



September 2007
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We would like to dedicate this month of September to sharing God's love with the children through his Commandments. We should emphasize the importance of obeying the rules in our families, schools, and churches. Let us also exhibit a spirit of love in our families by sharing daily. Let's demonstrate through our examples that by being an active part of the Holy Mass we will become part of this great family which is the Catholic Church.

Enclose you will find some feasts and saints of this month:

Sept 08	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sept 24	Leaders Workshop
Sept 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Sept 27	Saint Vincent Paul
Sept 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	Sept 29	Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael archangels
Sept 21	Saint Matthew		
Sept 24	Our Lady of Mercy		

Enclosed materials:

1. This month's calendar
2. This month's Gospels

Activities:

- a) The Bible
- b) The Ten Commandments Memory Game
- c) Birthday of Blessed Virgin coloring page
- d) Bookmark for Spiritual Adoption
- e) Our Lady of Charity
- f) Our Lady of Sorrows
- g) Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Recommended videos:

1. Listen to the Maker (SHKC)
2. The Eucharistic (SHKC)
3. Moses (Hana-Barbera)
4. The Ten Commandments (CCC)

We are planning the Congress of "Friends of Jesus and Mary" for the summer of 2008 in Panama. Start to make plans to attend.

May God bless you always,

Friends of Jesus and Mary



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September 07

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH			
2 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 
9 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10	11	12	13 St. John Chrysostom	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 	15 Our Lady of Sorrow 
16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	17	18	19	20	21 San Mateo, Apóstol y Evangelista	22
23 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	24 Leaders' Workshop	25	26	27 St Vincent of Paul Patron of Volunteers	28	29 Gabriel Archangel Raphael Archangel Michael Archangel 
30 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time						

The Ten Commandments

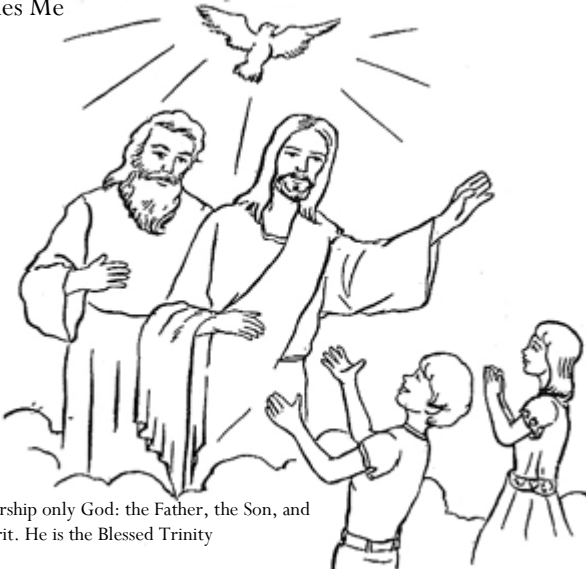
- 1— I, the Lord, am your God, You shall not have other gods besides Me.
- 2— You shall not take the Name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
- 3— Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
- 4— Honor your father and your mother.
- 5— You Shall not kill.
- 6— You shall not commit adultery.
- 7— You shall not steal.
- 8— You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9— You shall not cover your neighbor's wife.
- 10— You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.



On the way to the Promised Land, Moses goes up to Mount Sinai. He receives the Ten Commandments written on tablets of stone.

The First Commandment

I, the Lord, am your God, You shall not have other gods besides Me

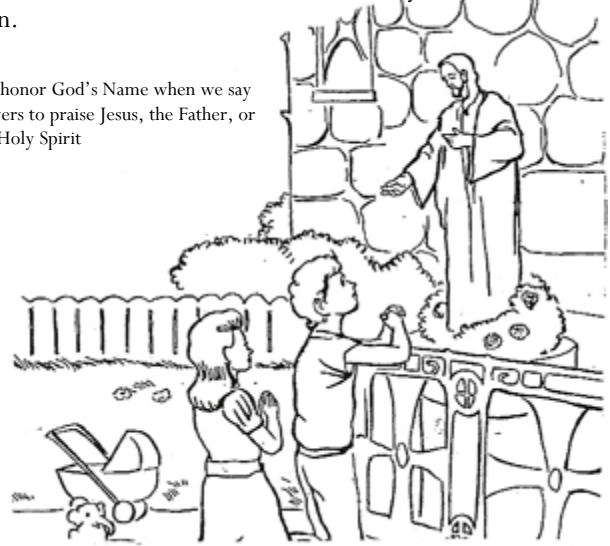


We must worship only God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is the Blessed Trinity

The Second Commandment

You shall not take the Name of the Lord, your God, in vain.

We honor God's Name when we say prayers to praise Jesus, the Father, or the Holy Spirit



Third Commandment

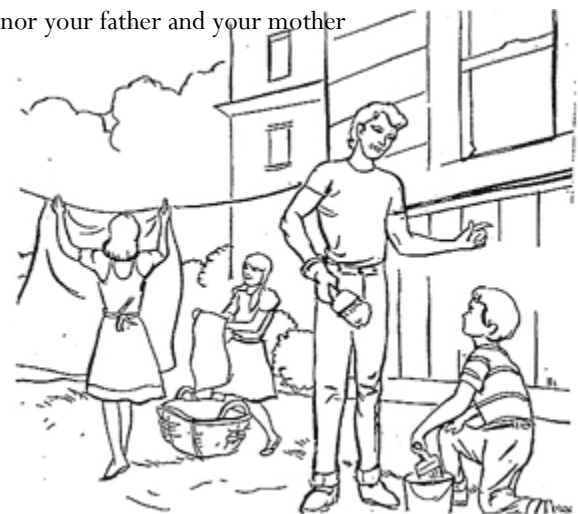
Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day



We obey this Commandment when we go to Mass on Sunday (or Saturday evening)

Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother



We must honor our parents by loving and obeying them. We should also help them whenever we can

Fifth Commandment

You Shall not kill.



We must avoid fighting or hurting others. We must try to do good to them

Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery



We must be pure in all we see and hear, say and do

Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal



We must show respect for the property of others. If we find someone's wallet, we should return it to that person.

Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.



We must always tell the truth. If we have broken a window, we must say we did it

Ninth Commandment

You shall not cover your neighbor's wife



We must respect the marriage of men and women who marry each other in Christ

Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.



We must never be jealous of what others have. We should be happy for their good fortune.

Don't take the first places

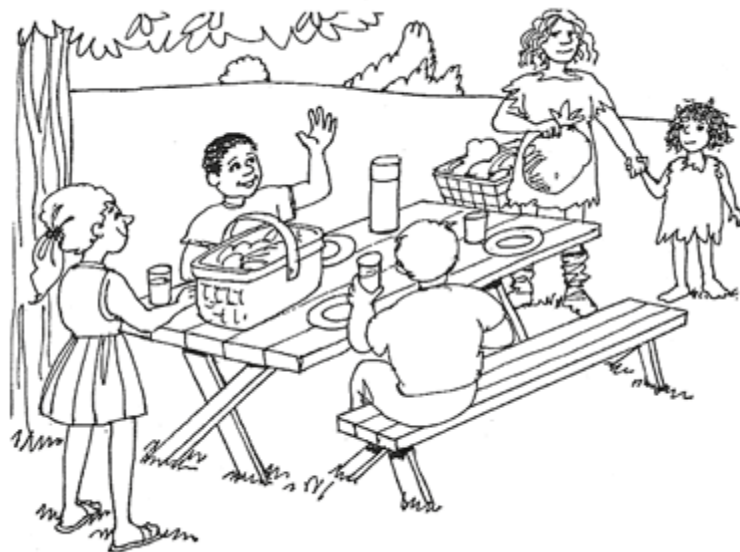
September 2:
22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Ecl. 3:17-18,20,28-29;
Heb. 12:18-24;
Lk 14:1,7-14

Talk about the story. Speak with the children about dinners with guests at home. Where does each one sit? Is there some reason for the fact that a person always sits at the head? What about if the table is round?

Do they feel they always need recognition and praise for things they do? Do they sometimes do things simply because it is the right thing to do, even if no one notices?

Activities and prayer. Ask the children to imagine and dramatize a dinner to which poor, handicapped, and blind people have been invited. What do they all say? Do they present excuses because they won't be able to return the invitation? Ask the children to prepare an invitation for a child who is normally excluded from games at school. As they leave the invitation in a "mail box", all say: "In you Jesus, we are all equal".



You are there.

Imagine you are the owner of the house and a guest has sat at the wrong place. What do you do? What about if you are one of the guests and they tell you to move because the seat you have taken is reserved for a more important person? How do you feel?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

☞ Jesus says that you have to do good not so that you get a reward or praise, but out of the love for God and others. Do you always expect to be rewarded and praised for the good things you do?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about something you have done without anyone thanking you for it. Tell him that, even if you feel a little bad, you know you have not done it for the recognition, but because it was a good thing to do. Tell him what you want to do:

☺ For example: I will do something at home without anyone knowing. I will not expect to be rewarded or praised for it.

☺ For example: I will not reject any kid because he or she is different.

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WORD SEARCH

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

Table, Sit, Place, Guest, Important, Shame, Jesus, Friends, Reward, Eat, Poor, Invite

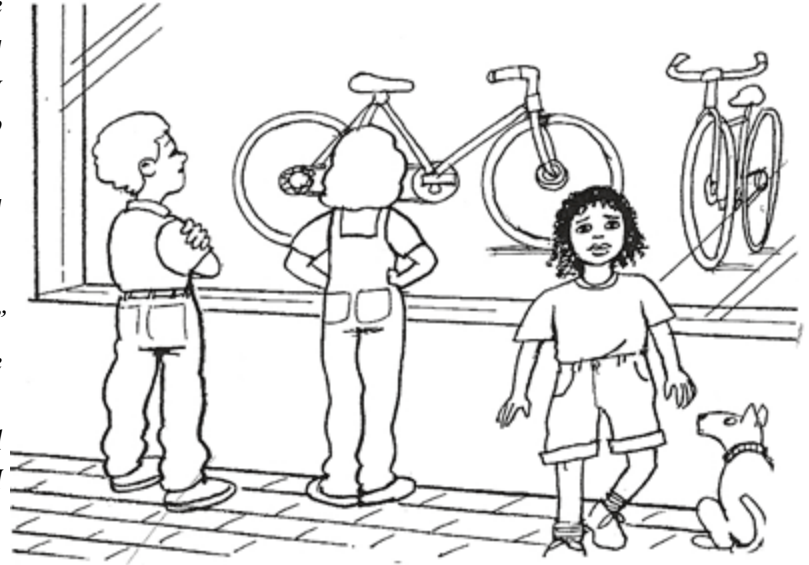
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D R T D O J E S U S
O O E Q R C T U V A

Following Jesus has a cost

September 9:
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sab. 9:13-19;
phil. 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33

Talk about the story. Speak with children about prices. Have they ever heard their parents comment that things are more and more expensive? When they have to buy something important or big, does the family make plans to save money until the time of the purchase? Do they sometimes have to give something up in order to pay something they want? What do they think about Jesus' words on what following him costs? What can Jesus ask of them? What does he offer?



Activities and prayer. Draw and cut out money to “pay” for the cost of following Jesus. On the back of the coins, the children can write what they will do to follow Jesus (share, help, work hard at school, be kind, forgive . . .) As they hand the money in to be presented at the Offertory, all say: “I want to follow you, Jesus”

You are there.

Do you imagine the poor guy who tried to build a house but could not finish it? Do you pity him or do you think he should have done a more careful planning?

Have you ever tried to do something but you could not finish it because you underestimated the time or effort it would cost you?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

☞ Jesus says that sometimes it is costly to be with him. Because he asks for difficult things. Like sharing, being kind to others, or making sacrifices so that others can be better off? What do you think Jesus is asking of you and it is difficult? Are you ready to do it?

What am I going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him about things that seem difficult to you but that you know Jesus likes. Tell him what you want to do:

☺ For example: I will help at home although I would rather be watching TV or playing

☺ For example: I will share what I have.

☺ _____

WORD SEARCH

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

Build, Cost, Resources, Follow, Jesus, Friends, Difficult, Think, Ready, Plan

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S	R	B	M	E	E	A	A	I	T
J	A	M	I	G	O	S	Q	L	O
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Lost and found things

September 16:
24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Exod. 32:7-11,3-14;
Tim. 1:12-17;
Lk 15:1-32.



Talk about the story. Speak with the children about things that are easily lost (keys, pens, papers) Have they ever lost something really important, that has really hurt to lose? Do they feel that sometimes they might lose someone's affection? DO they ever feel distant from someone? How can they return when they are mad at someone? If they have done something wrong, do they usually think that no one will forgive them?

Activities. Dramatize the scenes of the stories of Jesus. Prepare a party to celebrate that they have found something lost.

Final Prayer. Give thanks for Jesus' invitation to return and say: *I want to be with you, Jesus*

You are there.

How are these stories similar?

Do you think the characters in them are sort of crazy to leave everything they have in order to look for something insignificant that had been lost?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

☞ Jesus says he always rejoices when people come back to him when they had been away or lost. Do you think Jesus forgives you and welcomes you when you regret something you have done wrong?

What am I going to do?

☞ Speak with Jesus and tell him about a time when you felt you were away from the affection of someone. Tell him how you felt. Tell him what you want to do:

WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:
Son, Woman, Coin, Sheep, Shepherd, Father, Lose, Find, God, Jesus, Celebrate

A C O M P M R H I R
M L M N O U I R S T
C O L E B J E S U S
G V N I O E N M N E
C E L E B R A R X L
S J B M D E P G H E
J A U E P A S T O R
V E R D D I O S B R
P P E R D E R O L A
N O E Q H A L L A R

☺ For example: I will ask for forgiveness if I have done something wrong, knowing that Jesus always forgives and celebrates

☺ For example: I will thank God who is always waiting for me.

Jesus praises cleverness

September 23:
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7;
1 Tim. 2:1-8;
Lk16:1-3

Talk about the story. Have they ever seen in the novelas how the evil ones plotted against their enemies? Have they ever heard adults speak of times when they were deceived? Do they sometimes think and plan for naughty pranks? Do they sometimes do the same for good things, such as giving a good surprise to their parents, or teachers, or to help others to be good? Speak about the story for today. What do they think Jesus might be meaning?



Activities. Invite the children to join by groups and think of a good plan to help others with a problem. Let them decide on the situation or problem and come up with an organization to help.

Final Prayer. Invite the children to present their plans of action and pray for good results. All answer: "Give us your light, Jesus"

You are there.

Are you surprised that Jesus praises such a cheater? What do you think Jesus really means?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

☞ Jesus says that sometimes those who do evil are faster than the good ones and win the game. He asks his friends to be clever for good things, that is, to be active and decisive, to seek the best way to do good to others.

What am I going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him about something good you would like to achieve for your home or school. Ask him for light to see the best way to do it. Tell him what you want to do:

☺ For example: I will think things through so they come out better.

☺ For example: I will do favors and be kind in order to convince other children to behave well in class.

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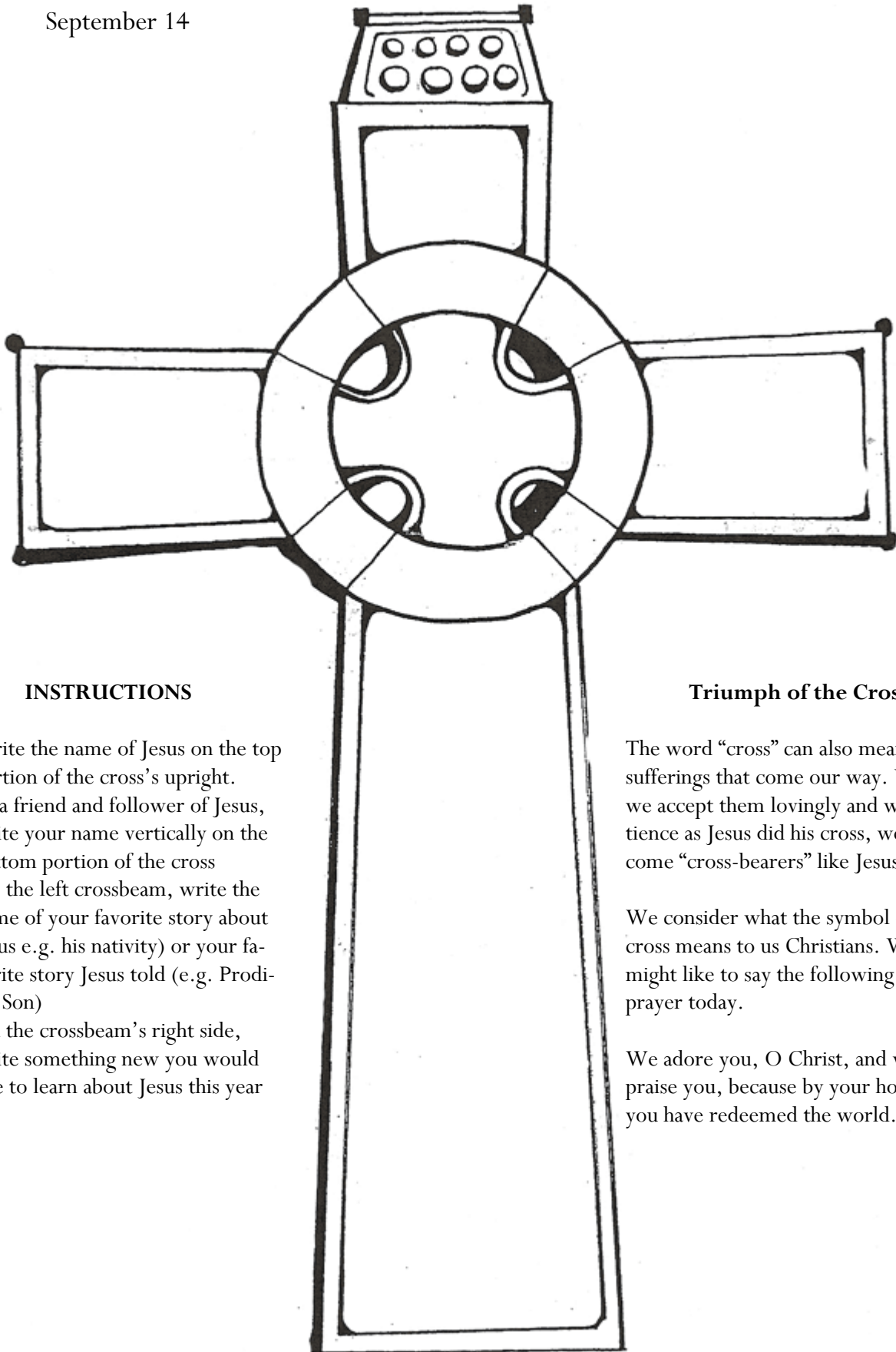
Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

Clever, Steward, Friends, Cheat, Good, Evil, Light, Job, Jesus, Praise, Deuda

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I	G	L	M	S	I	A	C	D	C
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My High Cross

September 14



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write the name of Jesus on the top portion of the cross's upright.
2. As a friend and follower of Jesus, write your name vertically on the bottom portion of the cross
3. On the left crossbeam, write the name of your favorite story about Jesus e.g. his nativity) or your favorite story Jesus told (e.g. Prodigal Son)
4. On the crossbeam's right side, write something new you would like to learn about Jesus this year

Triumph of the Cross

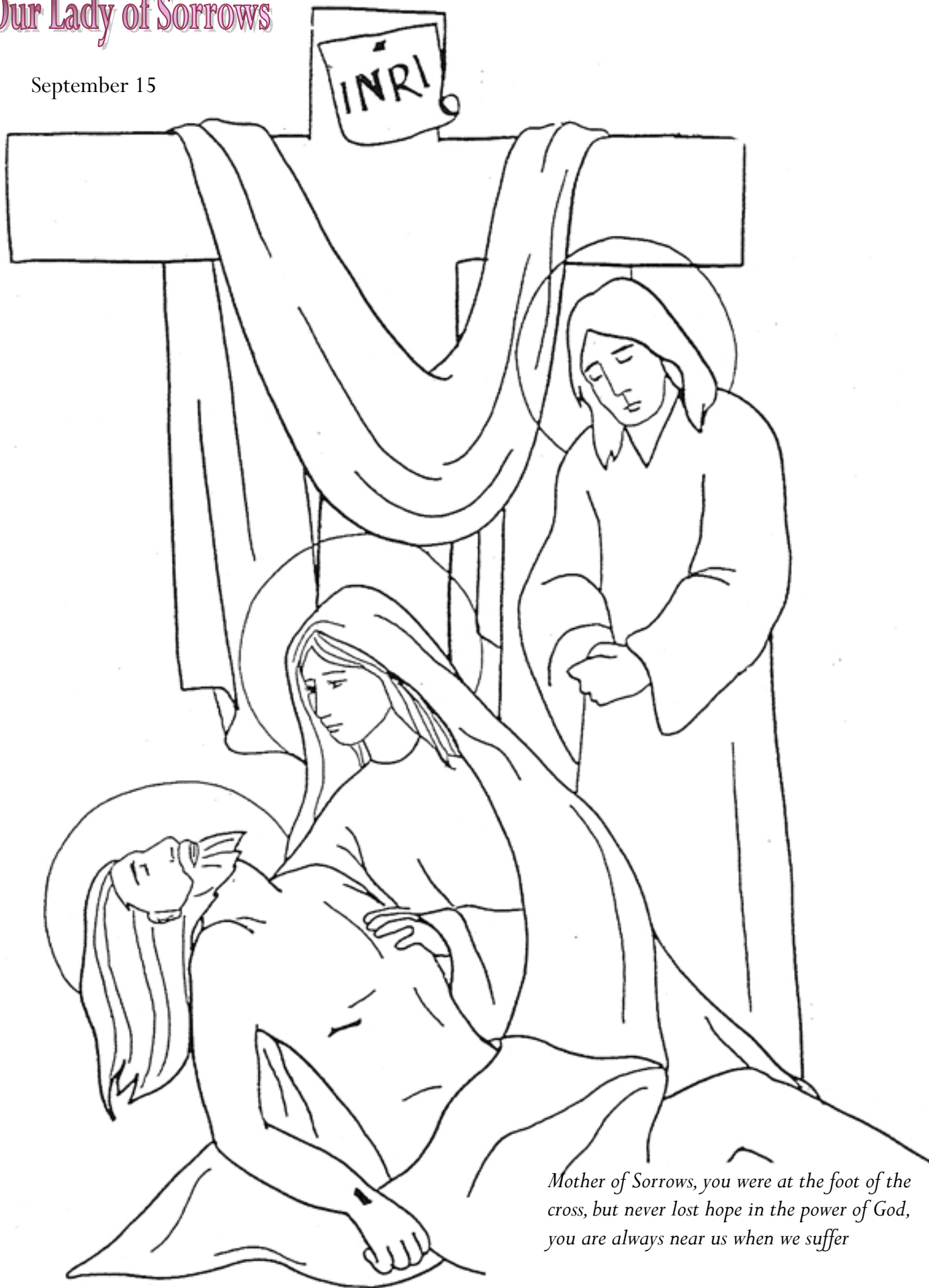
The word "cross" can also mean the sufferings that come our way. When we accept them lovingly and with patience as Jesus did his cross, we become "cross-bearers" like Jesus.

We consider what the symbol of the cross means to us Christians. We might like to say the following short prayer today.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Our Lady of Sorrows

September 15



Mother of Sorrows, you were at the foot of the cross, but never lost hope in the power of God, you are always near us when we suffer

Happy Birthday
Virgen Mary

SEPTEMBER 08





Our Lady of Charity in Miami

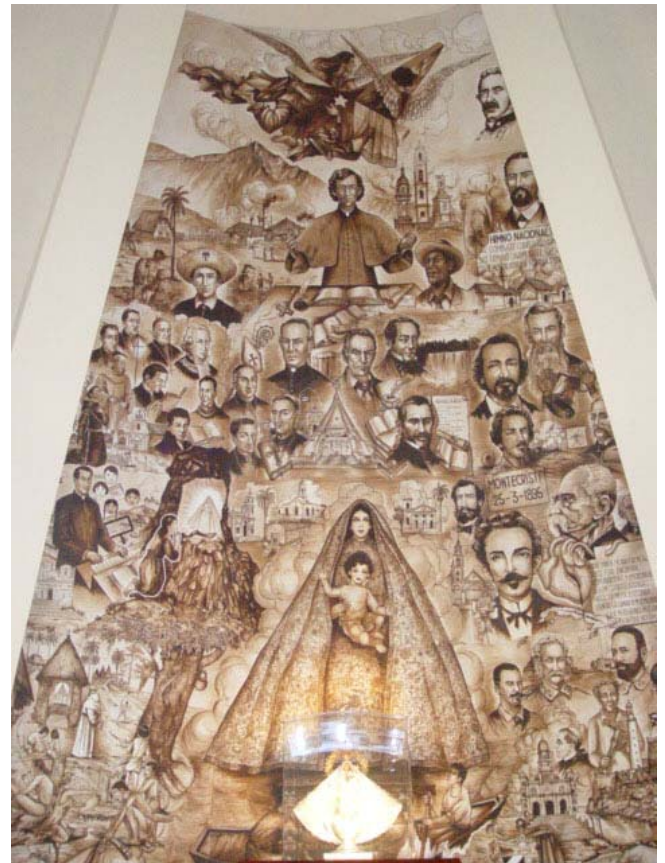
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**National Sanctuary
Shrine of Our lady of Charity**

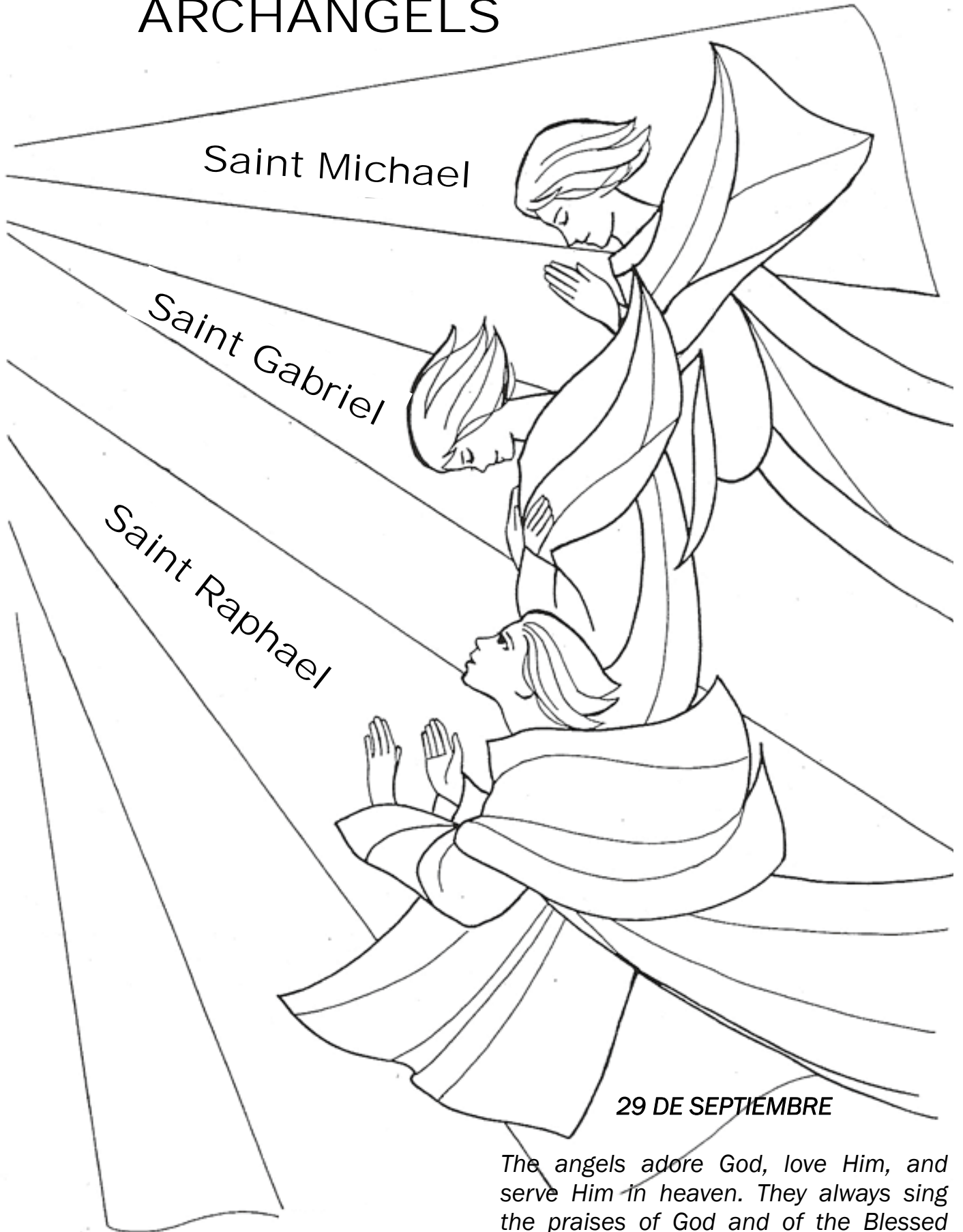
The Mural of the Shrine

The history of Cuba in a Glimpse

Mural by Teok Carrasco



ARCHANGELS



29 DE SEPTIEMBRE

The angels adore God, love Him, and serve Him in heaven. They always sing the praises of God and of the Blessed Mother. When God calls them, they fly at His command. They are always ready and happy to obey their King.

Dives does not listen to Lazarus

September 30th:
26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7;
1Tim 6:11-16;
Lk 16:19-31

Activities and prayer. Invite the children to think of someone whom they have forgotten for a while. Let them make invitations or letters to restart the relationship. Ask the children also to write notes of thanksgiving for someone who has done something good for them and for what they hardly ever give thanks (cooking, washing, a clean house, bringing them to school and activities . . .) They may place their cards on the basket. All answer: "Teach us to see and listen to others, Jesus"



Talk about the story. Speak with the children about the story. Does the gospel say that Dives was a bad man? Why did he end up in hell? Does the gospel God say he sent messages to Dives when he was on earth? Does God send messages to us also?

You are there.

Imagine you are the rich man and everyday you see Lazarus at your door. What do you do? Do you greet him? Do you invite him to lunch? Or do you pass by as if he were not there?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

☞ Jesus tells us we need to be attentive to others. God always asks of us to help others in need. Do you invite him to lunch? Or do you pass by as if he were not there

What am I going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him about the people around him. Tell him what you think they need. Ask for strength and generosity to help in every way you can. Tell him what you want to do:

☺ For example: I will try to pay attention to what others need

☺ For example: I will share the things I have with others

☺ _____

WORD SEARCH

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

Lazarus, Dives, Rich, Poor, Crumbs, Money, Listen, God, Warn, Hell

A	D	V	E	R	T	I	R	I	M
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D	I	N	E	R	O	A	C	D	G
G	O	H	I	J	S	B	M	N	A
E	S	C	U	C	H	A	R	X	J
P	A	B	M	D	E	A	I	E	A
U	H	U	E	S	O	S	C	N	S
L	A	Z	A	R	O	M	O	B	R
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Spiritual Adoption

Let us Pray ...
To save a Baby!

Moses



Dear Jesus, Mary, Joseph I
promise to pray for this baby
I have spiritually adopted
during these 9 months of my
school year, so he or she may
be born as I have been born
to live a life as a child of
God to love and serve

My baby's name is:

Spiritual Adoption

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WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

The word Bible comes from the Greek "Biblia" that means Books



Is the collection of 73 old writing about God (Jehovah, Yahweh)



TWO PARTS

"TESTAMENT" means "Covenant"

"WRITINGS" means "Holy Scriptures"



Old Testament

(Jewish writings)



A collection of books on classic Hebrew, that covers a period of more than 1000 years including

- (1) History of Heroes and events
- (2) Code of law
- (3) Prayers
- (4) Reflective—Literature
- (5) Poetry

Looking for a mission for Israel on earth

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- Samuel I
- Samuel II
- Kings I
- Kings II
- Chronicles I
- Chronicles II
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Tobit
- Esther
- Maccabees I
- Maccabees II
- Job Psalm
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Songs
- Wisdom
- Sirach
- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Baruch
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

5
"The Pentateuch"

16 "The Historical Books"

7 The Wisdom Book

16
"The Wisdom Books"

New Testament

(Christian writings)



New Testament collection of 27 books written in Greek in a period of less than 100 years (51 to 105 A.D.) after Christ as a Missionary Guide

Proclaiming the birth, development and teaching of the Christian Church

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John
- Acts of Apostles
- Romans
- Corinthians I
- Corinthians II
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- I Thessalonians
- II Thessalonians
- I Timothy
- II Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews
- James
- Peter I
- Peter II
- John I
- John II
- Jude
- The Book of Revelation

4
"Gospel"

The New Testament Letters
13

The Catholic Letters
8

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Let's go to Heaven

LET'S GO TO HEAVEN

Dear child,

A group of young people in the Catholic Church invented this game for you and your friends so that you will have fun and learn what is most important in life. Enjoy it. See you in Heaven.

Rules of the game.

Everyone takes a turn and throws the dice.

You should be reading the rules and doing what the rules tell you.

You should reach NUMBER 42 exactly.

If, when you add up, you go over 42, whatever count is in excess has to be return and go backwards. Cheer up!

0-Baptism: *with this Sacrament we become Christians. In this way we begin our journey to heaven.*

1-Confession: *With this Sacrament Jesus forgives our sins. In this way we can receive Him with a clean soul and journey towards heaven. Throw again.*

2-Holy Mass: *This is the living Remembrance, alive, of Christ dead and resurrected for our salvation. Here we are nourished with His body. In this way we are brought near heaven. Throw twice.*

3-Missionaries: *If we truly love Christ, we will speak about Him to others, so that everyone may know Him and love Him.*

4-Charity: *God rewards a hundred-fold those who share with love. Therefore, you are excused from the next penalty that you get.*

5-Pride: *To think that you are better than others and to scorn others is a sin. Return to No. 1*

6-Communion: *If you always receive Jesus, He will take you to heaven. Without Him, you will not get there.*

7-Laziness: *If you are a lazy person you will be delayed on your way to heaven. Whatever you have to do, do it quickly. Do not take your turn the next time around.*

8-Temptation: *When the devil*

invites you to do something bad, ask the Virgin Mary to help you conquer it. You can only move from here if you get No. 2 or No. 3

9-Bad Movies: *These move you away from heaven. Return to No. 1*

10-Fortitude: *If you love God, all that happens to you in this life will be your benefit. Ask God to make you strong to do His will.*

11-Visit the Blessed Sacrament: *Jesus lives in each tabernacle. Visit Him frequently. Tell Him all your thoughts. He will take you to heaven. Go to Nu. 16.*

12-Games: *God also gives us friends with whom we can play and have a good time. Thanks Him for all this.*

13-Original Sin: *This sin is taken away only through Baptism. There you will learn the way to heaven. Return to No. 0*

14-Good Lectures: *Make it a habit to read the Bible and the Catechism. There you will learn the way to heaven. Take another turn.*

15-Fights: *In each person is Jesus. DO not hurt Him nor offend Him. Skip a turn.*

16-Confirmation: *This Sacrament strengthens you as a Christian so that you can walk securely towards heaven. On you next turn advance double whatever you get.*

17-Family: *Love the family that God gave you. Pray for it. God wants us to reach heaven as a family.*

18-Gluttony: *It does not lead us to heaven. On the contrary, it draws us to other sins. From now on –every time you get No. 6 it will be avoid.*

19-Matrimony: *It is another Sacrament. Perhaps this will be your vocation. Ask God what He has in mind for you.*

20-Fear: *If you trust in God, do not fear. Fear pulls you away from heaven.*

21-Priesthood: *By this Sacrament many generous boys and young men are called by Christ, The God Shepherd, for their mission. Ask God that there will always be plenty of good priests for the Church.*

22-Bad Desires: *They do not lead you to heaven. As you know, you will conquer the devil by praying to*

the Blessed Virgin Mary. You will not get out of here until you get No. 1 or No. 3

23-Jesus dies on the cross: *God become man and died on the cross to save us from sin and from hell. Thanks Him, by the merits of Christ, you will be exempt from any penalty that you may get, from here until the end.*

24-Good Counsel: *Only good friends will give you good advice that will lead you to heaven.*

25-Holy Rosary: *Whoever prays the Holy Rosary will get close to heaven. You will have the Blessed Mother as you advocate. Go to No 39*

26-The Church: *God wants to unite all His children in the Catholic Church founded by Jesus Christ. There we will find the road to heaven.*

27-Commandments: *If you obey the ten commandments, you will go to Heaven. Play again.*

28-To Steal: *It is a sin. It will pull you away from heaven. Do not take from another what God has given him. Instead, ask for what you need. Return to No. 1*

29-Study: *You must give them and effort to this. DO it for yourself and others. God will reward you Play Again.*

30-Resurrection: *When Christ resurrected, He conquered death and He opened for us the gates to heaven. There He awaits us to make us eternally happy.*

31-Work: *We must work to make more beautiful the world that God created and to help us live together with others. In this way, work also leads us to heaven. Play again.*

32-Mortal Sin: *This cuts off your way to heaven because we lose the grace which God has given us in our souls. We can only get it back through Confession. Return to No. 1*

33-Martyrdom: *If you give your life for Christ, you gain heaven. Congratulations!!! You reach the GOAL*

34-The pope: *Jesus put saint Peter as the head of the Church. He was the first Pope. The Pope guides us to heaven. If you consider yourself*

obedient to the Pope, you may play again. Also, by the power that Christ gave him to bind or unbind, according to the number that you get, you may choose either to go ahead or if it is not convenient, remain where you are.

35-Holy Anointing: *By means of this Sacrament God strengthens you with the Holy Spirit so that you may suffer with patience and offer to God your sufferings for the salvation of the world. Play again*

36-Death: *This is the passing from this life to the next. Here begins eternity. You cannot get out of here until you get No. 1*

37-Judgement: *Christ will judge your life to the good that you have done or for the good that you have failed to do. You can only leave here if you get No. 1 or No. 3 or No. 5.*

38-Purgatory: *Here you will be purified of all the bad things you have done on earth and that you did not atone for. You can only get out of here only if you get No. 4.*

39-Blessed Virgin: *She is our Mother in Heaven. She will surely take you to heaven. Pray to her with love. You can only leave here if you get No. 3*

40-Hell: *Whoever dies in mortal sin will go to hell, infinite sadness. You are removed from the game.*

41-Faith: *It is impossible to imagine the beauty of heaven. You are very close but you are not certain until you reach Him.*

42-Heaven: *You are now saved by the grace of GOD and your effort you will be immensely happy forever. Now you can help other friends who are still pilgrims on earth. When it is your turn again you will throw the dice and the points you get you may give them to the one last in line or to whomever you wish, so that all of us may get to heaven.*

CONGRATULATIONS!