

# PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

## FOURTH GRADE: TOB LESSON 6

### THEME: THE PRIESTHOOD

#### SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, your child will learn about **The Priesthood**. In Ephesians, we hear that marriage is supposed to mirror the love of Christ and the Church. Christ lovingly gives His life for His bride, the Church and we, as the Church, lovingly receive the sacrificial love of Christ. When a priest lives out his personal vocation, he takes on the character of being in the person of Christ. This means that a priest also lovingly gives his life for his bride, the Church, and we, as the Church, lovingly receive the sacrificial love of God through the priest.

This week, your child will discuss ways that Jesus loves the Church and recognize that in the vocation to the priesthood, ordained men vow to love the Church like Christ loves the Church. They will do an activity highlighting how priests imitate Jesus in giving a total gift of themselves to the church.

#### GERMINATE THE SEED



#### FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Talk with your children about your own vocation and discuss what vocations they feel they may be called to. *\*(Note to parents: Please help your children to see that they will be called by God to a vocation, although they probably don't know what the call is quite yet. Encourage them to be open to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, a very special vocation from God. Let your kids know that you will support them in whatever God calls them to).\**





### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Invite a priest or religious to dinner in your home so that your children can have the chance to meet them on a personal level.

### FAMILY PRAYER:

Thank you, God, for the vocation you have called us to as a family, as well as our individual vocations. Please give us open hearts to say yes to the path you want us to walk in this life, in a response of love to you, for your Glory and in service to our brothers and sisters.

Amen.

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