

#### Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



April 2007 Miami, Florida

#### Dear Brother and Sisters:

April is a month of joy for all of us. We celebrate the Easter season that reminds us of new life and beginning. Let's prepare our children for the Easter Vigil when we renew our faith.

#### Enclosed you will find the feasts:

April 01 Palm Sunday

April 05 Holy Thursday (Last Supper)

April 06 Good Friday

April 07 Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil Monument Visit)

April 08 Easter Sunday (Resurrection)

April 15 Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28 Leader's Workshop

#### Enclosed Materials:

- 1. Monthly Calendar and Gospel of the month
- 2. Activities
  - God's rules for you and me
  - Story of St. Francis of Paola
  - Story of St. John Baptist de la Salle
  - Game "Race to Glory"
  - Stations of the cross-New John Paul II

#### Suggested Videos: (All available at Video Club)

- 1. The Savior III (Pactrick Peyton)
- 2. Easter
- 3. The story of Sister Faustina
- 4. The Merciful love of Jesus

- 5. Eucharist
- 6. Resurrection Celebration
- 7. Stations of the Cross for children

The next workshop will be held on Saturday, April 28, please come and share with us.

Our annual celebration of the Eucharistic Retreat will be held on the 9 of June 2007 at St. Louis Catholic Church. More information will be sent in our nest mailing. But mark the date on your calendar now.

May God bless you always, Happy Easter.

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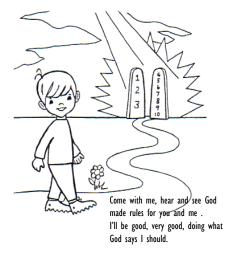
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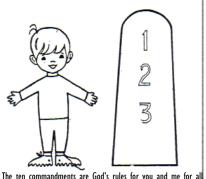
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Lk 22:14-23: 56	2	3	4	5 Holy Thursday Jn 13:1-15 (Triduum begins at sunset)	6 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Jn 18:19-42	7 Holy Sunday Lk 24:1-12 (Easter Vigil begins at sunset)
8 Easter Sunday Jn 20:1-9 (Triduum ends at sunset)	9	10	11	12	13	at sunset)
15 2nd Sunday of Easter Jn 20:19-31 Divine Mercy Sunday	16	17	18	19	20	21 St Anselm
22 3rd Sunday of Easter Jn 21:1-19	23 St George St Adalbert	24 St Fidelis	25 St Mark (Evangelist)	26	27	28 St Peter Chanel St Louis Mary de Montfort Leader's Workshop
29 4th Sunday of Easter Jn 10:27-30  World Day of Prayer for Vocations	30 St Píus V					

## GOD' RULES FOR YOU AND ME





The ten commandments are God's rules for you and me for all of us.

They are even more important than the traffic light that tells us when to stop and when to go.



They are so important because God made them for us.
God made them for us because He love us.
I'm going to remember God's rules always. How about you?

#### God's First Rule

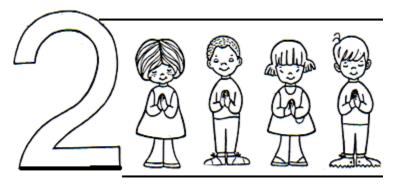
## LOVE GOD AND PEOPLE



I will love, really love, love and pray to God above.

#### God's Second Rule

#### HONOR GOD'S NAME



I will pray-the right way-

and God's name devoutly say

#### God's Third Rule

#### KEEP GOD'S DAY HOLY

#### God's Fourth Rule

#### BE OBEDIENT



Special day -God's own day-



Every day -I'll obey-

doing all my parents say

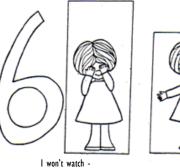
## **GOD'S RULES FOR YOU AN**

God's Fifth Rule

BE KIND



God's Sixth Rule





do or say -anything not right today

**God's Seventh** Rule

I'm polite -I don't fight -

## **BE HONEST**



## BE TRUTHFUL



If I take spoil or break -



to be kind is my delight

much unhappiness I make



If I lied, I can't hide. God sees all, even my thoughts inside.



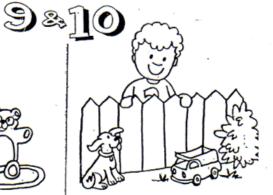
I won't lie. I'll be true ....

#### God's Ninth and **Tenth Rules**

## BE HAPPY AND SATISFIED



With my things I'm satisfied



I don't want what isn't mine



I'll enjoy -friends and toys- and not envy other's joys.

## GOOD ACTS



Good acts shine -yours and mine

-shine in heaven all the time.

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

# I STATION JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Jesus, help me to become closer to God in every moment so that I may know His will and learn to fulfill it..

Luke 22,39-46



## **II STATION**

JESUS IS BETRAYED BY JUDAS AND IS ARRESTED

Jesus, I do not, want to follow Judas' example. If I stray from you, help me to see my error and return to your side Luke 22,47-48, 52-54



#### **III STATION**

# Jesus teach me the importance of silence. In three days you would resurrect and build your church, but they did not understand. Teach me never to judge anyone.

Mathew 26,59-67

#### JESUS IS CONDEMDED TO DEATH BY THE SAN HEDRON



## IV STATION

Jesus, I too like Peter, deny you on many occasions . Help me to be humble in my words and in my actions.

Mathew 26,69-75

#### **PETER DENIES JESUS**

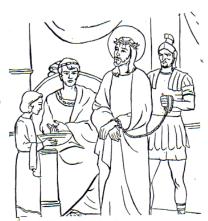


## **V STATION**

Jesus, on many occasions we see clearly what we must do, but we are more preoccupied with what others think. Teach us to love the truth because the truth brings us closer to you.

John 18,36-38. 19,14-16

## JESUS IS JUDGED BY PONTIUS PILATE



## VI STATION

Teach us to respect our body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Help us to heal its wounds with good actions.

Mathew 27,26-30

## JESUS IS SCOURGED AND CROWNED WITH THORNS



## **VII STATION**

Jesus, help me not to be scared of the cross: the cross of pain, the cross of sickness, the cross of failure or lack of understanding. Help me to see God's will; because, the cross carried with courage sanctifies and

redeems John 19,16-17

#### **JESUS CARRIES HIS** CROSS



## **VIII STATION**

Jesus, you are exhausted and you ask us for help. You have desired to need our support. Teach us to have the humility to ask for help when we need

Luke 23,26

## SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS? **CARRY HIS CROSS**



## IX STATION JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN

## **OF JERUSALEM**

Jesus teach us to embrace pain like a gift that brings us closer to you, that we may not rebel when things do not go our way

Luke 22,39-46



## **X STATION**

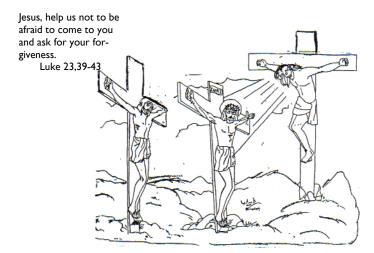
Jesus, you are left with nothing, only the cross. Help me to dispose of the things that distance me from you

Mark 15,22-27



## XI STATION

#### **JESUS PROMISES HAEVEN** TO THE GOOD THIEF



## XII STATION

Thank you Jesus, for giving us the Virgin Mary as our mother. John 19,25-27

#### JESUS ON THE CROSS. HIS MOTHER, THE DISCIPLE

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED



#### XIII STATION

## JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Jesus, as man you felt alone, but you gave your life for love for us. Help me to learn to give my life to you and to my brothers that need me.

Mark 15,33-37



#### XIV STATION

#### You, Lord, have died for us. Thank you for saving us from sin and opening for us the doors of heaven

Mark 15,42-47



JESUS IS PLACED IN THE TOMB

## **XV STATION**

# THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Thank you Jesus, for your resurrection. Help us to someday be with you in God's home in Heaven.

Mark 16:1-6



Pope John Paul II has prepared new Stations of the Cross that incorporate the traditions of the Church.

These Stations of the Cross are based on the Gospel and promote Christian unity.

## The City of Jerusalem Welcomes Jesus

April 1: Palm Sunday Isa. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Lucke 22:14-23.56

Talk about the story. Speak with the children about a time when they saw some famous person. Were they very excited? Speak about the story in the gospel. Would they be very excited if they saw Jesus? How can they recognize Jesus around them?

Jesus knew he would suffer if he was to be faithful to what God wanted from him. What makes them suffer? Do they complain a lot, or do they try to endure it with courage?

Activities and prayer. Weave palms and ask the children to write their commitments in little pieces of paper which they can place between the folds of the palms.

All say: we recognize you as our Lord. Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

You are there. Do the shouts "Blessed is He who comes," and "Hosanna" sound familiar? Where have you heard that? Are you among the people who receive Jesus? Are you happy that Jesus is entering the city? Are you among the friends of Jesus who will eat the Passover tonight?



## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus did not want any privileges even though he was the son of God. Do you sometimes demand from your family praises, or things you want them to buy for you?
- People recognize that Jesus comes in the name of God. Do you see when adults tell you what God wants of you?

#### What am I going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him about people you like to welcome. Tell him you would like to listen well so that you can recognize him in others. Tell him what you would like to do:

- © For example: I will do my homework even if I find it difficult.
- For example: When someone praises me for something, I will thank God who always help me.

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## Jesus' tomb is empty!

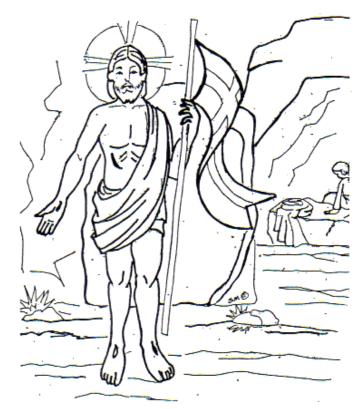
April 8: Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-,37-43; Col. 3:1-4; Luke 24:1-12

Talk about the story. Speak with the children about spring, and how some plants that seemed to be dead are reviving. Speak also about the cocoons which become butterflies. Tell them about the empty tomb and how the women must have felt when they saw Jesus was not there. Explain the custom of Easter representing Jesus' tomb, but they have many colors indicating life and joy.

Activities and prayer. Bring Egg shells to class. Ask the children to write in colorful pieces of papers some of the things they would like to change in their homes, families, or communities. Make a prayer to Jesus asking him to change all those things into life, joy, and hope.

You are there. How do you react when you see that Jesus, who was really dead last time you saw him, is not in the tomb? Are you scared?

What about when the angel comes and says Jesus is alive? Do you believe it?



**Q**: Jesus' friends go to his tomb and Jesus' body is gone. He has risen from the dead. How would you feel if you came to Jesus' tomb and it was empty? Would you be afraid or excited that he has risen from the dead?

#### **WORD SEARCH**

tence using them:
Tomb, Jesus,
Women, Sunday,
Empty, Angel,
Dead, Alive, Stone,
Magdalene

Find the hidden

words in Spanish and write a sen-

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#### Jesus, your friend, invites you:

Jesus had announced that God is stronger than evil and death.

Do you believe God can raise the dead? What are some of the things you think are so very bad that they have no solution?

#### What am I going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him about something really, really bad. Ask him for help to trust that God is stronger than that. Tell him what you would like to do:

- © For example: I will trust that God is present in everything and gives us strength to overcome difficulties.
- © For example: I will be joyful to make life more pleasant for others

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## Jesus greets his fearful friends

April 15: Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5:12-16; Rev. 9:1-13,17-19; John 20:19-31

Talk about the story. Speak with the children about things they believe. For instance, do they believe that the messages of horoscopes and Walter Mercado are true? Why? What do adults in their homes think? Do the children believe what adults at home and teachers tell them? Speak about the story of today's gospel. How would Thomas have felt when they told him they had seen Jesus?

Activities. Dramatize the story, changing the end. Thomas believes what they tell him. What is his reaction? Surprise, joy, hugging friends?

Final prayer. Ask the children to write down things that would give them peace and tranquility and that would help them to calm their fears down (changes at home or school ...) As they present their papers, all say: you are our peace, Jesus.

**You are there.** Are you like Thomas and do not believe that the others have seen Jesus? Are you scared thinking that he has gone through the walls, like a ghost?



**Q**: When Jesus reappears to his friends after his death, his friend Thomas does not believe it is him at first. Can you remember a time when someone asked you to believe something you did not understand? What did you do?

#### Jesus, your friend, invites you:

Jesus tells us that he gives us peace, because he alone brings us life. What are you scared of? What do you ask Jesus for?

#### What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him what bothers and scares you, the things that happen at home or in your neighborhood. Ask him for help to be at peace. Tell him what you would like to do:

- For example: I will trust what the adults at home tell me.
- For example: I will ask Jesus for help not to be afraid.
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#### **WORD SEARCH**

Find the hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

Walls, Doors, Fear, Friends, Jesus, Thomas, Believe, Wounds, Peace, Happy, Alive 

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## Peter recognizes Jesus

April 22: **Third Sunday of Easter** 

Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Talk about the story. Speak about the times when we really make an effort to do something and it seems we fail. Do we easily give up?

Speak about the story of the miraculous catch. Why did they fish so much? Was it only a miracle, or was it also because they trusted Jesus and changed their attitude? How would have Peter felt when Jesus asked him if he loved Jesus? Have they ever felt that someone they had hurt forgave them? How did they feel?

Activities and prayer. Let the children draw, color, and cut out fish where they can write their commitments for this week. As they leave them in a basket, all say: You know I love you, Jesus.

You are there. What do you think seeing so much fish?

Do you think Jesus is a ghost?

Are you scared when you see him appear?

Imagine you are Peter and Jesus asks you if you love him. What do you say?



Q: Peter is sad that he denied knowing Jesus, but Jesus forgives him and asks him to lead his followers. Are you ever sad about something bad you have done? Do you ask Jesus to forgive you?

#### **WORD SEARCH**

Find the hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

Peter, Boat, Eat, Jesus, Love, Three Times, Sad, Deny, Ghost 
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#### Jesus, your friend, invites you:

☐ Jesus says that, although Peter has denied him. Have you ever not behaved well toward Jesus and felt he forgave you anyway?

#### What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about one time when you felt someone forgave you although you had not behaved well. Tell him how you felt. Tell him what you would like to do:

- © For example: I will promise someone whom I have hurt that I will behave better.
- © For example: I will tell someone at home how much I love them.

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## Jesus is a good shepherd

April 29: **4th Sunday of Easter**  Acts 13:14,43-52; Rev. 7:9,14-17; John 10:27-30

Talk about the story. Speak with the children about shepherds. Have they ever seen a shepherd in their towns? What do shepherds do? Have they seen how the sheep follow the shepherd and do as he tells them?

Who knows them well? What voice do they like to listen to? When a person in the family tells them something, do they listen immediately, or do they play deaf so that they do not have to do what they are told? Do they realize that those voices are often the voice of Jesus?

Activities and prayer. Let the children draw, and cut out sheep and write on them their names on one side and what they want to do on the other. Have a picture or painting of the Good Shepherd in class. Ask the children to place their sheep close to the shepherd. As they do it, all say: You are our shepherd, Jesus.

You are there. Who are the sheep Jesus is talking about?

Do you recognize the voices of people close to you? Whose are the voices you like to hear?

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**Q**: Jesus tells his friends that he is like a good shepherd, who listens and cares for his sheep. How is Jesus a good shepherd for you? Do you listen and run to him when you are in need of his help?

#### Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus says that he knows his sheep by name. Who knows you well?
- Jesus says that his sheep recognize his voice. That is, what Jesus wants you to do?
- Jesus says his sheep follow him. What can you do to follow lesus?

#### What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him whom you would like to listen to. Tell him you want to recognize his voice in the people around you when they ask you to do good things. Tell him how you felt. Tell him what you would like to do:

- © For example: I will do my homework without waiting to be reminded many times.
- © For example: I will help at home as soon as I realize my mom, or another adult, needs something.

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# St. Francis of Paola

Amuil A

St. Francis was born in the tiny village of Paola, Italy, around 1416. His parents were poor but humble and holy. They had prayed to St. Francis of Assisi for a son. When he was born, they named him after the saint. The boy went to school taught by the Franciscan priests. There he learned to read. When he was fifteen, with his parents' permission, he went to live in a cave. He wanted to be a hermit and spend his life for God alone.

When he was twenty, other young men joined him. St. Francis left his cave. The people of Paola built a church and monastery for him and his followers. He called his new religious order the "Minims". "Minims" means "the least of all".

Everyone loved St. Francis. He prayed for them and worked many miracles. He told his followers that they must be kind and humble, and do much penance. He himself was the best example of the virtues he preached. Once someone visited the saint and insulted him to his face. When the man was finished, Francis did something unusual. He quietly picked up some hot coals from the fireplace and closed his hands tightly around them. But he was not burned at all. "Come, warn yourself," he said to his accuser kindler. "You are shivering because you need a little charity". At such a miracle, the visitor changed his mind about Francis. From then on, he admired him greatly.

King Louis XI of France had not lived a very good life. He called for St. Francis when he was dying. Just the thought of dying made the king terrified. He wanted Francis to work a miracle to cure him. Instead, the saint gently helped the frightened man to prepare well to die a holy death. The king had a change of heart. He accepted God's will and died quietly in the arms of the saint.

St. Francis lived a long life praising and loving God. He died on Good Friday in 1507, at the age of ninety-one.

Sometimes we can get so wrapped up in loud music, television shows, videos, and computer games that we can find ourselves just living for now. We might not even give any thought or time for our schedule that will help us reach eternal happiness with God? Daily Mass? Morning





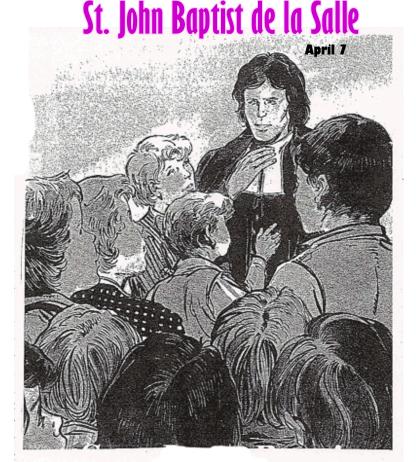
St. John Baptist de la Salle was born in Rheims, Frances, on April 30, 1651. His parents were from the nobility. John was used to elegant living. But he was a devout boy, too. He loved Jesus and his Church. In fact, he was studying to become a priest when both his parents died. He had to leave the seminary and go home to take care of his brothers.

But while he was teaching and training them, he kept on studying too. His brothers turned out to be fine young men. When their studies were completed, John Baptist was ordained a priest.

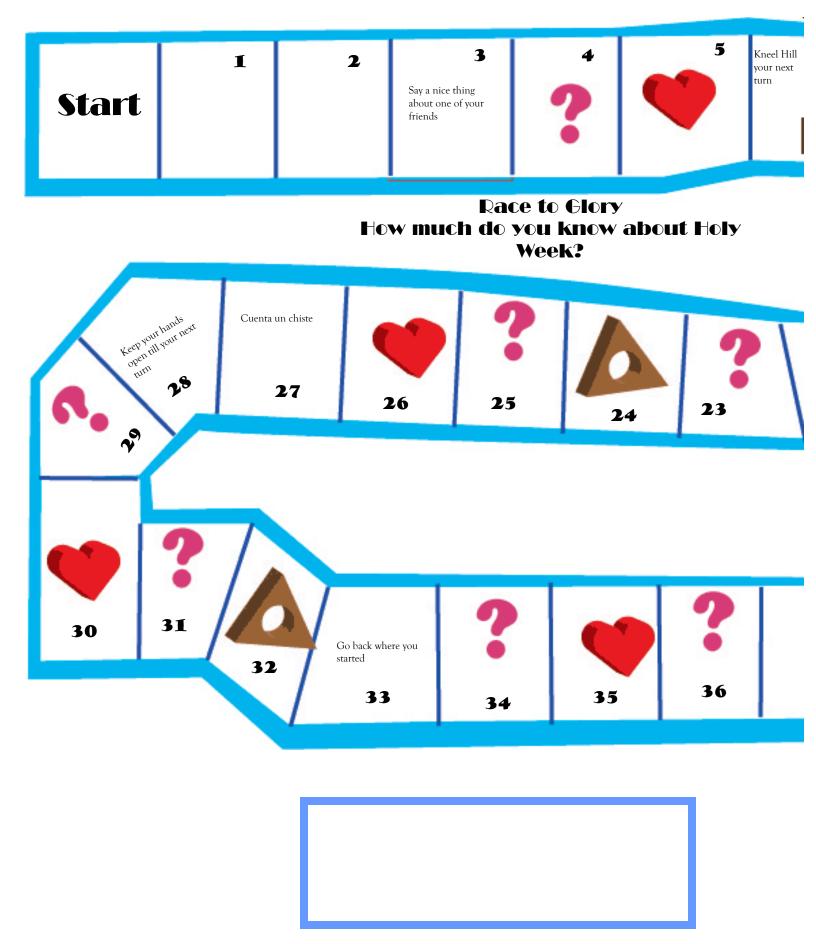
At that time, the nobles, like Father de la Salle's family, had the chance to be well-educated. However, the common people remained poor and ignorant. They had no opportunity to go to school. St John Baptist felt very sorry for the children of the poor. He decided to do something about the situation. He began to open schools for them. To provide teachers, he started a new order, the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Although Father de la Salle also taught the children himself, he spend most of his time training the teaching brothers. For them he wrote a rule of life and a book explaining the best way to teach. He was one of the best educators of all time. He believed in teaching in the language of the people, not in Latin, as others did. He grouped the students into classes. He stressed the importance of silence while the lesson was being taught.

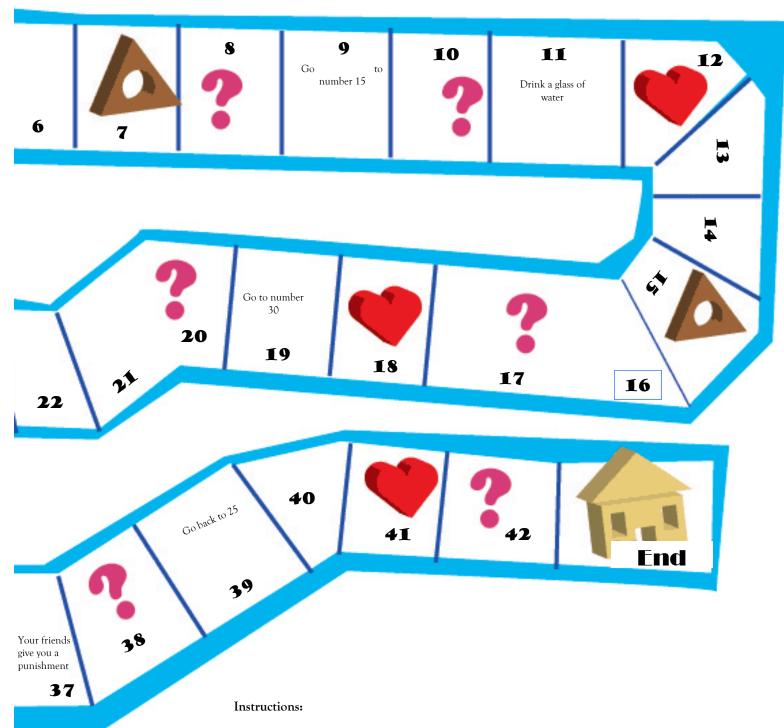
After a while, the brothers opened more schools. They taught the sons of the working people and nobles, too. Many difficulties faced the new order. St. Baptist's constant prayer and sacrifices blessed the work. It continued to grow and spread. Father de la Salle's health was never good. His asthma and arthritis caused him constant pain. Despite this, he would never allow himself to take on an easier lifestyle. He died on Good Friday, April 7, 1719, at the age of sixty-eight. He was proclaimed a saint by Pope Leo XII in 1900. Pope Pius XII declared him the patron of teachers in 1950.

St. John Baptist de la Salle and his religious congregation teach us the value of an education. Do we take advantage of our opportunities to acquire an education? Apply ourselves in class? Do our homework? When we do not feel like studying, we can whisper a prayer for help to St. John Baptist de la Salle.









Unite pages 15 and 16 to make the board game On pages 17 and 18 you find the questions for the game

- 1. Each player must identify himself with a game marker in different colors.
- 2. Each player draws a dice. The one that obtain the lower member goes first.
  - 3. By turns each player draw the dice and advanced according to the member drawn..
  - 4. If the player stops in an:
    - a. The guide of the group is the one who must ask the questions, taking a card with the questions, from the pile. If he or she answers correctly, stays where he is if not he goes back where he was before..
  - b. If stops in the place where the heart is move his or hers marker till the next heart.
  - c. If stops in a triangle go back 3 spaces
  - d. If stops in the place where there is something written, do what it says,
- 5. The one that get first to the end is the winner.

## Questions for the Game

Who was the first Missionary? R/Jesus	Who found Jesus' cross? R/St. Elena	What happened on Easter Sunday? R/Jesus resurrected	What is the sign of a Christian? R/ The sign of the cross
What is Repentance?  R/Feeling guilty for going something wrong and having the intention of not doing it again	What does Jesus teach us in the Mt. of Olives? R/ To pray to accept the will of God	Why did Jesus die on the cross?  R/ Jesus died for our sins	Who forgives sins in the Sacrament of Penance?  R/Jesus via the priest
When did Jesus institute the Eucharistic?  R/ Holy Thursday at the Last Super	What is fasting?  R/ Eating one main meal a day	What does Easter Mean?  R/ Stepping from the death of sin to the life of grace, or friendship with God	What is the Rite of Fire?  R/A celebration on Holy Saturday when the Pascal Candle is lit representing Jesus' resurrection
How many stations in the Stations of the Cross?  R/Fifteen stations	Which was the only apostle that followed Jesus to the cross? R/St. John	Who judged Jesus? R/Pontius Pilate	When and at what time did Jesus die? R/Pm Good Friday at 3:00p.m

## Questions for the Game

What are we doing on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday when we eat only one full meal and avoid eating between meals?  R/ Fasting	What is loving communion with God, in which we talk and listen to God?  R/Prayer	What is the giving of money or our time or talents or other material things to those who are in need?  R/ Works of Mercy	What do we call the suffering and death of Jesus that we hear read from the Gospel of Mark (14:1; 15-57) on Palm Sunday, and Gospel of John (18:1-19:42) on Good Friday?  R/The Passion
What is a deep and strong change of heart, when we turn away from sin and evil and toward God?  R/ Conversion	What do we do to show out sorrow for sin and wrongdoing, and help undo damage that may have been caused by our sin?  R/Penance	What do we call the service on Holy Saturday night that consists of the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, Christian Initiation (or the renewal of baptismal vows), and the Holy Eucharistic, celebrating Jesus' resurrection?  R/ Pascual Vigil	What is the liturgical color that symbolizes sorrow and penance during the season the Lent? R/Purple
What day do we celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, when we remember the Last Supper, during which Jesus gave to us the gift of himself in the Eucharistic?  R/Holy Thursday	What is the Good Friday ritual that consist of showing special respect to the wood of the cross?  R/ Veneration of the cross	What is the first day of Lent?  R/Ash Wednesday  What is placed on our forehead in the sign of the cross on the first day of Lent as a reminder to do penance?  R/Holy Ashes	What is the devotion that remembers Jesus' path to his crucifixion on Calvary?  R/The way of the cross
What do we call the three days that are the highest point of the liturgical year, when we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus?  R/ Pascual Triduum	What day of the Triduum do we remember Jesus' suf- fering and death ? R/ Holy Friday	What begins on Palm Sunday and is a time during which we remember the last days of Jesus life?  R/Holy Week	What is the event that Is at the core of all Christian beliefs and practices, that proclaims Jesus of Nazareth suffered, died, was buried, and was buried, and was raised to new life with God?  R/Resurrection