

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS *in the* ARCHDIOCESE *of* NEW YORK

Faith-Based.Future-Focused.

## Catholic Identity Newsletter October 2023

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New York is to ensure our schools are Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life-long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another.

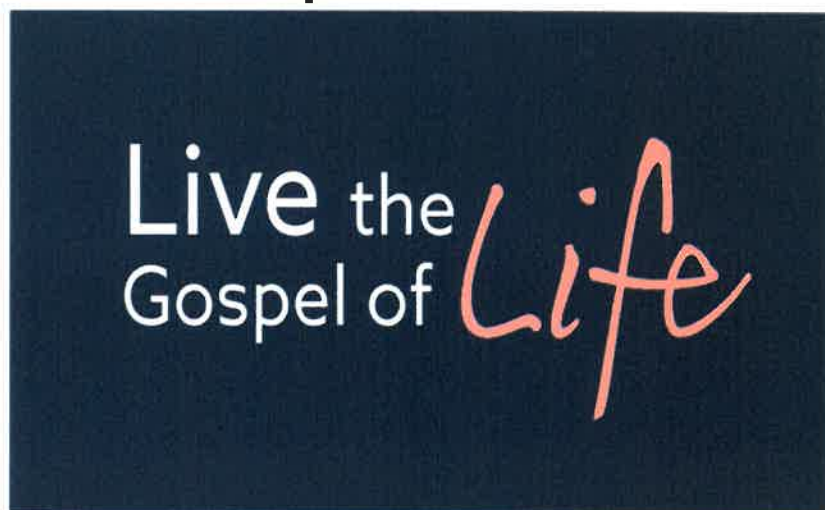
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### Respect Life Month



### Values Infusion Program

Value for the Month: Respect

Scripture Verse: ***Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.***  
(Matthew 7:12)

Liturgical Time of Year: Ordinary Time

### October Feast Days

10/1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus	10/17	St. Ignatius of Antioch
10/4	St. Francis of Assisi	10/18	St. Luke, Evangelist
10/5	St. Faustina	10/19	Sts. John of Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues
10/6	St. Bruno	10/20	St. Paul of the Cross
10/7	Our Lady of the Rosary	10/22	Pope St. John Paul II
10/11	Pope St. John XXIII	10/24	St. Anthony Mary Claret
10/14	Pope St. Callistus I	10/28	Sts. Simon and Jude
10/15	St. Teresa of Avila		

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**Pope Francis' Intention for the Month of October**

**For the Synod**

***We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue  
as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be  
guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.***

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Your school is cordially invited to participate in a National effort to support the Missions through the Missionary Childhood Association in honor of St. Thérèse of Lisieux whose feast day is Sunday, October 1st. During the month of October, students from across the country will give \$2 to the Missions and dress down for the day. Please see the attached flyer which you may use to advertise this day of giving. Instructions on creating an account as well as a letter from Cardinal Dolan are also included.

Here are some inspirational quotes from St. Thérèse:

**Monday:**

**BE KIND**

**"Kindness is my only guiding star. In its light, I sail a straight route."**

**Tuesday:**

**BE CARING**

**"A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a hopeless soul."**

**Wednesday:**

**BE HONEST**

**"I can nourish myself on nothing but truth."**

**Thursday:**

**BE HOPEFUL**

**"In spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint."**

**Friday:**

**BE FAITHFUL**

**"Let us not grow tired of prayer: faith works miracles"**

NATIONAL

LITTLE WAY  
DRESS  
UP DAY

On October 1st, we celebrate the feast of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. Even though she never left the convent, she is the patroness of the Missions. We too, can support the Missions from wherever we are in the world.

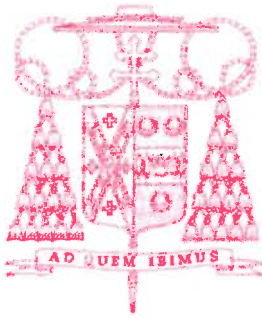
GIVE \$2

TO DRESS UP AND SUPPORT THE MISSIONS

INSERT  
DATE

WEAR THE  
COLORS OF  
THE WORLD  
MISSION  
ROSARY

Donations can be sent to  
Propagation of the Faith, 1011 First Avenue, NY 10022



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL  
1011 FIRST AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

August 2, 2023  
Month of the Queenship of Mary

My Cherished School Principals and Directors of Religious Education:

One of the abundant causes for joy I observe in our schools and religious education is the invitation given our children and students to sacrifice and donate to causes serving the poor.

Those of you my vintage will recall that a fundraising priority in our schools and programs was always the *missions*, the Church's duty to evangelize the nations, and support the young, struggling and poor churches around the globe. Daily would we be invited to share our pennies for the *missions*.

Please do not let this tradition go extinct! However you can help - - "passing the mite box," projects, whatever, keep it up!

Such offerings can always best be sent to our own *Mission* office here at the archdiocese. Monsignor Marc Filacchione, our local director, can help with ideas, especially through the *Missionary Childhood Association*.

Thanks for your attention.

A blessed new academic year!

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York



*One Family  
In Mission*

## HOW TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT? CLASSROOM MATERIALS FOR MISSION EDUCATION

1. Go to <https://onefamilyinmission.org>
2. Click resources
3. Click Parish MCA Resources
4. Scroll down and click [orderclassroommaterials](#)
5. Don't have an account? Register now
6. Use a valid email account as your username
7. Fill all that apply for you
8. Submit your information
9. You will receive an email confirmation with an activation link shortly. You will not be able to access your account until you click on this link and you will be ready to use your account.
10. Go to Home icon to check the materials, 10.00 dollars shipping fee applies for your order

Thank you for your missionary efforts  
Enjoy- Pray- Support- Announce

Mission Education Office  
Missionary Childhood Association  
Archdiocese of New York



# NEW PROGRAM FOR MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD MITE BOXES

## MCA Mite Box Program (NEW\*\*)

**Scripturally inspired by Jesus' parable of the "Widow's Mite" (Luke 2:1-4; Mark 12:41-44), this newly designed Mite Box Program is designed to encourage young people in our Religious Education Programs & Schools. They may be used for sacrificial giving during Advent, Lent, and World Mission Month (October), and in Ordinary Time.**

This new Program was prepared and designed through a consultative process led by Missionary Childhood Association (Arch)Diocesan Coordinators across the country.

As for the contents of the MCA Mite Box Program:

- Each Mite Box comes with a bookmark with an MCA prayer, and a small poster where young people meet the children in the Missions helped by their prayers and sacrifices.
- For every 25 Mite Boxes ordered, there is a large poster for classroom use.
- Posters (large and small) and bookmarks are in English and Spanish.

All materials are shipped together and are free no matter how much material is ordered. There is a \$10. shipping fee for any weight.

*Mite Boxes for the Archdiocese of New York are personalized for the Archdiocese. First-time requests for mite boxes, please select Archdiocese of New York from the dropdown menu; if you do not see your (arch) diocese, please select "generic."*

*Please remember The Society for the Propagation of the Faith  
When writing or changing your Will*

# October is the Month of the Rosary



## Ideas for teaching how to pray the Rosary:

- ♦ All Religion textbooks offer instructions on praying the Rosary. It is generally found in the back of the book with other Catholic prayers.
- ♦ Here are some links to creative ways for children to pray and experience this wonderful devotion:
- ♦ This link offers suggestions that will appeal to all “intelligences”...  
<https://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2016/10/creative-ways-to-pray-the-rosary>
- ♦ Teachers can download this Rosary Activity from Sadlier on the link below:  
<https://go.sadlier.com/religion/rosary-activity>
- ♦ Parents may want to pray with their children. Here’s a link for them:  
<https://teachingcatholickids.com/13-tips-for-praying-the-rosary-with-kids/>

## Curriculum...

**October** Pacing Guides (**Guides** for Instruction):

### PreK

Respect Life  
Catechesis of the  
Good Shepherd

### Grade K

Respect Life  
Parables of Mustard Seed/  
Pearl of Great Price  
The Annunciation  
The Visitation  
God Made all People.  
God Made the Animals.

### Grade 1

Respect Life  
Created in God's  
Image  
Good Stewardship  
Children of God  
Truthfulness

### Grade 2

Respect Life  
Mary - our Mother  
Mary - Mother of Jesus  
Mary received a special grace.  
Mary - free from all sin

### Grade 3

Respect Life  
Multiplication/Loaves  
Widow's Son  
Lord's Prayer  
Jesus Healed  
Jesus-sent by Father  
Love/Christian  
Community

### Grade 4

Respect Life  
Examination of Conscience  
Prayer  
Creation  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
Virtue  
Holiness

### Grade 5

Respect Life  
Sacraments/Initiation  
Common Vocation  
Common Mission  
Baptism  
Confirmation

### Grade 6

Respect Life  
Noah and the Flood  
Abraham's Call  
Covenant  
Sacrifice of Isaac  
Jacob and Esau

### Grade 7

Respect Life  
Challenges to Growth  
Jesus/Gospel Message  
Introduction to Scripture  
Introduction to Jesus

### Grade 8

Respect Life  
Jesus' Teaching on the Commandments  
Jesus' Teaching on Love  
Journey from 100 AD to 500 A.D.  
Journey from 500 AD to 1000 A.D.

## RESOURCES (found at: [catholicschoolsnyc.org](http://catholicschoolsnyc.org) under Staff Access)

### Guidelines - Religion Curriculum (Religion is taught 5 Days a Week in all Grades.)

Pre-K and K - *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

Grade 1 through Grade 8

Guidelines for grades 1-6 have been formatted using *Core Content*, *Christian Living*, *Sacred Scripture* and *Prayer and Worship*.

Grades 7-8

Guidelines have been organized in units according to faith themes. Each of the units has been developed using *Basic Teachings* and *Prayer Experience*.

### Pacing Guides

The Pacing Guides are guides for instruction. They are intended to help teachers in organizing their instruction of the content of the Religion Guidelines.

### Sophia Institute Lesson Plans

Ready made lesson plans for Grades 3 through 8 were specifically prepared for the ADNY by the Sophia Institute. Included with these lesson plans are teacher strategies, as well as, hands-on activities, sacred art and discussion guides.

### Catechist Formation Program

Information and instructions for the certification process are available on this site. (All full time teachers are required to be certified as catechists.)

### Values Infusion Program

Resources for the 2023-2024 program are available. These resources include values and scripture verses for each month, as well as, suggestions for prayer and how your school community can express Catholic culture in ways related to the liturgical calendar.