



DERRY DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CENTRE

Resources for Parishes & Families for the Month of November

Remembering our deceased loved ones: [www.northernpastoral.network/news--resources/november-resource](http://www.northernpastoral.network/news-resources/november-resource)

Catechetical Centre Resources: www.catecheticalcentre.org

RESOURCES for Families: www.catecheticalcentre.org/category/family-resources

- Sacred Space ideas
- Celebrating All Saints and All Souls
- Prayer for visiting the grave of a loved one

Parish Booklet for November:

- Opening comments on bereavement at this time in the pandemic and an adaptation of words on death from *Amoris Laetitia*
- Suggestions of how to pray throughout November
- A liturgy for people to pray in their own homes with a guide on how to do this on zoom including slides that people could use.
- Prayers to supplement people's personal prayer during November.
- A Social media prayer for the day that will take on a different theme.

Drawing God Day 9th November 2020

Resources: www.catecheticalcentre.org/category/family-resources

www.drawing-god.com/world-drawing-god-day

Last year many schools in the Diocese celebrated the first World Drawing God Day, based on the book, *Drawing God*, by Karen Kiefer. In the book, a young girl Emma is inspired to draw something spectacular after a trip to an art museum and she decides to Draw God. It takes a while for her classmates to see God in the images she produces! Teachers said the conversations children had about where they see God were powerful and many of the children's images ended up in a virtual art museum www.artsteps.com/view/5e177d6f00af3d34d7d55077

This year we are encouraging school children, families and parishes to be involved in Drawing God. Post your images on your parish Social Media channels with hashtag #DrawingGod or email them to the Catechetical Centre: ddcc@derrydiocese.org

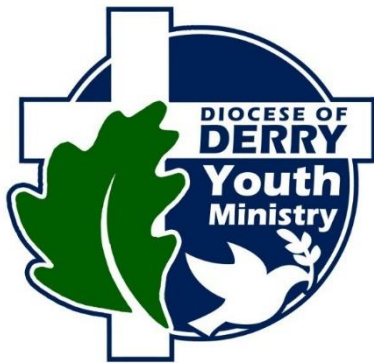
RESOURCES FOR Sacramental Preparation:

www.catecheticalcentre.org/category/sacramental-preparation

Sacramental Talks Format

This year, mindful of the current restrictions, the Catechetical Centre Team are available to provide Sacramental Talks evenings for families via the webcam at Cathedral Hall or from your own parish webcam. The evening would consist of some time of prayer and reflection, a talk using our new books '*Friends of Jesus*' for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion' and '*Disciples of Jesus*' for the sacrament of Confirmation and some preprepared activities for the children to enjoy. Books could be distributed through the schools/parish prior to the evening.

We are happy to engage with parishes to discuss what best suits your needs. To book a talk or for further information please contact the Catechetical Centre, amhickey@derrydiocese.org or telephone 02871264087



RESOURCES FOR Youth: www.catecheticalcentre.org/category/youth-resources

- Online Programme for Pope John Paul II Award participants. Themes for the month of November are, Family Tree, Where God Dwells, Thanksgiving, Charity take over. Online programme can be accessed through @derryyouth social media pages on Facebook and Instagram
- Alpha Programme will start on Nov 2nd and run for 8 weeks online via Zoom
- Deceased young people's Mass on Sunday the 8th of November 7pm from St Eugene's Cathedral
- A programme for parish volunteers starting the 1st week in Advent via Zoom

Other useful resources:

Northern Pastoral Network has created a number of resources for parishes and families to use in the church and at home:

Website: www.northernpastoral.network

Facebook: www.facebook.com/northernpastoralnetwork/