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Discipleship Journey to Confirmation

Use this booklet to record your thoughts and reflections on how you lived as a disciple of Jesus in the everyday relationships that make up your life. Your reflections will be part of the interview before Confirmation. The reflections are broken into different categories of discipleship depending upon expectations:

<i>Essential Discipleship</i> <i>Non-negotiable have to's</i>	<i>Ordinary Discipleship</i> <i>Everyday expectations</i>	<i>Urgent Discipleship</i> <i>Everybody's gotta help!</i>	<i>Intentional Discipleship</i> <i>What YOU choose to do</i>
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3 Tips for understanding discipleship

1. Discipleship is a way of life, not an occasional service project.

When we choose to live as a disciple, we cease to be a volunteer. The difference between a disciple and a volunteer is the same as the difference between a parent versus a babysitter, or the true shepherd versus a hireling.

2. Discipleship is about WHO WE ARE, not what we do.

The relationship is essential and defining. Discipleship puts Jesus at the center of our decisions and actions and demands something more than just putting in time or checking off boxes. If God isn't part of the motivation, it's just another activity. Kind, maybe, and virtuous, but not done as a reflection of God's love for us.

3. You have it in you!

You have already been claimed by God at your baptism.
You have already been anointed as priest, prophet and king.
You are ready for this!
Come Holy Spirit!

Living Discipleship in my Family

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">E S S E N T I A L</p>	<p>Non-negotiable contributions</p> <p>As a member of a family, you have both rights and responsibilities that form the foundation of a family. Your essential responsibilities as a family member include:</p> <p>Prayer– We may not be THE Holy Family, but we are A holy family; we pray with and for each other.</p> <p>Love – You were created in love; treat your parents, siblings and others in the house with love and respect.</p> <p>Obedience – Honor your parents. (This Commandment comes straight from God!) Obey “house rules” at all times, even when alone. In this house, these rules apply!</p> <p>Presence – Show up (on time, when called or needed) and bring your best self.</p> <p>Participate fully in family functions – Listen! Respond! Pay attention to one another! Let love and respect guide your actions and words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - formally – when it’s your turn to help with chores, or dinner or if you’ve been asked to do something. - informally – pick up after yourself generally; take care of things that are out of place (don’t step over a dog mess in the house and hope someone else handles it). <p>Sharing / Give and Take - We share space and things, so take care of what we have and share (but don’t take what’s not yours without asking!).</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">O R D I N A R Y</p>	<p>Regular contributions to family life</p> <p>Each family member contributes to the happy family and to making our home a loving and safe place. Babies get by just by being cute, but others have to do things intentionally to show love and respect and to keep the household moving in the same direction. This is the everyday infrastructure of family life.</p> <p>Daily routines – Take care of daily routines on time and without complaint. Just DO it!</p> <p>Regular Chores – Do assigned chores on time and without complaint. Just DO it!</p> <p>Schoolwork – Schoolwork is a priority; homework and studying come before screens or playing</p> <p>Other activities - Another priority for my family is: _____</p> <p>Quality time together – Spend time together as a family without screens, just playing or hanging out together.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">U R G E N T</p>	<p>Extra contributions to family life – All Hands on Deck!</p> <p>Certain family events are so big or so unexpected that everyone’s help is needed to get through them. These may be planned or unexpected events, but when they happen, it’s all hands on deck!</p> <p>Family parties/gatherings - Big family events may require extra help in preparing the house/yard, cooking, cleaning up afterwards. It will not always be about you!</p> <p>Thanksgiving/Christmas – Big family events will need your help in preparing and hosting – that means being present and being polite and pleasant, even if your family bores you. Again, it is not always about you.</p> <p>Emergencies – if a major event like an illness, a storm, or some other unexpected event happens, you are expected to pitch in and help, no complaining. It’s just not about you!</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">I N T E N T I O N A L</p>	<p>Describe how you contributed intentionally to the life of your family in essential, regular and extra ways:</p>

Living Discipleship in my Parish

<p style="text-align: center;">E S S E N T I A L</p>	<p>Non-negotiable contributions</p> <p>As a member of a parish family, you have both rights and responsibilities that form the foundation of that faith community. Your essential responsibilities include:</p> <p>Mass – attend Mass every weekend to worship God. This is not about you; it’s about what you owe God.</p> <p>Participate fully at Mass – Listen! Respond! Sing! Pray! Greet one another joyfully!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - formally as a liturgical minister, for example, as an altar server, musician, lector, greeter, usher - informally by helping where needed - bringing forward the Offertory gifts, straightening pews after Mass <p>Sacraments – Receive the sacraments regularly for healing, strength and other graces. This IS about you!</p> <p>Personal Prayer/Study/Formation –Daily prayer builds your relationship with God and knowledge of scripture teaches you the stories of your faith and helps you to grow faith and understanding.</p> <p>Share the good news – Jesus commands us to go and make disciples of all nations, to share our faith!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">O R D I N A R Y</p>	<p>Regular contributions to parish life</p> <p>Members have lots of ways to use their gifts and talents to support St. Pius X through the many ministries that further our mission and outreach as a parish. This is the everyday infrastructure of parish life. They include:</p> <p>Caring for God’s house – Spend an hour once every 8 weeks with a team that cleans the church space, or help decorate the church as the liturgical seasons change. Tidy up the church and narthex as you leave Mass.</p> <p>Outreach: Francis House – Cook and/or deliver food to the Francis House on a regular schedule.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Pantry – Shop for and donate food to the parish pantry for neighborhood outreach.</p> <p>Fun, Fellowship & Fundraising: Pasta Friday, Pancake Breakfast – Help set up, serve, and/or clean up.</p> <p>Education: Knights Soda Bread – Help prepare soda bread as part of a fundraiser to support our education mission (the 5-day school).</p> <p>Seasonal: Adopt-A-Family, Fleece Blankets, Operation Baby Bottle, etc. – Help collect, deliver or otherwise participate in special activities to support parish outreach and justice work throughout the year.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">U R G E N T</p>	<p>Extra contributions to parish life – All Hands on Deck!</p> <p>Certain parish events are so big that they need everyone’s help to be successful. These projects start months in advance and require lots of positive energy and hard work in the days leading up to and on the day of the event as well as AFTER the event, when everyone just wants to go home.</p> <p>Fundraising: The Festival in June - the biggest single fundraiser for our parish.</p> <p>Outreach: The Annual Clothing Sale and Garage Sale in July - important parts of our outreach mission.</p> <p>Grounds clean-up – Annual spring and fall clean-up of the grounds around the church and school.</p> <p>Emergencies – Things happen. Sometimes, we just need all hands on deck to clean after a storm or disaster.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">I N T E N T I O N A L</p>	<p>Describe how you contributed intentionally to the life of your parish in essential, regular and extra ways:</p>

Living Discipleship in my Neighborhood

<p style="text-align: center;">E S S E N T I A L</p>	<p>Non-negotiable contributions</p> <p>Being a member of a neighborhood has both rights and responsibilities. The essential responsibilities of those who share a common living area are to:</p> <p>Be Courteous - Greet your neighbors! Even if it's just a nod of acknowledgement, a wave, or a friendly "Hi!"</p> <p>Be Considerate – Think about how your actions will affect those who live around you, in terms of their property, safety, and convenience.</p> <p>Be Kind – Help elderly, sick or disabled neighbors who could use a hand with garbage cans, yard work, or even getting the mail. Visit occasionally with those who appear to be isolated.</p> <p>Control and pick up after your pets – Just DO it!</p> <p>Ask before using/borrowing – Get permission to use a neighbor's space, yard, or any belongings.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">O R D I N A R Y</p>	<p>Regular contributions to my neighborhood</p> <p>Good neighbors make neighborhoods good. Considerate and friendly neighbors make a neighborhood more desirable and the good just ripples.</p> <p>Live by the Golden Rule – Be the kind of neighbor you would want to have in an emergency or every day. See something strange happening (Sprinkler geyser? Loose dog?) Alert an adult and let them check into it.</p> <p>Keep your yard neat – Weeds creep from your yard into your neighbor's; trash blows and attracts animals.</p> <p>Keep the sidewalks clear – Sidewalks are for everyone. Leaving toys, sporting equipment, or garbage cans the sidewalk forces everyone else to step off the path to get around them.</p> <p>Clean up after yourself – Pick up your trash and toys; return items to where they belong.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">U R G E N T</p>	<p>Extra contributions to my neighborhood – All Hands on Deck!</p> <p>Certain neighborhood events are so big or so unexpected that everyone's help is needed to get through them. These may be planned or unexpected events, but when they happen, it's all hands on deck!</p> <p>Neighborhood festivals and holidays – Special events like a Fourth of July parade and picnic require lots of hands and feet to decorate and set up before and clean up afterwards. These events may also be a time when older kids run games or otherwise keep the younger ones safely entertained.</p> <p>Emergencies – if a major event like a storm, power outage, flood, or some other unexpected event happens, you are expected to pitch in and help.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">I N T E N T I O N A L</p>	<p>Describe how you contributed intentionally to the life of your neighborhood in essential, ordinary, and extra ways:</p>

Living Discipleship in my Community

<p style="text-align: center;">E S S E N T I A L</p>	<p>Non-negotiable contributions</p> <p>As a citizen in a community, you have both rights and responsibilities. The essential responsibilities of members promote the safety and harmony of the whole. They include:</p> <p>Obey laws and posted signs – Laws exist to keep people safe, and to protect their rights and property.</p> <p>Respect others –All kinds of people live in cities, but regardless of their race, culture, religion, language or other differences, every person has the right to live in peace.</p> <p>Respect public property – Communal property belongs to everyone, and everyone must care for it so it can be used safely and to its fullest for its intended use. Damaging public property is like stealing from everyone else who could use it.</p> <p>Respect public spaces – Everyone has the same rights to access and enjoy communal space.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">O R D I N A R Y</p>	<p>Regular contributions to community life</p> <p>Community members have to contribute to the safe and efficient use of shared resources. Our actions in community are like the infrastructure that keeps lights on, water flowing and traffic moving smoothly:</p> <p>Exercise Common Courtesy - Public resources are limited, so be ready to take turns or share things and spaces with others who also want to enjoy them.</p> <p>Take care of our common home – Don’t litter; be considerate about noise; pick up after yourself. Just DO it!</p> <p>Speed/safety – Play your games in ways that don’t put others at risk.</p> <p>Render assistance – Be the Good Samaritan if someone is hurt; defend others against bullies.</p> <p>Common Good - When in doubt about an action, opt for the common good.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">U R G E N T</p>	<p>Extra contributions to community life</p> <p>Certain community events are so big or so unexpected that everyone’s help is needed to get through them. These may be planned or unexpected events, but when they happen, it’s all hands on deck!</p> <p>Emergencies – In the event of a natural disaster (flood, tornado, blizzard, or fire), everyone is expected to sacrifice a little to help those who were most affected.</p> <p>Sacrifice for the Common Good – Extreme events may call for people to sacrifice some of their own comfort to protect others, for instance, by staying home when streets are dangerously icy, turning off sprinklers during a drought, cutting back on electricity during peak hours, and so on.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">I N T E N T I O N A L</p>	<p>Describe how you contributed intentionally to the life of your community in essential, ordinary, and extra ways:</p>

Living Discipleship with my Peers

Small groups of disciples will work together to provide service to the least among us: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned, (Matthew 25:31-40) as well as the hopeless, the abandoned, the lost and the lonely. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you grace to be the face and hands of Jesus in the world. After each project, reflect on where you found Jesus in the experience and how it changed your heart. Thank God for the opportunity.

Discipleship Group Project #1: _____ Date: _____

Description of the service performed:

Where/how did you see Jesus in this experience?

What did you learn from this experience?

Discipleship Group Project #2: _____ Date: _____

Description of the service performed:

Where/how did you see Jesus in this experience?

What did you learn from this experience?

Discipleship Group Project #3: _____ Date: _____

Description of the service performed:

Where/how did you see Jesus in this experience?

What did you learn from this experience?

Discipleship Group Project #4: _____ Date: _____

Description of the service performed:

Where/how did you see Jesus in this experience?

What did you learn from this experience?