

# **Topic:** Union Workers: The Church, Mary, the Saints, and Eternity

Family Small Group for Confirmation Week 1.21 (March 3rd, 2024)

Parent and Student Resources	
<b>The resources listed below will be used in some capacity throughout the lesson. Please read them when prompted.</b>	
Student Resources	Parent Resources
<p><b>A Well Built Faith</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 6, pg 37-46</li> </ul> <p><b>Formed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Search: Why a Church? (Ep. 7)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Resource:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article: <a href="#">Mary. Ever-Virgin?</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Deep Dive:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Catechism for Adults</i>, Chapter 12, pg. 141-150</li> </ul>

1. Opening Prayer (read together)	2. Personal Connection
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Magnificat</b></p> <p>My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.</p> <p>He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.</p> <p>He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.</p> <p>He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.</p> <p>(Lk 1: 46-55)</p>	<p><b>Parents-</b> Reflect on then discuss the following: How do the saints affect your faith journey? Is there a favorite prayer by a saint that you love?</p> <p><b>After sharing, ask your student:</b> How well do you connect with Mary the mother of God? What is your favorite Marian prayer? Not sure which prayers are Marian prayers? Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to check some out.</p>

3. Formed Video
<p><a href="https://watch.formed.org/videos/why-a-church-the-search-begins-episode-7">https://watch.formed.org/videos/why-a-church-the-search-begins-episode-7</a></p>

**4. Discussion Questions** (writing down answers prior to discussion may encourage deeper conversations)

1. Think about who you selected as your Confirmation Saint (parents and students). What are some surprising things you learned about him/her as you were researching them?
2. Share 2 things about the Church that really speak to your heart and share why they speak to you.
3. What will you do to bring Mary and the Saints more into your faith life going forward?

**5. Closing**

As a family, discuss your current prayer intentions and take a moment to pray together. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and your family as you continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.