

Ideas for a Children's Liturgy to Celebrate the 175th Jubilee

Theme: We are the living stones founded upon Christ, the Cornerstone

Introduction:

Today we celebrate the Church in Indiana. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the mother diocese of the State of Indiana, was founded as the Diocese of Vincennes in 1834. 175 years ago the first Catholics were the French traders, Native Americans, and other settlers who lived along the Wabash, St. Joseph and Maumee rivers. Today the Church of Indianapolis Archdiocese numbers over 230,000 persons. Let us celebrate our 175 years on a journey of faith as the People of God.

Entrance Procession:

Candle bearers, Cross bearer, Lector, One to carry the parish roster, Servers, Celebrant

Entrance Song:

God is Building a House, Carey Landry (HI GOD 2)

Great Things Happen, (Carey Landry (Glory and Praise 1)

Come and Go with Me, (Carey Landry (HI GOD 2)

Penitential Rite:

First Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22 or 1 Peter 2:4, 5, 9, 10

Response to Reading: Psalm 84 or Psalm 122

Musical Setting for Psalm 122

I Rejoiced, John Foley, SJ (Glory and Praise 2)

What A Joy, Willard F. Jabusch (We Celebrate)

Alleluia Verse:

This is God's dwelling place and He has made it holy, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Homily Hint:

Prepare large letters on cardboard: C H U R C H

Show cards to children but leave out the U R

Ask them what is missing. When the response is U R meaning that each one makes up the CHURCH. This can be a starting point for using one's gifts or talents for building up the Church, or that people make up the Church, etc.

Offertory Petitions: Response is: Lord, Remember Your Church

- For the leaders of the Church in Indiana, especially Archbishop Buechlein, let us pray
- For the missionaries of the past and those of today, who bring the Good News to many, let us pray
- That all of us will share our talents to further God's kingdom on earth, let us pray
- That Mary, the Mother of God, will continue to protect and guide us, let us pray
- For the people, who through love and sacrifice, built our parish church, let us pray

Offertory Song: *We Are the Body of Christ*, Carey Landry (HI GOD 1)

Offertory Procession:

Communion Song or Meditation: *One Bread, One Body*, John Foley, SJ
(Glory and Praise 2)

Closing Song: *Jubilee*, Jack Miffleton, (Holy House)
Sing to the Mountains, Bob Dufford, SJ (Glory and Praise 1)