

Parable Education Guide

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Welcome to the *Parable Education Guide!*



The *Education Guide* is for all levels of education — elementary to high school and beyond. Here you will find additional questions and supplemental activities which complement articles in the January/February 2012 issue of *Parable*.

Feel free to reproduce this document for your classroom and home.

Parable of the Talents

Bishop's Message (*Parable*, page 6)

In this issue, Bishop Peter Libasci writes to us about his favorite Parable: the parable of the talents.

Follow this link for a fun teaching game on this parable:

<http://www.thinkpriest.org/artwork/talentselem.pdf>

We Are Called

Marriage and Parenting (*Parable*, page 8)

Learn more about the many vocation societies that you can join through your parish or diocese. The Saint Therese Vocation Society has a junior chapter for younger students. Visit: <http://www.omvusa.org/support/st-therese-vocation-society/>

Follow the link for a vocation puppet show script from Catholicmom.com (it could be performed as a little skit with real actors as well) explaining vocations in a fun accessible way to children: http://www.catholicmom.com/puppet/Vocations_Show.pdf

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Why don't we elect our bishop?

Dear Father Kerper (*Parable*, page 10)

Use the following study questions to test your understanding of the column.

- What are the two basic ways in which the state and other organizations differ from the Catholic Church?
- Who is the sole founder of the Church?
- Who were the original leaders of the Church and how did they become leaders?
- Explain Apostolic Succession.
- Where does the word “bishop” come from?
- Who appoints all the bishops in the Catholic Church? How is the decision of whom to send as bishop to a particular place made?
- Who is the Papal Nuncio and what is his role in the appointment of a new bishop?
- What is our role and responsibility as lay people in the appointment of a new bishop?

The article on page 29 about Saint Peter, the first Bishop, is helpful in understanding the “election” of Church leaders as well, and can be read in conjunction with Father Kerper’s column.

The Concluding Rite

Theology 101 (*Parable*, page 14)

After reading the article, discuss the following:

- What is the general purpose of the entire concluding rite?
- What parts of the concluding rite might you have been unaware of before reading the article?
- How can you participate more fully in the concluding rite of the Mass?

Cover Story

Bishop Peter A. Libasci’s Installation Mass
(*Parable*, page 16)

A special liturgical event like the Installation Mass can be a great teaching opportunity. Help your students define the following list of vocabulary words taken from the photo captions:

- Cathedral – the chief church of a diocese, in which the bishop has his cathedra
- Apostolic Nuncio – official term for the Papal Nuncio, the Vatican’s ambassador to the United States (Remind them that the Vatican is a country in and of itself, and all countries have ambassadors who represent them officially in other countries.) The Papal Nuncio officially announces the appointment of a new bishop and often attends installations as a representative of the Vatican.
- Apostolic letter – a document issued by the pope, in this case announcing the appointment of a new bishop
- College of Consultors – a group of priests who advise the bishop
- Moderator of the Curia – a priest who oversees and coordinates the members of the curia, which refers to the administrative offices of a diocese or archdiocese
- cathedra – the chair of the bishop from which he presides at solemn functions; the symbol of the bishop’s teaching authority; located in the Cathedral

A discussion of the Cathedral itself may open your class to considering a tour of the Saint Joseph Cathedral to learn more about the building, its connection to the bishop, and the history of the Church in Manchester.

There is a lot of interesting information on their website (<http://www.stjosephcathedralnh.org/>) and teachers may be interested in a fantastic lesson plan created for a Cathedral tour in Richmond, which can be found here: http://www.richmondcathedral.org/aboutus/lessonplan_7thgrade.pdf

Teachers can use this as a template to create their own Cathedral scavenger hunt and quiz about Saint Joseph Cathedral.