

St. Felix Faith Formation

Homework Instructions

Get ready to explore *Adoro Te Devote*, an amazing hymn by St. Thomas Aquinas! It's all about how much he loves and adores Jesus in the Eucharist, even though it's a total mystery that's hard to understand. Your mission is to take one verse and make it your own.

Here's the plan:

1. **Read the whole hymn first.** Then read it again. Get a feel for what St. Thomas is trying to say.
2. **Zero in on your assigned verse.** Read it a few times, nice and slow. Let it sink in!
3. **Think about the reflection questions and jot down your answers.** (Aim for 2-3 sentences for each.)
4. **Rewrite your verse in your own words.** Pretend you're explaining it to a friend. Keep it real and make it yours, but try to stay true to what St. Thomas meant.

Why are we doing this?

By thinking about these questions and rewriting the verse, you'll get a better grasp of what it means to have faith, especially when it comes to the Eucharist. Plus, you'll see how it connects to your own life.

What's next?

Bring your answers and your rewritten verse to class on December 4th. We'll chat about what we all discovered, and then we'll put all of our verses together to make our own class version of *Adoro Te Devote*!

Adoro Te Devote

Verse 1

Jesus God in hiding, Whom I do adore
Masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more
See, Lord, at Thy service, lo lies here a heart
Lost, all lost in wonder, at the God Thou art.

Verse 2

Seeing, touching, tasting, easily deceived
But faith that comes by hearing, that shall be believed
What God's Son has told me, I take for truth I do
For Truth Himself speaks truly, or there's nothing true.

Verse 3

On the cross Thy Godhead made no sign to men
Here Thy very manhood steals from human ken
Both are my confession, both are my belief
And I pray the prayer of the dying thief.

Verse 4

I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see
But I plainly call You Lord and God as he
Lead me to a deeper faith, daily nearer move
Daily make me hope more, daily make me love.

Verse 5

Oh Thou our reminder of Christ crucified
Living Bread, the life of us for whom He died
Lend this life to me then, satisfy my mind
There be all the sweetness man was meant to find.

Verse 6

Bring the tender tale true of the Pelican
Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what thy bosom ran
Blood whereof a single drop has power to win
All the world forgiveness of its world of sin.

Verse 7

Savior, Whom I look at shrouded here below
God I beg You, send me what I thirst for so
Only just to see You, face to face in light
And be blest for ever with Thy glory's sight.
Amen.