

**HOMILY JOURNAL (6 entries):**

As you prepare to become fully initiated into the Catholic church, you are asked to attend Mass and reflect on the scripture readings and the teaching given by the priest or deacon in the homily. You are expected to submit at least six journal entries from attending Mass at a Catholic church on any Saturday/Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation.

After attending Mass, before beginning to write your homily journal entry, take a couple of minutes to talk to a parent about what you heard in the homily. Did you learn anything new? What did the homily mean to you? How did it relate to the readings for that Mass? How will you use these new ideas in your life? How will the homily change your actions and attitudes? Will you implement the ideas from the homily into your daily life?

What aspect of the homily had the greatest impact on you? After you have discussed the homily, write a one-page personal reflection on what you learned. Include the date and place of the homily and at least two paragraphs of 4-6 sentences each.

It may help to read the scripture passages before attending Mass. You can find the readings for each week at: [www.usccb.org/readings](http://www.usccb.org/readings)

Questions to answer in each homily journal entry:

- What was the date of the homily?
- At which church did you hear the homily?
- What was the gospel about?
- What was the homily about?
- How did the homily relate to the readings?
- What did your family discuss about the homily?
- What have you learned from this homily?
- How has the homily changed you?

**Please make sure that a parent has signed each journal entry you complete.**

**Return completed journal entries to the RE Office or to your catechist.**

