

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter identifies the Holy Spirit as sanctifier, describes personal holiness and canonization, and presents key teachings about Mary, the Mother of God and the greatest of Saints, and how we honor her.

Scripture



Read **Ephesians 1:3–5** to find out what Saint Paul wrote about holiness.

Catholics Believe

- Mary and the Saints provide the Church with models of heroic virtue and holiness.
- Canonization declares that a model Christian is enjoying eternity with God.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #828, 829, 1173, 2013, 2030 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who is honored as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand the Call to Holiness A popular concept today is the “personal best.” Unfortunately, we are often tempted to think we have done our “personal best” when we persisted until we felt challenged or until trying hard to do something became inconvenient. Children at this age might sometimes think that they could not be as holy as the men and women we call Saints, but God calls all of us to holiness, and he gives us the grace we need to accomplish what he has called us to do.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

As a parent, how often have you wished that you had a child psychologist on speed dial?

We yearn for the knowledge and insight of an expert when we are swimming in uncharted waters. When it comes to living our faith, we may often feel the same way. The Church puts us in touch with some great role models—the Saints. As Catholics, we know that “when we read the lives of the saints, their teachings and witness, we can be motivated to holiness by their example which was shaped by the Holy Spirit” (*USCCA, p. 106*).

LET’S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain canonization as a public recognition of a person as a Saint.
- Share with each other the name of a favorite Saint.

LET’S PRAY >>>



Hail Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Heaven, pray for us now and all the days of our lives. Amen.



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