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### In this unit you will...

learn that you are made in God's image and likeness and are to live and love in community. Showing love to others is a way we reflect the love of the Holy Trinity. Sin is the failure to do so. You will learn that Persons of the Trinity help you to do good and avoid evil. You do this by using your free will and following your conscience.









What do you think you will learn in this unit about faithful people?



# Preview Unit Theme

Tell students that Unit 2 is about the Trinity.

- Read aloud the text on page 66 of the student edition. Tell students they will learn more about these things in the next three chapters.
- Ask students what they think it means to be made in God's image.
- Invite volunteers to share ways they can show love for others.

# Overview

# Faith Focus

- Because all humans are created in God's image, all people are worthy of dignity and are to be respected.
- Within each human person is an immortal soul, which is also made in the image of God. (CCC 362-366)

## Catechism Connection

The Catechism is explicit in linking respect for the dignity of the human person with social justice. (CCC 1928-1933)

### NDC Link

Through catechesis and looking toward Christ, humans learn not only who God is, but who and what we are. (See NDC, 25H.)

#### Resources

#### DVD/VHS

Saints Gallery, Vol V, Great Women\* (30 min.). Videos with Values (Oblate Media), "Edith Stein" (9:16 min.). Shows how this twentiethcentury saint lived.



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# In God's Image

# CATECHIST FORMATION



"For 'In him we live and move and have our being,' as even some of your poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring."

Acts 17:28

# The Human Soul

Humans have a spiritual dimension that is no less real than the physical one. This spiritual dimension of humans is called the soul. Humans, however, are not divided creatures, one part body and another part soul. The soul completes a human and makes each person a whole being.

Humans are made in God's image. All humans are bound as brothers and sisters, regardless of individual differences. Being created in God's image is humanity's most profound common trait. Body and soul share in the dignity of the image of God. The soul is the gift of life breathed into humans by the Creator. The soul is immortal and will transcend even the death of the physical body.

# **Dignity and Respect**

Human dignity comes first from the fact that all people are creations of God. Therefore, humans are products of love, wisdom, and goodness beyond understanding. Respect for life at all stages is the only appropriate response to such divine generosity. Human life is sacred because all humans are offspring of the







### **TEACHING CHAPTER 4**

## Respect

The virtue of respect is something that is better modeled than lectured about. You have an excellent opportunity, in this chapter, to encourage students to grow in their respect for themselves and for others.

The word respect means "a second look" moving beyond one's preconceived notions and stereotypes to find the image of God in all people. Here are some ways that you can help students practice respect.

- Ban teasing, name-calling, gossip, and insults from all group interchange, even when the intent is "humorous." Names do hurt.
- Show respect for differences by encouraging students to participate in whatever way they feel comfortable. Some are talkers. Others are listeners, writers, artists, or dancers.
- Have students role-play common situations of unfairness or injustice that they encounter at school or in the neighborhood. Invite the group to suggest respectful solutions.
- Incorporate prayers, songs, crafts, and snacks from diverse ethnic and cultural traditions into your time together to help students learn

respect for



### **FOURTH GRADERS SAY**

# Dignity

 I am concerned about fairness. Encourage me to speak up when I see others treated unfairly.



- I am curious about other lands and cultures. Give me opportunities to learn about all kinds of people.
- Sometimes I want to be like everyone else. Help me appreciate my unique gifts.

### SUSTAINING YOUR SPIRIT

## **Engagement with Others**

Blessed assurance in yourself is important. It is also important to experience significant and constructive engagement with others. Doing so enables you to

- see firsthand the goodness of others.
- recognize that sometimes a task is best addressed by a team.
- replenish your level of empathy.
- see that you can still benefit from different styles and approaches.

Engagement with others sustains your spirit by pulling you past your own limitations and by restoring your faith in yourself and others.

	Lone Ranger					with others
Reflect	Rate yourself	1	2	3	4	5



God and Father of all, help me and my students remember that we are created in your image. Guide us to see your Son, Jesus, in every person we meet. Fill us with your Holy Spirit as we learn to break down the sinful walls of injustice. Amen.

# **Weekly Planner**

#### Materials **Lesson Process** Let Us Pray: Psalm 104:30 Page 67 Objective: Pray the psalm verse. To recognize that everyone · Read the poem. is created in the image Discuss what is special about each student. of God Pages 68-69 Scripture: Genesis 1:27 Objective: · Read and discuss the Rosa Parks story. Board or chart paper To appreciate the dignity Proclaim the scripture story. ☐ Copies of Activity Master 4 on of human life Activity Complete the Share Your Faith Activity. page 74A Words of Faith dignity, soul ☐ Pencils or pens Pages 70-71 Discuss sin as a failure to love. Objective: Examine the differences between mortal and venial sin. To discover how a failure Introduce the concept of social sin. to love leads to sin Activity Complete the Connect Your Faith Activity. Words of Faith sin , social sin 3 Celebrate Page 72 Let Us Pray Objective: Rehearse the responses. To pray for the dignity of ☐ Hymnals · Gather as a community. all people ☐ Music CD Celebrate a Prayer for Dignity and Respect. ☐ Bible Hymn: "Behold, I Make All Things New" Activity Complete the Act of Love Activity, page 248 and 249

# Wrap Up

#### Page 73

- · Review the chapter concepts.
- · Complete the Live Your Faith Activity.

## Family Faith

#### Page 74

- Introduce the page, and assign it as a family activity.
- Read about Saint Edith Stein.

### ACRE Connection, Domain 5-Dignity of the Human Person





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# Let Us Pray

Leader: God, we give you praise and thanks for all creation. "When you send forth your breath, they are

and you renew the face of the earth."

All: God, we give you praise and thanks for all creation. Amen.



I am the only ME I AM this earth shall ever see: that ME I AM I always am is no one else but ME!

A selection from the poem by Jack Prelutsky

. What is the best thing about being you? Responses will vary.



Objective: To recognize that everyone is created in the image of God



Ask students to move to the classroom prayer space. In the space, have a crucifix and a Bible opened to the psalm. Tell students to sit quietly for a moment. Ask them to be attentive to their own breathing. Remind them that breath is a sign of life and a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Pray aloud the psalm verse.

## Activity

- . Slowly read "Me I Am."
- · Next, do a choral reading of the poem. Ask students to join in each time they see the words "Me I Am."
- · Finally, ask each student to think of a response to the question that follows the poem. Allow time for sharing.
- Tell students that their responses are what make them different and special. Then tell them that they are also special because they are made in the image of God. In the next part of the lesson, they will learn what this means

# **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY**

Make Thumbprint Portraits Extend the poem by having students show their individuality.

- · Tell students that each person's fingerprints are unique.
- · Have each student make a thumbprint on a poster board and personalize it.

Multiple Intelligence: Visual/Spatial



# CATECHIST BACKGROUND

Poet Jack Prelutsky was born in New York in 1940. Although his poetry appeals to children, Prelutsky says that he didn't like poetry as a child and became interested in it only later in life. Now he spends much of his time sharing his poetry with young admirers in schools and libraries.



Objective: To appreciate the dignity of human life



What does it mean to be created in the image of God? List students' responses on the board or on chart paper.

# **An Image of Love**

Introduce the biography of Rosa Parks by summarizing the first paragraph. Ask students if they know who Rosa Parks is. Encourage responses.

### **Rosa Parks**

Read aloud the biography of Rosa Parks. Ask students to think about how they might feel if they were treated as Rosa was.

- Emphasize that because all humans are created in God's image, everyone has dignity and is worthy of respect. The Rosa Parks story is an example of this truth.
- Invite discussion of the question in the text. Begin by sharing examples from your own experience.

# **An Image of Love**



Focus What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

God has given you life. He has created you and all people to reflect his own image of love. God's image can shine in you and in every person you meet. The story of Rosa Parks teaches us that all people should be treated equally.

# Faith Fact

James Augustine Healy was the first African American Catholic bishop in the United States. He was named bishop of Portland, Maine, in 1875.

#### A BIOGRAPHY

Rosa Parks

On the evening of December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks boarded a public bus in Montgomery, Alabama, and took a seat in the white section. The bus filled quickly, and soon there were no more seats. The driver noticed that Rosa, a black woman, was not sitting in the colored section. He asked Rosa to move to the back of the bus, but she refused. She did not argue. She simply did not move.

Before the 1960s, African Americans were unjustly treated because of their skin color. They were separated from the rest of society in many ways. Long after that day on the bus, Rosa Parks wrote, "Our mistreatment was just not right, and I was tired of it. I kept thinking about my mother and my

grandparents, and how strong they were. I knew there was a possibility of being mistreated, but an opportunity was being given to me to do what I had asked of others."

> When have you observed that someone was being treated in a certain way simply because of the color of his or her skin? Responses will vary.

# REACHING ALL LEARNERS

Visual Learners Some students are visual learners. They need to see words and pictures.

- · Use a picture or a prop when telling a story.
- · Write key words on the board or on chart paper.
- · Point out the illustrations and photos in the text as you tell the story.

## **Created with Dignity**

will live forever. God gave

you the ability to think,

to love, and to make

choices. You can make choices for human dignity every day.

Rosa Parks was a true hero of the struggle for human rights in the United States. Yet she began by doing one simple thing on a day when she was tired. Rosa expressed the very basic Christian belief that all people have dignity because they are created in God's image.

God created man in his image: in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.

# Werds of Faith

Dignity is self-worth. Every human is worthy of respect because he or she is made in the image

Soul is the spiritual part of a human that lives forever. Genesis 1:27 God made you with a human body, and you have a soul that

Activity



Reflect: Think of a time when you or someone you know showed respect or treated someone with dignity.

Share: Tell a partner what happened.

Act: List some ways you can protect the dignity of others. Possible responses: Be polite, include

others, and don't bully or tease.

**Created with Dignity** 

Read aloud the first paragraph. Then have a strong reader proclaim the scripture passage.

- Tell students that this passage comes from the story of creation. Explain that people have dignity because they are created in the image of God
- Ask students to silently read the last paragraph. Call on volunteers to summarize the abilities that God gave humans that enable them to make choices for human dignity.

 Assign partners, and have students share a time when they treated someone with dignity or respect. Then have partners work together to list ways of treating others with dianity.



# Ouick Review

All people are created in God's image and are equal in dignity. It is important to treat all people with respect.

Soul Humans are the only creatures created in God's likeness because they are the only ones who have immortal souls. The human body shares in the dignity of this image of God.

- . Because humans have both body and soul, their creation unites the world of matter and spirit.
- · God created people with the capacity to share in his divine nature. This is the source of human dignity and worth.

# OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

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**Activity Master 4: Human** Dignity in Scripture Distribute the activity on catechist page 74A.

- · Help students locate the scripture passages.
- · As an alternative, you may wish to send this activity home with students.



▲ Activity Master 4

# **Explore**

Objective: To discover how a failure to love leads to sin



What is sin? List students' responses on the board or on chart paper.

# Made to Love

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the first paragraph to introduce the topic of sin. Ask students what happens when they act in a loving way.

### **Failure to Love**

Draw students' attention to the heading and the highlighted word.

- Tell them that "failure to love" is one definition of sin. Have them silently read the first paragraph.
- · Read aloud the first sentence of the next paragraph. Have students continue reading silently.
- · Copy the graphic organizer onto the board or chart paper. Work with students to name differences between mortal and venial sins.
- · Ask which kind of sin fourth graders are more likely to commit. venial sin

# **Made to Love**



xplore

Focus What is sin?

God created you to be united to him and to all people. Every time you act in a loving way, you deepen your connection to God and to the members of the Church, the Body of Christ. When you choose to treat someone badly, you hurt this person and the whole community of faith. You choose not to show love and respect.

### **Failure to Love**

Sin is always a failure to love. A sinful thought, word, or act also hurts your friendship with God. Sin affects you, too, and keeps you from becoming the person God wants you to be.

There are two kinds of personal sin-mortal and venial. Serious sins, such as murder, are called mortal sins. They destroy the friendship a person has with God and with others. In order for a sin to be mortal, the act must be seriously wrong, you must know that it is seriously wrong, and you must freely choose to do it anyway.

> Venial sins are less serious sins. They are things that you do, such as disobeying, cheating, and lying, or bad habits that you

develop, such as being lazy or dishonest. Sometimes sin is a failure to act. This is a sin of omission. An example of this would be to remain silent when someone tells a joke that makes fun of another person or group. Venial sin hurts

your friendship with God and others, but it does not destroy it.

**Graphic Organizer** 

Sin Venial Mortal

## **Love and Respect**

Social sin refers to the results of sin that can build up over time in a community or nation. One example of social sin is not allowing someone of a certain race or group to buy a house in a certain neighborhood. Rosa Parks acted against inequality and social sin. She defended her own dignity and the dignity of others.

All people are equal. Every person has dignity and is worthy of respect because he or she is made in God's image. Because he is the Son of God, Jesus is the perfect image of God. You are called to become more like Jesus and to reflect the love and care that he shows all people.



thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the law of God.

Social sin is a sinful social structure or institution that builds up over time so that it affects the whole society.

Conclude this section of the lesson by asking students to read these paragraphs silently.

**Love and Respect** 

- Ask students to recall how Rosa Parks made a difference. By refusing to move to the back of the bus, she defended her dignity and the dignity of others
- Remind students that every person is worthy of respect because he or she is made in God's image.

- Have a volunteer read aloud the directions
- Then give students time to think and write.
- · Allow students' prayers to remain personal by not asking them to share aloud



# **Ouick Review**

Sin is a failure to love. It hurts you, others, and your relationship with God. Social sin is sin that builds up so that it affects a whole society.



# **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY**

sins, but not everybody asks for

some of your past actions.

God's forgiveness. Write a personal

prayer, asking God's forgiveness for

Write a Group Prayer Have students write a group prayer instead of individual ones.

- · When students write a prayer. use it in a celebration.
- · Print the words on the board or on chart paper.
- · Have students create gestures.



Multiple Intelligence: Interpersonal



Explain Racism Explain that practices such as requiring African Americans to sit at the back of the bus and refusing to consider people of color for certain jobs are examples of racism.

- . The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in Brothers and Sisters to Us, called racism "a sin that divides the human family."
- The faithful are urged to speak out against racism.

Catholic Social Teaching: Life and Dignity

# 3 Celebrate

Objective: To pray for the dignity of all people

# Let Us Pray

Tell students that they will pray for the dignity of human life.

# **Prayer for Dignity** and Respect

### **Prepare**

Choose a leader for the prayer.

- Practice the response with students.
- Use the Call to Faith 4 CD, track 4, to rehearse the suggested song.

#### Gather

Invite students to gather in the prayer space.

## Pray

- · Follow the order of prayer on page 72.
- Optional reading: Matthew 4:8-11.

# **Prayer for Dignity and Respect**

Let Us Pray

Gather and begin with the Sign of the Cross.



Celebrate

Sina together.

Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way,

"Behold, I Make All Things New" @ 1994, The Iona Community,

Reader: God of life, All: We pray for

the dignity of life Reader: God of creation.

All: We pray for the

dignity of life. Reader: God, the source of all life.

All-We pray for the dignity

of life.

Reader: God, the protector of all humanity.

All: We pray for the dignity of life.

Leader: God, we give you praise and thanks for all creation.

All: Amen.



# LECTIONARY LINK

Break Open the Word Read last week's Sunday Gospel. Invite students to think about what the reading means to them as they try to follow Christ's example. For questions related to the weekly Gospel reading. visit our website at www.osvcurriculum.com.

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Choose a Reader Make sure that each student acts as prayer leader or reader sometime during the year. Be aware of what the leader or reader is required to do in each prayer service. In this celebration, the reader reads short phrases rather than a long passage. You may wish to select a student who is not a confident reader.

# Review and Apply

- Check Understanding Mark each statement True or False. Correct each false statement. Corrections will vary.
  - 1. A bully can never reflect God's image. False Everyone reflects God's image.
  - 2. God is with everyone at all times in all places.
  - 3. You commit a mortal sin when you cheat on a spelling test False You commit a venial sin.
  - 4. Rosa Parks was a victim of social sin.
  - 5. Each person is unique, created by God.
- Make Connections Why are all people worthy of respect? Responses will vary.

# Activity Live Your Faith

Show Respect Like Rosa Parks, some people or groups of people do not get the respect they deserve. What advice would you give to a person who is treating someone else with little or no respect?

Possible response: Remember that all people are made in God's image.



# **Review and Apply**

Use the focus questions from the catechist Explore pages to review the lesson concepts.

- Check Understanding Have students identify each of the five statements as true or false. Ask volunteers to share how they changed the false statements to make them true
- Make Connections Invite volunteers to share their responses to the question.

### Activity

- Ask students to work in groups to brainstorm possible advice.
- · After the students have completed the activity, ask for volunteers to share their responses.

# **OPTIONAL ACTIVITY**

Human Life Collage Supply old magazines, and ask students to find pictures that show humans treating one another with dignity and respect.

- Glue these pictures to poster board.
- . Use markers to add words or ideas that encourage others to respect all persons.



Multiple Intelligence: Visual/Spatial

# **Family Faith**

Remind students to discuss the Family Faith page at home. Encourage students to read the passage from Leviticus.

## Activity

• Demonstrate the craft, or show students a sample you have made.

### **People of Faith**

Tell students about Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (given name: Edith Stein).

- Edith Stein respected the Jewish faith of her family until her conversion to Catholicism. She made this conversion decision after reading the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila. When Edith Stein became a Carmelite nun, she chose the name Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. She reminds people of the importance of forgiveness.
- Remind students to add Saint Teresa to their People of Faith albums. Encourage them to pray the prayer at home with their families.



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# Family Faith

### Catholics Believe

- Every person is worthy of respect because he or she is created in God's image.
- Each person has a soul that will live forever.

Read Leviticus 19:1-18. 31-37 to learn other ways in which you can respect others and yourself and treat each person with dianity.

Activity

# Live Your Faith

Inside and Outside When we respect our own dignity and that of others, we give honor to God, who has created us in his image. Gather some paper bags and magazines. Find pictures that show how you think others see you. Glue the pictures on the outside of a bag. Then find and place pictures inside the bag that show what God sees in you. Invite each person to share the contents of the bag if he or





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# People of Faith

she wishes.

Saint Teresa Benedicta was a teacher. a convert, and a Carmelite nun. Born Edith Stein, she lived during the first part of the twentieth century and took the name Teresa Benedicta. Her life was dedicated to teaching, especially the teaching of young girls and women. During the Nazi persecution of Jews, Edith was arrested and executed at Auschwitz. She is a model of the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation during a time of great violence. Saint Teresa's feast day is August 9.

## Family Prayer

Saint Teresa, may your life be a model. Pray for us that we might learn to forgive, even our enemies. Amen.

In Unit 2 your child is learning about the TRINT chism of the Catholic Church 355-357, 362-366 for further reading on chapter content.

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# **Human Dignity in Scripture**

Every person is created in God's image and is worthy of respect. Jesus respected the dignity of everyone he met, especially the outcasts of society.

Read the verses listed below, and complete the chart

Scripture	Whom did Jesus treat with dignity?	How did Jesus show that he respected the person?
1. Matthew 8:1–4	a man with leprosy	Jesus touched and healed him.
<b>2.</b> Mark 2:13–17	tax collectors and sinners	Jesus ate with them and spent time with them.
3. Luke 7:36–50	a sinful woman	Jesus allowed the woman to kiss and anoint his feet; he forgave her.
<b>4.</b> Luke 19:1–10	Zacchaeus	Jesus stayed at his house
<b>5.</b> John 4:4–42	a Samaritan woman	Jesus spoke with her and promised her "living water."
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