

## Session 2: In His Presence

September 30-October 3, 2024

Queen of Apostles Confirmation Preparation 2024-2025

Times listed are for Monday evenings (mostly Track A)

*red notations* (for table-leader catechists on Mondays; teacher directs in Religion classes)

*purple Track B notations* (leadership & recommended adaptations for Religion classes)

### This session's objectives:

- To encourage candidates to trust in God and recognize large and small challenges to their faith
- To introduce the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in preparation for "Rise Up" & lifelong prayer
- To explore who Jesus is through various signs and symbols in Catholic tradition

### This session's program:

	<u>Time</u>	<u>A Start</u>
<b>1. Name-tag pick-up; greeting catechists</b>	0-5 min	6:45
<i>- as enter both days, candidates invited to <u>bless selves w/ holy water</u> (as when entering church)</i>		
<i>- catechists determine when enough are present/settled at table to continue w/ warm-up activity</i>		
<b>2. Warm-up activity</b> – share journal pp. vii-viii	At Tables/Groups 5 min	6:50
<b>Track A should do more of an icebreaker: "One Thing About Me"</b>		
<i>- each member, including catechists, shares name &amp; one fact about themselves which most people don't know: "My name is Rachel and I never really learned how to whistle."</i>		
<i>- follow each fact with group response: "Thank you, God, for the gift of [Name]."</i>		
<i>- draw <u>prompts</u> from cup in center of table if not sure what fact to share</i>		
<b>3. Opening Prayer</b> (Act of Faith, top of p. 108 in textbook)	Rachel/Joe/Anne 5 min	6:55
<b>4. Belief, Trust and Faith</b> using PowerPoint presentation		
Group reflection plus <a href="#">Trust in God illustration video</a> Rachel/Joe/Anne 15 min 7:00		
<b>5. Table/Pair Discussion on Trust</b> (4 Qs from slide deck)	At Tables/Pairs 5 min	7:10
<b>6. Meeting Jesus in the Eucharist: Seen and Unseen</b>	Rachel/Joe/Anne 5 min	7:15
<i>- recall image from video: being face-to-face, keeping your eyes on Jesus; trusting that he has your back even when human logic tells us this must be absurd</i>		
<i>- going to experience Eucharistic Adoration at Rise Up -- quiet time to speak to Jesus face-to-face, in the form of the Bl. Sacrament, the same Body of Christ we receive at Mass, on display!</i>		
<b>7. Adoration Video: Personal Witnesses</b>	Rachel/Joe/Anne 5 min	7:20
<b>8. Prayer Meditation: Our Eyes Fixed on Jesus</b> led by Rachel/Joe/Anne	5-10 min	7:25
<i>- recall image from Trust Fall video: be face-to-face, keep eyes on Jesus; trust that he has your back even when logic tells us this must be absurd (Track B should do <u>part of song to save time</u>)</i>		
<i>- prayer with "<a href="#">"Turn Your Eyes"</a> (Lauren Daigle) and diverse pictures of the face of Jesus - can be prayed anytime with a smart phone &amp; Google Image Search – choose your own face of Jesus</i>		
<b>9. Instructions for Breakout</b>	Rachel/Joe/Anne 5 min	7:35
<b>10. Reading the Church Breakout</b>	At Tables/Groups 20-25 min	7:45
<i>- each table/group reviews photos of images relating to Jesus, found in our 2 churches</i>		
<i>- what is the image? what might it mean? how does it connect to who Jesus is or what he does?</i>		
<b>11. Rite of Enrollment run-through</b>	Rachel/Joe/Anne 5-10 min	8:10
<b>12. Reminders &amp; Closing Prayer</b>	Rachel/Joe/Anne 10 min	8:20
<i>- Adapted <a href="#">Divine Praises</a> &amp; meditation song "<a href="#">"Brave"</a>,</i>		
<i>- during meditation song, <u>bless selves with Holy Water at prayer space &amp; ask for greater faith</u></i>		

### Homework for Candidates:

- read/do pages 22, 23, 24 and 25 in your journal
- sign and have parent(s) sign the **Discipleship Commitment** (beige paper) **due next week!**
- all Confirmation candidates (students preparing to be Confirmed this year) come to **Rite of Enrollment** at any parish Mass this weekend, 10/5-10/6; dress appropriately; arrive 15 minutes early to check in & get handout; sit with family; receive Bibles and a blessing up in sanctuary after Homily
- bring new **Bibles** and all other materials (**book, journal, folder**) to next classes:
  - o Monday 10/7 (Track A) and Wed. 10/9 & Thurs. 10/10 (Track B)