

HOME PROJECTS FOR SEPTEMBER

FAITH—believing in God and all He has revealed.

Grades Pre-K-2—Saint Martha

1. Pray a simple daily prayer for deeper faith, such as: "God, I believe in You, help me to know You more."
2. Make brief visits to Jesus in the tabernacle a few times this month.
3. Read a Bible passage aloud each night.
4. Discuss what we believe about the Trinity, Incarnation, and Eucharist.
5. Ask a priest to bless a new crucifix, holy water font, or sacred image for your home or your child's bedroom. Practice using it as a reminder to pray each time you enter the room.

Grades 3-5—Saint Jerome

1. Pray the *Act of Faith* each day.
2. Spend time together in Eucharistic Adoration using these steps as a guide ACTS(Q):
A=Adoration, C=Contrition, T=Thanksgiving, S=Supplication, Q=Tell God what is going on in your life; ask Him questions and listen for answers.
3. Discuss different prayers to say during the silent moments of the Mass, especially before the Scripture readings ("Lord, place Your Word in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.") the elevation of the host ("Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!") and after receiving Holy Communion.
4. Discuss the lesson from the readings and homilies at Mass each Sunday this month.
5. Watch video clips of Pope Francis (see the Vatican's official YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/vatican) and discuss how we love the Holy Father because he Christ's vicar on earth. Discuss how the pope and all bishops are successors of the Apostles.

Grades 6-8—Saint Augustine

1. Memorize the *Apostles' Creed* or the *Nicene Creed*.
2. Pray the rosary or attend Eucharistic Adoration with a friend, more than once if possible.
3. Make a commitment with a friend that both of you will spend five minutes reading Scripture each night. Share the effect it has on you.
4. Is there a Church teaching you don't understand? Look it up in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (available at the Vatican website, www.vatican.va).
5. Lead a faith-sharing meeting at your house. Read Scripture with a few friends and discuss your faith.
6. Follow current Church news from the Vatican News Service (www.news.va/en) or a Catholic news service such as Zenit News (www.zenit.org) or Catholic News Service (www.catholicnews.com) and discuss with a friend or your parents.