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A Sense of Sacramentality

Integrate Sacramentals into your learning environment

- Sacramental objects (candles, icons, bowls of Holy Water, Bibles, statuettes, etc.)
 - o <u>Autom Church Supplies</u>
 - o Catholic Church Supply.com
 - o The Catholic Company
 - Watra Church Goods
 - o Catholic Supply
 - o F.C. Ziegler Company
 - o St. Jude Religious Stores

Paying attention to the Liturgical Calendar

- The Church's Liturgical Calendar Seasons and Feasts
 - o <u>E-Ordo from Resource Publications</u>
 - o <u>USCCB Liturgical Calendar</u>
 - Year of Grace
 - o iPieta
 - o The Big Book of Catholic Customs and Traditions
 - o The Sunday Connection

Sacramental Prayer

- devotions, lighting candles
 - o The How-To-Book of Catholic Devotions
 - o A Prayer Book of Catholic Devotions
 - o Novenas
 - A Catholic Book of Hours and Other Devotions
 - o Awake My Soul: Contemporary Catholics on Traditional Devotions
 - o Flameless White Tea Light Candles

A Commitment to Community

Praying with the Communion of Saints

- Mary and the Saints
 - o Mary and the Saints: Companions on the Journey

Pray Communally

- Praying Liturgical Prayer
 - o 22 Ready-Made Prayer Services
 - o Time to Pray: Seasonal Prayer Services for Middle Grades
 - o Growing in Grace: 35 Prayer Services for Children
 - o Praying with the Saints: 30 Classroom Services for Children
- Drawing from the Liturgy of the Hours
 - o Universalis.com
 - o Divine Office.org

Encourage the practice of stewardship and solidarity

- Sharing time talent and treasure locally and globally
 - Holy Childhood Association/HCA Kids
 - o Operation Rice Bowl
 - o <u>Catholic Charities</u>



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- Stewardship for Children
- o Catholic Relief Services

Respect for the Dignity of Human Life and Commitment to Justice

Encourage Corporal Works of Mercy

• (see above, sharing time, talent, and treasure locally and globally)

Sign a Classroom Covenant

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Pray for and talk about world events

- Catholic Social Teaching
 - o Activities for Catholic Social Teaching
 - o To Act Justly: Introducing Catholic Social Teaching to Children with Stories and Activities
 - o <u>To Love Tenderly: Teaching Compassion and Justice through Stories and Activities</u>
 - o <u>To Walk Humbly: Stories and Activities for Teaching Compassion and Justice</u>

A Reverence for Tradition

Celebrate and learn about the lives of the Saints

- Celebrate saints' feast days
 - o Saints and Feast Days: A Resource and Activity Book
 - Loyola Kids Book of Heroes
 - o The Loyola Treasury of Saints
 - o Saints Kit

Hymns

http://www.hymnprint.net/

http://www.giamusic.com/sacred_music/musicByDay.cfm

http://www.ocp.org/compositions/topics/10

