

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR: Pray for our RCIA Inquirers!

The past couple of weeks have been very positive with a great start to our “RCIA” year. The “RCIA”, course, stands for “Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults”. It is the process offered by the universal Church to invite those who are inquiring into the Catholic Christian faith to learn and to pray more about their relationship with Jesus and to receive full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass.

The RCIA programs at both Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Lourdes have been off to a great start. At Ada, we have at least four inquirers, including a student from Ohio Northern. At Kenton, we have at least six inquirers, including three teenagers. I have been able to attend the opening sessions of both groups over the past few weeks, and it has been a great thing to witness. Their presence and their questions are indicative of the search for deeper meaning and purpose to life that more and more in our culture are experiencing.

These individuals have taken a bold step to come forward and to be honest about their searching. They have had the courage to go “against the grain” of the secular culture and to give faith in Jesus a chance. But as they do so, they need our prayers, fasting, and support as they go further in their journey. Because, while we as disciples are excited about their deepening faith, there is someone who is not at all amused at what they are doing: the evil one. And, from my experience, it will very likely be the case that the evil one will try his best to discourage and to stymie their deeper union with Jesus. So, let’s together, in a spirit of solidarity, support our RCIA inquirers through our prayer and spiritual sacrifices, so that they remain confident in the love and truth of Jesus for their lives here on Earth and later for eternity!

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THOUGHTS FOR OUR PARISH CHILDREN by “Jackie”, the Pastor’s Cat



Hi boys and girls! My name is “Jackie”, and as you know, I am Father Ferguson’s cat! It’s already been two months since school has begun! That’s right! It’s hard to believe that time flies by so fast. Has it been a fun school year for you so far? School is so important, because it lets you learn a lot of the things you need to know in order to grow up and be successful and to do the things God wants you to do in this world. When I go to Kitty School, I enjoy learning lots of things. I learn about the Kitty Alphabet, which has only four letters: “M”, “E”, “O”, and....I keep forgetting....oh yeah... “W”! I also like learning about math. It’s important to be able to count how many cans of tuna fish you have (that’s why I can count all the way to 100). What do you like to count? Learning to read is important, too. I love to read the great classics like “The Cat in the Hat” by Dr. Seuss, and also “Joseph and Chico”, about the cat owned by a Pope (by Jeanne Perego)! What is your favorite book? Why not ask Jesus this week to help you keep focusing on your school work, so you can grow up smart and holy? Have a “purr”-fect week!