



DAY 5: OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL – SUPPORTING FAITH

KEYWORDS:

Faith **Celebrate** **Body of Christ** **Free Response**
Active **Communal** **Sacraments** **Prayers of the Faithful**

Question: What does it mean to celebrate?



Watch: Limerick winning the All Ireland 2018 <https://youtu.be/MTrq7oZKf7Q> (2:11)
The return of Ireland's Ladies Hockey Team 2018 <https://youtu.be/9YSkznFzKZA> (5:35)
Ring in the new year in Dublin <https://youtu.be/EmpONBxr-Vg> (2:00)

Describe the last big celebration you or a member of your family had.

Ireland recently celebrated its faith in a very public way during the World Meeting of Families. The following video show the highlights of that event in which participants celebrated their faith.



Watch: <https://youtu.be/61n9uj9dM9k> (2:15)

Personal Reflection

Did you go to see Pope Francis when he visited Ireland recently in either Dublin or Knock? Did you watch the papal Mass on television at home with your family? If you did go to see the pope or tuned in to television for the event, what were your reasons for doing so? If you did not go to see the pope or did not watch it at home with your family, what were your reasons for doing so?



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Celebrating our faith is part of growing into our faith. Our faith connects us to other people. In our faith, we are the Body of Christ. In describing what faith is, the publication *Share the Good News* quotes from the Alive-O 8: Teacher's Book. Among the statements about faith, it states that faith is 'a free response,' 'active' and 'communal'. These words could also be used to describe a celebration! Therefore, when we use the term 'celebrating faith,' it must be a 'response', it must be 'active' and it must be 'communal'. The Church has many ways of celebrating faith. The biggest way of celebrating our faith is by participating in the sacraments.

Activity: In the space provided, list the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church.

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5.
6.
7.

We can always celebrate our faith in smaller ways, especially in our Catholic schools. The Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland stated that 'The ultimate aim of Catholic education is the full growth of the individual, a fully alive person for self and others, in communion with Christ.'

Activity: Using the following information, design a prayer service for your class which is inclusive of all people in your class.

Candles	Water	Cross
Isaiah 41:10	Jeremiah 29:11ff	Proverbs 3: 5-6
Psalms 63	Psalms 103	Galatians 2-16
2 Corinthians 5:7	Matthew 21:22	James 2:14-26
Details of Setting:		
Scripture Readings:		
Music (ensure that this is appropriate for liturgical use):		





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Once you have decided on your setting and your Scripture reading, you can then write some prayers of the faithful which are particular to the theme of your prayer service.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. For ...

2. For...

3. For...

4. For...

5. For...

6. For...

Personal Reflection

In the space provided, reflect on the ways in which you celebrate your faith. For some people the main place of celebration will be in school. For some people the main place of celebration will be at home. Simply reflect on how you celebrate your faith.

