



National Catholic School Contest in this

“ Year of the Eucharist ”

Theme: Jesus, The Divine Friend of Children

Simple suggestions for spiritual preparation of each child's "Prayer Petition"

- A visit to the Blessed Sacrament, with an explanation regarding the Presence of Jesus.
- A classroom discussion about what they experienced while in the church or chapel. Help to visualize either the hidden Jesus in the tabernacle, or the exposed Jesus in the Monstrance. Help them to see Jesus in their hearts while writing their prayer to Him.



Discussion for Guidance

- Guide the children to ask Jesus' mother to help them to write the prayer.
- Content of the prayer should reflect child-like relationship to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.
- A poem like prayer (Discuss rhyming words)
- Discuss family life, the joys and sufferings of it, and what they would like to ask Jesus to change for their family and all the families of the world/
- A possible discussion on how to respect all life, and again what would they like to ask Jesus or talk to Him about life. (Older Grades)
- Possibly life and death issues, Death and Sickness of Grandma and Grandpa, and what they would like to say to Jesus about this.
- Discuss the sufferings and tears of children throughout the world, and what their prayers can do to help, even though they are not with them.

We hope we have given a few suggestions here that will help you. As you know there are many ways to draw out the feelings of children. We hope their prayer will be heartfelt, and this little contest will have been helpful to draw every child who participates closer to Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in this "Year of the Eucharist."

We hope your school or class will join in the exciting event on October 7th, for the "Children's Closing Celebration of the "Year of the Eucharist."

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