three small group questions. The youth remained in their small groups throughout the Edge Night, and the Edge Night ended with the youth praying the Peace Prayer of St. Francis.

For more support in your journey as a parent be sure to check out our Parent Life website at Itparentlife.com!

Main Ideas:

- The Church is united as one. All Catholic churches around the world are a part of the one Church. (CCC 813-816)
- The Church is holy because Jesus is holy. Jesus is always present in the Church and the Catholic Church has the fullness of salvation. (CCC 823-830)
- The Church is Catholic, or "universal," and recognizes goodness in and some similarities with other religions, but the Church holds that the fullness of the truth remains in the Catholic Church. (CCC 843-846)
- The Church is apostolic, which means that it was founded on the apostles. (CCC 857)

Catechism Reference:

"This is the sole Church of Christ, which in the Creed we profess to be one, holy, catholic and apostolic." These four characteristics, inseparably linked with each other, indicate essential features of the Church and her mission. The Church does not possess them of herself; it is Christ who, through the Holy Spirit, makes his Church one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, and it is he who calls her to realize each of these qualities." (CCC 811)

Scripture Reference:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Family Reflection Questions:

- What stood out to you the most about St. John Vianney?
- What mark of the Church mini Edge Night did you like the best? Why?
- Why is it important for us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with other people?