

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



KIT



2024

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WHAT IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY ?

Catechetical Sunday began as an opportunity for catechists, parents and guardians to recommit themselves to the mission of catechesis, and to celebrate and affirm in them this great vocation, as a community of faith. The celebration of Catechetical Sunday came as a response to a document produced by the Vatican, all the way back in 1935 – *“On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education”*. In this document was a call for the worldwide Church to not only acknowledge the importance of this teaching ministry, but to also honour our catechists, who serve the Christian community.

WHEN IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2024 ?

This year, Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on 28 January 2024!



WHAT IS THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR ?

This year's theme is *“We are Stewards of God's Creation”*. You are invited to reflect more deeply on this theme by reading the *Catechetical Sunday Message*, prepared by our Malaysian Catechetical Commission!



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LET'S COUNT SUCCULENTS!

Succulents, as little as they may be, still contribute to humanity and the environment in many ways. One of which is producing the oxygen that we breathe! Likewise, as little as WE may be, we can still make a difference wherever we are; in our schools, churches and homes. And so, what's a small thing I can do, to make a difference?



ORIGAMI CHURCH

Patience, focus, and attention to detail. These are but a few things we can learn from the art of Origami! As we take our time carefully creating our little masterpiece, let us be reminded of the care God took in creating us, HIS MASTERPIECES! Everyone, saint or sinner, is wonderfully made, and loved beyond measure. Let us not turn away from those in need, but instead, seek ways to empathise, embrace, and empower those less fortunate than ourselves!

WHAT DO I NEED?

- Adult Supervision
- Coloured Paper
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Scissors



WHAT DO I DO?

1. Prepare a piece of coloured paper.
2. With a ruler and a pencil, draw a square that is 15 cm x 15 cm in size. If you would like it a little bigger, you could also draw one that is 20 cm x 20 cm, instead!
3. Using scissors, cut out the square you just drew with the pencil. You now have a perfect square piece of paper!
4. Ask your adult to play the YouTube video linked here:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7suetd>
5. Follow the instructions closely. You may pause or slow the video down as needed.
6. Display your Origami Church somewhere in your home!

HOW CAN I HELP?



"EACH ONE OF YOU HAS RECEIVED A SPECIAL GRACE, SO, LIKE GOOD STEWARDS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THESE VARIED GRACES OF GOD, PUT IT AT THE SERVICE OF OTHERS." 1 PETER 4:10

(my name)

WE ARE STEWARDS



OF GOD'S CREATION

_____ (my name)

GROWING IN GENEROSITY!

Generosity involves giving without counting the cost. This means giving without expecting any recognition or reward. Being generous is a virtue, and an incredibly selfless thing to do that shows our care and compassion for others. Virtues are essentially good habits, and there's only one way to form good habits, and that's by practice!

Catechists / Parents: You are invited to cut out each of the cards below, and allow your children to select one at random for them to do or practice!



DONATE TOYS / GADGETS!

If there are toys or gadgets you haven't used in over a year, consider donating them!



PETITION!

Do you know someone who might be struggling or in need? Consider praying for them!



DONATE A PORTION OF MY ALLOWANCE!

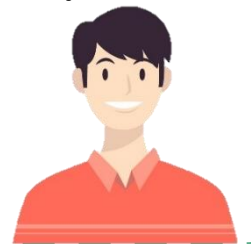
Consider setting aside a portion of your allowance, for a charity of your choice!



HOST A

FUNDRAISER BIRTHDAY!

Instead of receiving gifts just for yourself, consider asking for donations to a charity of your choice!



HOLD THE DOOR!

This simple gesture allows us to grow in compassion and care for others!



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

Consider practicing the 3 R's as much as you can!



WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE!

Thank someone who has made an impact on your life, or in the lives of others!



CLEAN UP!

Consider cleaning an indoor or outdoor common space used by others!



A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

FROM POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL LAUDATO SI'

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.*

*Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

*O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.*

*Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.*

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature as we journey
towards your infinite light.*

*We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.*

Amen.

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