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Adult Guide

Week Four



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It's the final week!

Well, this is the last week of the retreat for your teen. Hopefully you, your teen, and the rest of your family have had GREATER faith conversations.

See what we did there?

As we begin this week, keep the momentum going. Keep that energy and positivity up and continue to encourage your teen to get the most they can out of it!

That goes for you too! Hopefully you've taken this as an opportunity to look at your own faith life and make a plan to dive deeper into a relationship with Christ.

After this retreat is over, continue to have those faith conversations. The conversation starters were great springboards to open up those doors to share with each other. Maybe this has helped you and your family be more comfortable sharing with each other!

And lastly, thank you again. Whether you were accompanying your child or you Confirmation Candidate, thank you for being an important model of faith and love to our young church.

Best Practices

Use these quick tips to help your teen have the best online retreat experience ever:

- ➡ Pray for your teen every day.
- ➡ Be enthusiastic!
- ➡ Carve out some dedicated time for your teen to be “on retreat”
- ➡ Check in with them daily.
- ➡ Ask questions. This helps them process the information and their thoughts and feelings.
- ➡ Encourage them to set up a dedicated prayer space.
- ➡ Give yourself and your teen the grace to fall and get back up.
- ➡ Attend Mass
- ➡ Go to Confession

Reminders

- ➡ YOU are doing a GREAT job!
- ➡ Your teen loves you and wants you to be part of their faith journey.
- ➡ This is not confirmation class. This is a virtual retreat experience to get to know Jesus better.
- ➡ You are welcome to join your teen for any and all of it, but are not required to be there.
- ➡ Don't forget the conversation starters! It's important for your teen to be able to talk about what he is experiencing, thinking, and feeling.
- ➡ Make this fun! Enjoy it together.

Week Four – Greater Mission

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live out the Great Commission. He puts you, me, and every other disciple on a path for mission. Every one of us. Every day. What does it mean to be on mission? How does it happen? And how do we know if we are doing it “right”?



Experiencing a Personal Pentecost

We need to experience a personal Pentecost to empower us to move out of the upper room and head out to set the world on fire!

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Unrepeatable

We are each unrepeatable creations equipped with a unique set of natural gifts and supernatural charisms. These qualities are God's way of calling each of us into living our greater mission.

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Am I Doing it Right?

In this video, we explore the fruit and the blessings of what happens to us when we are living out our greater mission by explaining and reflecting on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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Prayer Intentions

Take some time to talk about some prayer intentions for this week. In what ways do you hope God moves in your teen this week? In what ways does your teen hope God moves in him or her this week? What do you want to see God do in your family this week? Write those and anything else below.

Conversation Starters

Below are conversation starters for each session. They are designed to encourage deeper conversation with your teen and help them continue to process the information and apply it to their lives. Use these as a springboard. If you come up with your own questions, that's great too!

Session One

1. Have you ever been afraid of your gifts?
2. Has anyone ever asked you to pray with them? How did or would you react?
3. What blessings have you seen come out of prayer?

Session Two

1. When was a time you felt peace and joy in your life?
2. What are some of your strengths?
3. How are you being sent out?

Session Three

1. Can people around you tell that you're a Christian by your actions?
2. What is something you are struggling with you need peace for?
3. Do you love yourself?

Daily Prompts

Below are the daily prompts that your teen will reflect on during the week. You are invited to do any and all of them yourself. It would also be a good way to engage in deeper faith conversations with your teen.

Day Two

"The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

(Pope Benedict XVI)

How can you live a life of greatness for the Lord?

Day Three

"What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return."

(Pope Saint John Paul II)

In what ways has your love for Christ grown during this retreat? How have you seen Christ love you?

Day Four

"Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry"

(St. Padre Pio)

In what ways are you worried about entering back into daily life? Journal about these things and give them to Jesus, who is Peace.

Day Five

Jesus said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."

(Mark 16:15)

Who in your life will you share the Gospel with?

Day Six

"Prayer is the oxygen of the soul."

(St. Padre Pio)

What prayer are you going to commit to after this retreat?

Day Seven

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

What are 3 things you're grateful for because of this retreat?

Reflect

This section is an opportunity for your personal reflection. Use the questions below to reflect, or write whatever else is on your heart. You do not need to share this with your teen, but you can if you want to.

- ➡ Who do you go to that challenges you to grow in your faith?
- ➡ What gifts do *you* see working in your life?

➡ What is your own personal Pentecost?