

HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS AND CATECHISTS

ESSENTIAL TOOLS

Blessings and Prayers through the Year: A Resource for School and Parish. Elizabeth McMahon Jeep. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2004. A collection of prayers, brief prayer services, music, and information, which can serve as a helpful supplement to *Children's Daily Prayer*.

School Year, Church Year, Customs and Decorations for the Classroom. Peter Mazar. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2001. Learn how to create sacred space and form your students in the Catholic traditions of the liturgical year with this treasury of ideas and information.

The Year of Grace: A Liturgical Calendar. Every year Liturgy Training Publications produces the calendar for the current liturgical year in a large wheel shape that shows at a glance the seasons and days we celebrate. Every year a new artist provides lively images for the center and corners of this beautiful and informative 26" square poster. It belongs on the wall of every Catholic classroom. Also available in a notebook size.

FOR REFERENCE

Book of Blessings. Study Edition. Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1989. The official book of blessings for use in the United States. Most are to be given by the ordained, but some may be given by the laity.

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers. Revised Edition. Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2007. A classic resource recommended for every home and classroom.

Lectionary for Mass: Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord and the Saints and Weekdays, Saints, Study Edition. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1999.

Lectionary for Mass: Weekdays, Saints, Ritual and Votive Masses, Various Needs and Masses for the Dead. Study Edition. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2002.

The Liturgy of the Hours (four volumes). New York: Catholic Book Publishing Company, 1975. The official prayer of the Church, prayed by clergy, religious, and many laypeople throughout the day. Consisting mainly of psalms and other short scripture passages. An ancient prayer pattern of our tradition.

Pronunciation Guide for the Lectionary. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2010.

FOR PREPARATION, AND FOR ONGOING FORMATION IN LITURGY AND SCRIPTURE

At Home with the Word. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. An annual publication containing Sunday scriptures with discussion and ideas for living as a Christian.

Companion to the Calendar. Mary Ellen Hynes. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1993. Information about every season and day of the Christian year.

Foundations in Teaching and Preaching. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. An annual publication providing short background pieces on the Sunday scriptures plus references to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

History's Golden Thread. Sofia Cavalletti. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications 1999. Catholic Bible study based upon the way that our liturgy "reads" sacred scripture and illuminating a "path" to take with children.

Keeping the Seasons: Reproducibles for Advent-Christmas/Celebremos los tiempos litúrgicos: Reproducibles para Adviento-Navidad. CD-ROM. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. Published annually, these family friendly handouts offer catechesis and art for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, new each year, printable in black and white or full color, in English or in Spanish. A colorful seasonal poster is sold separately.

Keeping the Seasons: Reproducibles for Lent-Triduum-Easter / Celebremos los tiempos litúrgicos: Reproducibles para Cuaresma-Triduo Pascual-Pascua. CD-ROM. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. Published annually, these family friendly handouts offer catechesis and art for Lent, Triduum, and Easter, new each year, printable in black and white or full color, in English or in Spanish. A colorful seasonal poster is sold separately.

Living Liturgy. Sofia Cavalletti. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications 2007. Elementary reflections on the Eucharist and sacraments highlighting themes that most inspire children.

Prayers for Catechists. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2001. Small prayer book to accompany catechists in their sacred work.

The Religious Potential of the Child. Sofia Cavalletti. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1992. A classic.

The Religious Potential of the Child Age 6 to 12. Sofia Cavalletti, Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2002. An invaluable resource for anyone who prays with, teaches, or lives with children.

To Crown the Year: Decorating the Church through the Seasons. Peter Mazar. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1995. Information about the liturgical year and tips about decorating geared to the church. (See *School Year, Church Year* for a classroom focus.)

We Learn about Mary and Her Feast Days, Teaching Edition. Ann Therese Chaput, BVM. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2011. Advice on using *We Learn about Mary and Her Feast Days* with specific age groups.

We Learn about Mass, Teaching Edition. Gerard Moore, with additional material by Jean Marie Hiesberger. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2009. Advice on using *We Learn about Mass* with specific age groups.

We Learn about Our Parish Church, Teaching Edition. Teresa Marshall. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2011. Advice on using *We Learn about Our Parish Church* with specific age groups.

TO SHARE WITH CHILDREN

A Is for Altar, B Is for Bible. Judy Main. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2002. Exquisite alphabet book that draws from the Bible and the liturgy.

Bible Stories for the Forty Days. Melissa Musick Nussbaum. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1997. Stories bring to life characters from both testaments whom we all should know.

Fling Wide the Doors! Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1992. An Advent calendar that runs till Epiphany. Big and small versions.

Forty Days and Forty Nights. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1995. A Lenten calendar with doors to open from Ash Wednesday until Easter.

An Illustrated Catechism. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2007 (Co-published with Gracewing, U.K.). Text by Inos Biffi introduces the Apostles' Creed, the sacraments, and prayer. Vibrant art by Franco Vignazia is reminiscent of medieval illuminations.

Illustrated Psalms of Praise/Salmos de Alabanza Ilustrados. Amy Ribordy Reese. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2005. This bilingual, vibrantly illustrated selection of psalms may be shared with the class as a whole or made available for a child's individual prayer and meditation.

An Introduction to the Liturgical Year. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2009 (Co-published with Gracewing, U.K.). Text by Inos Biffi and illustrations by Franco Vignazia introduce the celebrations of each season of the year, showing their scriptural roots and rich symbolism.

The Life of Mary. Edited by Inos Biffi, illustrations by Franco Vignazia. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2007 (Co-published with Gracewing, U.K.). The life of Mary is told in beautiful pictures with quotations from scripture.

Patrons and Protectors: Occupations. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2001. Fresh interpretations that enchant the imagination.

Patrons and Protectors: More Occupations. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2002. Delightful and instructive guide to saints.

Patrons and Protectors: In Times of Need. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2002. A must-have for any spiritual library.

Remember the Lord Your God: A History of the Jewish People. Sofia Cavalletti. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2004. An illustrated timeline that traces the history of the Chosen People.

Sunday Morning. Gail Ramshaw and Judy Jarrett. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1993. Introduce your early elementary students to Sunday worship with this colorful book.

Take Me Home: Notes on the Church Year for Children. Christine KennySheputis. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1991. Useful weekly reproducible takehome notes.

We Learn about Mary and Her Feast Days. Ann Therese Chaput, BVM. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2011. A work booklet for second-through fifth-graders that introduces the major feast days of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Teacher's edition also available.

We Learn about Our Parish Church. Teresa Marshall. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2011. A work booklet for second-through fifth-graders that introduces children to sacred space, furniture, and objects in the church building. Teacher's edition also available.

We Learn about Mass. Gerard Moore. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2009. A work booklet for second-through fifth-graders that helps them learn to participate in the Mass. Teacher's edition also available.

What Do We Do at Mass? Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1999. In this video, children narrate what happens at Mass in their own exuberant words.