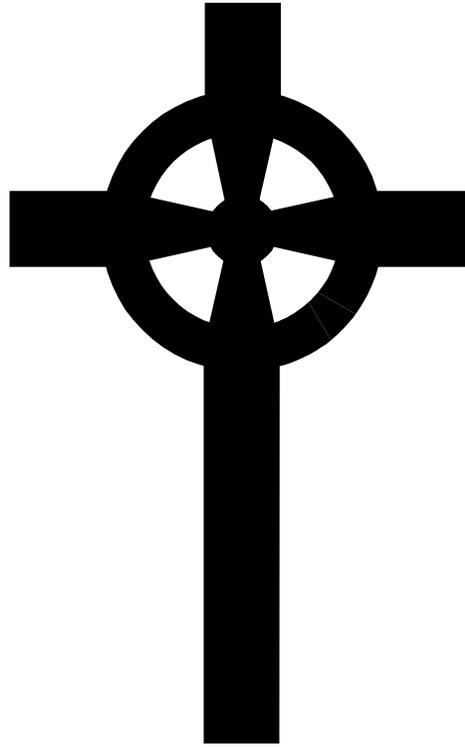


# **St. Lawrence Catholic Church and School**



## **Discipleship Award Program 2018—2019**

**Level: Eighth Grade  
Part: C**

**Due: Monday, April 29, 2019**

Dear Parents,

The purpose of the Discipleship Award Program is to help the young people of St. Lawrence learn, explore, and experience our Catholic faith in a way that leads them to a greater understanding of and a deep, lifelong commitment to our faith. It is important for our children to learn that we are not passive spectators in our relationship with God. Each and every day, we must engage ourselves in activities that draw us closer to God and to our final goal of eternity with him in Heaven. It is the goal of this program to give our children opportunities to do just this, engage in activities that draw them closer to God, and to recognize them for their efforts. The Discipleship Award Program is an optional program for those students and families who wish to use it.

There is an award booklet for each grade level, Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Each grade level booklet will contain age appropriate activities. It will be important however, especially with younger children, for parents to be actively involved in assisting children with completing the program requirements. In fact, some of the activities included are family activities. The Church teaches that “Parents are the principal and first educators of their children” (CCC 1653), and children will receive the most benefit from this program if families are actively involved in the learning process.

How the program works:

- Each year, students will have the opportunity to achieve the discipleship award three times (see due dates to turn in paperwork on the following pages). If a student earns all three awards in a given year, he/she will receive special recognition in the form of an additional award, called the Trinity Award. As the discipleship program continues to grow and develop, other recognition will be given when students earn the Trinity Award multiple times.
- The activities within the program are separated into four categories based on the Four Pillars of the Catholic Church: 1) What We Believe; 2) How We Worship; 3) How We Live; and 4) How We Pray. Some activities within each category will be required, and some of the activities will be listed as options within each category.
- The due dates and directions for each of the award periods are given on the following pages.
- Homeschoolers: When instructions are given to share something with a class, the student can share the project at a homeschooling or similar type gathering.

We look forward to partnering with you in encouraging our students to grow in knowledge and faith. Please feel free to contact the Campus Ministry office if you have any questions ([mroman@stlawrence.org](mailto:mroman@stlawrence.org)).

In Christ,

Fr. Dan Kayajan  
Pastor

Mrs. Maria Roman  
Campus Minister

Mrs. Patricia Freund  
Principal

Mrs. Sarah Williford  
Dir. Of Faith Formation

## 2018-2019 Eighth Grade Discipleship Award Part C—Due Monday, April 29, 2019

The requirements for this award are listed below. This form and any required attachments must be turned in to the Campus Ministry office by **Monday, April 29th**. (Form can be turned in to the school or Faith Formation office, or mailed to the Campus Ministry Office 5223 N. Himes Ave. Tampa, FL 33614.)

### Section One: What We Believe

#### **REQUIRED ACTIVITY**

We believe that the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. Research the Church's teaching about the Four Marks of the Church using the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Paragraphs 811-870), your religion book, and this website: <http://www.loyolapress.com/marks-of-the-church-introduced-for-children.htm>. Create a book for younger children that explains the Four Marks of the Church. Your book should have a cover, title page, and at least one page for each Mark of the Church. Turn in your book when you turn in this form.

#### **CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES**

       Option #1: Arrange to read the book you created (see Required Activity) with a class of younger students. If you need assistance arranging this, see Mrs. Roman or Mrs. Williford. After you have shared your book with the class, have the teacher of the class sign here. \_\_\_\_\_

       Option #2: We believe that the saints are examples of holiness for us. Research one of the following saints: Saint John XXIII or St. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga. Two useful saint websites are: <http://saints.sqpn.com/alphabetical-list/> and <http://www.catholic.org/saints/> Create a PowerPoint presentation or video that teaches about the saint you researched. Make sure to include a picture of the saint, a short biography, interesting facts, feast day, patronage, and any other interesting information you learn. You may also include music. You should also include a slide with your name listed as the presentation creator and a slide citing any sources you used including the music. You can turn in your presentation by either burning it onto a CD or emailing it to Mrs. Roman: [mroman@stlawrence.org](mailto:mroman@stlawrence.org).

       Option #3: We believe that Mary is the Mother of the Church and the greatest of saints. Read from the Bible: John 19: 25-27. This Scripture passage describes when Jesus gave Mary to us all as our spiritual mother. On a separate sheet of paper, write a poem or song that honors Mary as the Mother of the Church. Attach the poem or song to this form.

### Section Two: How We Worship

#### **REQUIRED ACTIVITY**

As Catholics, we believe that "the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life" (CCC 2177). It is important that we gather as a Church family each Sunday and on Holy Days to worship. When you attend Mass on Saturday/Sunday, USE THE "I attended Mass today" STAMP AT ONE OF THE CHURCH EXITS TO STAMP THE APPROPRIATE DATE on at least 8 of the following weekends. **Don't forget to say hello to the priest or deacon after Mass.**

Feb. 16/17 \_\_\_\_\_

Feb. 23/24 \_\_\_\_\_

Mar. 2/3 \_\_\_\_\_

Mar. 9/10 \_\_\_\_\_

Mar. 16/17 \_\_\_\_\_

Mar. 23/24 \_\_\_\_\_

Mar. 30/31 \_\_\_\_\_

Apr. 6/7 \_\_\_\_\_

Apr. 13/14 \_\_\_\_\_

Apr. 20/21 \_\_\_\_\_

Apr. 27/28 \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOOSE THREE OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #1: With your family, serve as greeters at a Sunday Mass. You should arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass to greet people and open the church doors for them as they arrive for Mass. Write the date you served \_\_\_\_\_ and use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Option #2: With your family, participate in either the Solemn Entrance (4:00 PM Saturday; or 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00 PM, or 7:00 PM Masses) or the Solemn Procession (11:00 Mass) on Palm Sunday, April 13/14. See the bulletin or parish website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Option #3: With your family, attend the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday (April 18th; 7:00 PM). Use the “*I attended Mass today*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #4: With your family, attend the Sunrise Mass on Easter morning (April 21; 6:00 AM). Use the “*I attended Mass today*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #5: Attend the Easter Vigil Mass (April 20th; 8:30 PM). Use the “*I attended Mass today*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #6: With your family, attend the Divine Mercy Mass and Holy Hour on April 28th (12:30 Mass; Holy Hour to follow). Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #7: If you are a trained, altar server, cantor, musician, usher, or lector, serve for at least two Sunday Masses. If you are not already scheduled, contact the person who schedules your ministry. Write the dates you served here. \_\_\_\_\_

**Section Three: How We Live**

We believe that following God’s laws leads us to peace, love, and joy.

**CHOOSE TWO OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES**

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #1: The Fourth Commandment, “Honor your father and mother”, helps us to remember how we should treat our parents. For one week, dedicate yourself to performing extra acts of love for your parents. On a separate sheet of paper, keep a journal of what you did for your parents each day to show them how much you love and respect them. Attach your journal to this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #2: The Third Commandment, “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day”, reminds us that we must keep a day holy for the Lord, a day of praising him, resting from our work, and doing good things for ourselves and others. Using the Third Commandment as your guide, plan out the perfect Sunday for you and your family. Write out the plan on a separate sheet of paper. Give specific details about what you and your family would do to keep the Lord’s Day holy. Attach your plan to this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #3: The Eighth Commandment, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”, reminds us of God’s expectation that we are always honest. Create an original story book for younger children which teaches a lesson about honesty. Your book should include pictures. Turn in your story book when you turn in this form.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #3: With your parent’s permission, organize a mini-food drive in your neighborhood. Collect food items from at least 6 neighbors (or relatives) to be donated to the Matthew 25 Outreach Food Drive bins in the church. After donating the food, write short thank-you notes to all who donated. When you have completed this, have your parent sign here. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #4: During the season of Lent, we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us grow closer to Jesus. With your family, create a Family Lenten Plan. On a separate sheet of paper, create a chart with 3 columns. Label the columns: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. In each of the columns list the ways your family will focus on each of these during Lent. Attach a copy of your Family Lenten Plan to this sheet.

## Section Four: How We Pray

We pray in many special ways, especially during Lent.

### \_\_\_\_\_ CHOOSE FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #1: With your family, attend the Stations of the Cross **at least one Friday EVENING** during Lent. See the bulletin or website for information. Write the date you attended and have the priest or deacon sign here. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #2: With your family, attend the Live Stations of the Cross (April 12th; 7:30 PM). See the bulletin or website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Option #3: With your family, attend the Tenebrae Service during Holy Week (April 17th; 8:30 PM). See the bulletin or website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Option #4: With your family, attend the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 19th; 11:30 AM). See the bulletin or website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Option #5: With your family, attend the Veneration of the Cross service on Good Friday (April 19th; 3:00 or 7:00 PM in English; 5:30 PM in Spanish). See the bulletin or website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Option #6: With your family, attend the Blessing of the Easter Food and Baskets on Holy Saturday. (April 20th; 11:30 AM.) See the bulletin or website for more details. Use the “*I completed this activity*” stamp at the back of the church to stamp here:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Option #7: Watch both part one and part two of *YDisciple Session One: Why are you here?* found at this link: <https://formed.org/study/551971b8d58c6d7c01922b75>. You will need to set up a free subscription to FORMED.org available through St. Lawrence at: <http://www.stlawrence.org/formed.html>. Write a brief summary of each part, and attach your summary to this sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #8: With your family, make a special visit to the Christ Child Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For hours and information, see the parish website : <http://stlawrence.org/>. Write the date you went for Adoration here. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #9: Attend two Edge Nights/Edge Events between February 26th and April 23nd. Write the dates you attended \_\_\_\_\_ and have Sarah sign here: \_\_\_\_\_. (For a schedule of Edge Nights and Edge Events, see the bulletin or visit the Youth Ministry webpage: <http://stlawrence.org/edge>.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Option #10: Attend the Edge Retreat on Saturday April 13th. For information check the web Site: [stlawrence.org/edge](http://stlawrence.org/edge). Have Sarah sign here:  
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## Award Completion and Submission Form

When you have completed all the requirements for Part C of the Discipleship Award, complete this form and submit it with the Award form and any other required attachments. **All forms and attachments are due by Monday, April 29th.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: \_\_\_\_\_ St. Lawrence School  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ St. Lawrence Sunday Faith Formation Classes (CCD)  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Homeschooled  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

In case we have any questions, please complete the following:

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_