

Young Apprentices

A RESOURCE FOR THE RCIA

MYSTAGOGY: REMAIN IN ME

Fifth Sunday of Easter • Year B • April 28, 2024

Jesus,
you are the vine
and we are the branches.

Without you we can do nothing.

Help us to remain in you
by listening to your Word
and by honoring your commands.
Amen.



Sunday Word

Acts 9:26-31

Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

The above readings are available at
usccb.org/bible/readings.

To Help You Remember



1. Saul shared with the disciples how he had seen the Lord. The Church was at peace.
2. God commands us to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another.
3. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. We are called to bear much fruit and to become his disciples.

In accord with the *Code of Canon Law*, I hereby grant the *Imprimatur* ("Permission to Publish") regarding the publication of *Young Apprentices: A Resource for the RCIA*.
Most Reverend Joseph R. Binzer, Auxiliary Bishop, Vicar General • Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio • January 30, 2015.

The *Imprimatur* ("Permission to Publish") is a declaration that the work is considered to be free of doctrinal or moral error.

It is not implied that those who have granted the *Imprimatur* agree with the contents, opinions or statements expressed.

Artwork by Michael O'Neill McGrath, OSFS. Copyright ©2001, 2002, World Library Publications, wlpmusic.com. All rights reserved. Used by permission.



With My Family

Deepen

The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil was the beginning point of a lifelong journey as a disciple of Jesus. In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “Remain in me, as I remain in you.” How will you remain in Christ as your journey of faith continues? What are you already doing to stay strong in your faith in him? What more can you do to remain in him?

With your family, talk about what it means to remain in Christ. Discuss ways that family members can support one another in growing in and remaining strong in faith. Invite family members to talk about what Jesus meant when he said, “I remain in you.” How does Jesus remain in you?

Meditate

God has given us the Ten Commandments to guide us in living moral lives. But in today’s Second Reading, we hear one commandment only: “Believe in the name of [God’s] Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.”

With your family, share what it means to believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Talk about how you put your faith in him. Continue to honor the name of Jesus Christ by praying the Litany of the Holy Name at dinnertime every day this week.

Share

The second part of the commandment given in the Second Reading (1 John 3:18-24) is to “love one another just as he commanded us.”

With your family, do the BRANCHES activity you did at this week’s RCIA gathering. This time, use the letters of the word BRANCHES to describe ways to love one another as Christ commands us to do. For example, the letter “I” could stand for **Invite** the next-door neighbor to dinner.

Do!

1. Do something every day to remain in or stay connected to Jesus.
2. Keep looking for opportunities every day to love others as Jesus commanded us to do.

With your family, create small green leaves to attach to or lay near the vine you have placed on your family prayer table or kitchen table. This week, each time a family member does something to remain in Christ or each time a family member shows God’s love to others, invite that family member to attach a green leaf to the vine. As a family, pray, **“Jesus, you are the vine and we are the branches. Help us to remain in you. Amen.”**

Pray

Continue praying as a family the prayer on the front of this page. Keep this prayer for times when you need more faith, times when you are tempted to give in to doubt.