



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK FORM

TOPIC 5B: HELPING THE YOUNG KNOW AND LOVE JESUS (birth through grade 6)

Demographic information: Gender (circle one): [Male] [Female]
 Age range (circle one): [<20] [20's] [30's] [40's] [50's] [60's] [70+]

TABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the discussion, each person is invited to share on one or two of the following questions:

- What stood out for you in the teaching?
- Thinking back on your childhood, did you have an experience in your parish or Catholic school that helped you know and love Jesus (or comment on your child's experience). Please share a little of the experience.
- What can our parishes and schools, in partnership with parents, do to help the young (birth through grade 6) know and love Jesus?

IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION

These ideas are provided to help you get started in your discussion and to provide a framework to give feedback.

- A) **Formation of Leaders, Catechists and Teachers:** Identify, invite, form and equip leaders to provide an authentic, credible, and effective witness of the faith.
- B) **Pastor Encouragement and Involvement:** Provide witness of visible and active involvement by pastors and clergy in parish faith formation and Catholic schools.
- C) **Comprehensive Faith Formation:** Partner with parents to teach the Catholic faith in its entirety (creed, sacraments, moral life, prayer, and service).
- D) **Sacraments:** Collaborate with parents to provide a meaningful and fruitful experience as their children prepare for and receive the sacraments.
- E) **Prayer:** Give children a variety of prayer experiences, helping them find their own personal relationship with Jesus through prayer.
- F) **Virtue Formation:** Teach students in Catholic schools and faith formation tangible ways to live out specific virtues.
- G) **Faith-building Events and Experiences:** Provide families with opportunities to encounter Jesus and foster a relationship with him (e.g., family faith camps, Vacation Bible School, Totus Tuus, parish programs).
- H) **Community building:** Create a culture where families gather for encouragement, support and fellowship, developing a sense of belonging and pride in our Catholic faith.

FEEDBACK FORM

Consider the question: What can our parishes and schools, in partnership with parents, do to help the young (birth through grade 6) know and love Jesus?

I. Top 3 things that have worked for me:

(To answer, please write up to three letters representing ideas from the list above.)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

II. Top 3 things the parish or Archdiocese should prioritize in the future:

(To answer, please write up to three letters representing ideas from the list above. Your responses may be the same or different from those in section I.)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

III. My best idea: _____

(Up to 20 words)