

PARENT-CHILD DISCUSSION

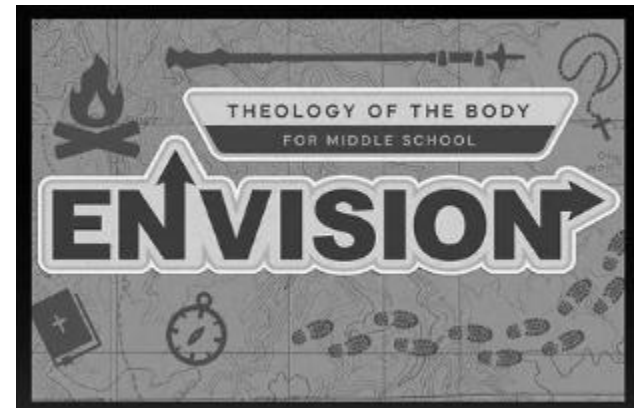
Parent/Guardian:

Discuss any or all of the following with your child and write one “take away” from your conversation.

1. God calls each of us to love in a special way through a specific vocation. What are your thoughts about which vocation you might be called to—marriage, priesthood, religious brother/sister?
2. Who is someone you know (not a celebrity) who seems to be truly happy and fulfilled? Why do you think that is?

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Name: _____



PREP LEVEL 7

LESSON 7: VOCATION TO HOLINESS



Attend a weekend Mass and complete the following:

- Church Name: _____
- Date of Mass: _____
- A phrase or concept that caught my attention during one of the readings or in the homily was...

_____.
- One thing I noticed during Mass (I saw/heard/felt) was...

_____.
- "Go in peace." We are sent out into the world to share the Good News of Jesus. I was able to do this at home, at school, or somewhere else by...

_____.

Talents, Desires, and Discernment

Work It Out

Author and theologian Frederick Buechner was speaking of vocation when he said, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." One key to discernment is identifying the personal gifts God has given you. These may include abilities (like being a great writer or athlete) and strengths (like being a good listener or seeing the good in others). Talents are often connected to our desires, interests, and things that bring us joy.

Journal with the following reflection questions to help you identify your gifts:

- What are the things that other people come to you for (for example, help with homework, advice, amazing baked goods)?
- What do you love doing so much that you could do it for hours?
- What are some meaningful compliments that you have received over the years?
- What subjects do you love talking about?
- What brings you the greatest joy?