

# THE PRESENCE OF JESUS TO US IS SACRAMENT

## SESSION ONE

Session One: Our youth will

- Appreciate the Legacy God left us in Jesus.
- See that God wills the salvation of all people
- Know God speaks to everyone in the depths of their experience, and
- Know God calls us to be a community the life of which also shows the world God loves all people..

Parents:

1. The Faith we profess is a total worldview. We see everything through its perspective. It is a legacy we are called upon to live and to share with our children and others.
2. We see life as Gift of the Creator God, who became one of us in Jesus the Christ(Messiah) Jesus modeled for us how to live for others, and shared with us that we are to live forever
3. We see God willing the salvation of all persons, speaking to them thru their human experience.
4. As Catholics, we see every authentic response to life as an authentic response to its God.
5. We see ourselves as called to a special community, the Church, to live so that others, seeing our total commitment to God in Christ, that we become an additional sign that God loves all persons.
6. In this course, we invite parents, to reflect deeply on these powerful truths for it is parents who, with God's help, most effectively share the legacy given us.

Summary

In this overall plan of God to speak to all people at the level where they are, and invite them to love God who accepts us where we are but also knows what we can be. We are called by Jesus to be Sacrament – Visible sign of God's Presence and action in the world.

As we learned in the Scripture Course, God is the creator of all things. God made the universe and all that is in it. But God made human beings in a special way: We were made to be "god-like," made in the image and likeness of God.

God likeness can be understood statically or dynamically. Both are important:

1. **STATICALLY:** We are god-like in that we possess intelligence and free will. We have the power of choice
2. **DYNAMICALLY:** We are god-like because we are called by God to use intelligence and free will to become Like God – Creators.

A creator is one who brings order and harmony out of chaos or raw material.

God has given each of us:

The raw material of SELF	and called us to create PERSON
The raw material of Relationship	and called us to create love
The raw material of my personal life	and called me to create beauty, order, harmony, truth

3. Using the creative power given us, we are called to put meaning into our lives. Meaning is not something outside us. Meaning is a composite of three elements:  
ALTERNATIVES            Which indeed are outside us  
DECISION                Which is within us, and  
COMMITMENT            Which also is within us
4. When we use our God given powers to bring order, harmony and beauty, direction, and understanding to our lives, we accept the legacy given us to see life as:  
*GIFT OF THE CREATOR GOD,            BECOME ONE OF US IN JESUS, MODELING HOW TO LIVE FOR OTHERS, AND TELL US IT IS TO LAST FOREVER.*

Then we become part of a community whose totally different lifestyle says to all the world – Take the God who's talking to you seriously. Look at these Christians – God is everything to them.

*AND THAT IS WHAT CHURCH IS AND IS ABOUT*