



Family Catechesis for First Reconciliation

(Session 14) **Being a Saint.**

Aim: To help your child to discover that God wants us all to be saints.

Note to the Parent:

➤ This will be a family reflection on Feast of All Saints

- You will need a sheet of paper and a pencil, plain or of different colours.

Parent: Welcome the child and other members of the family and gather them in a circle in the room.

- Last week we met St Francis of Assisi. Invite the child and the family members to think about St Francis of Assisi: What can we remember about him?

Allow time for the family members to contribute what they know about St Francis of Assisi.

Parent: On November 1st every year we celebrate **All Saints**.

- Not everyone has been declared a saint by the Church.
- There are thousands of unknown saints.
- Some of them are even alive among us today.



Parent: Ask all: Who is the holiest person that you know today?

Allow some time for each to think about the person.

Sharing:

Parent:

- Let us all name the person whom we would say is the holiest person we know. Can we give some reasons why?
- A Ground Rule: No one is allowed to say anything **NEGATIVE** about the person. – Only **GOOD!**
- Allow time for this.

Parent: Let's have some fun.

- Each one takes a sheet of paper and a pencil.
- On the sheet draw a picture of yourself as you are now.
- Underneath your picture list one or two good things that you do.
- You can show your picture to one another. Have fun!! (Remember: no one is an expert artist!!!)

Parent: Let's listen to what Jesus has to say:

Parent and other members of the family (**P = Parent, M = Other Member of the family**)

P. One night a man named Nicodemus came to speak with Jesus. Here is what Jesus said to him:

M. God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,

P. So that whoever believes in him may not be lost,

M. But have eternal life.

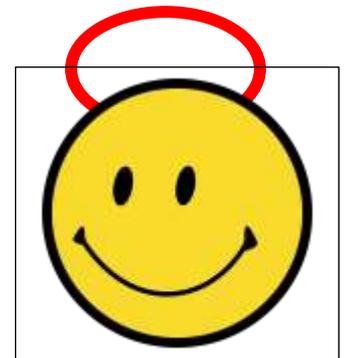
P. So God wants all of us to be saved,

ALL: GOD WANTS US ALL TO BE SAINTS!

Task for all:

Parent:

- In pictures of the saints they always have halo around their heads.
- Let each of us take our picture and draw a halo round our heads!
- Share: What do you think of yourself now?
- Stick up the picture in your room or anywhere in the house.



Celebration:

Let's sing a verse of "**When the Saints go marching in...**"

Share some cool juice to appreciate each one's goodness and holiness!