



Think First & Stay Safe!

"...thus says the Lord, who created you...and formed you...I have called you by name: you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

Introducing the Concept of Luring

Lesson #2

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that "the living and true God tirelessly calls each person". (CCC: 2567)

Lures call to fish and to children. We have contrasted lures with the call of God to each and every one of us through our Baptism. What we need to do is heed that call and respond to it. A number of the children hearing this will have had experience with fishing. It should be possible to help them to understand the concept through their experience. The added use of a fishing rod with lures will help them to make the connection.

The Psalm reminds us that we need to listen for the Word of God in our lives. St. Paul is a dramatic model for us. Usually the call does not come so dramatically. Jesus gathered his apostles by personal invitation, inviting them into his mission. The mission was made clear to them gradually. Jesus used the details of everyday life to "reveal the Father's love and man's sublime calling..." (Gaudium et Spes: 32,1965)

Many parishes use Catechetical Sunday as an opportunity to commission or bless those ministering in the faith formation programs; this also often serves as a time to call people to this ministry.



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. <i>Let us heed your call, Lord.</i> This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Psalm 85: <i>9 I will listen for the word of God;</i> Acts 9: 1-9 <i>Saul's conversion</i>
Saint or Hero	Jesus-- calls the Apostles to continue his mission Apostles-- fishers of men

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Fishing rod, lures
Music	<i>Anthem (OCP)</i> <i>Here I am Lord (Dan Schutte, OCP)</i>
Liturgy or Rites	RCIA Rite of Election Commissioning/blessing of catechists
Prayers	
Church Teachings	CCC 2002: <i>God's free initiative demands man's free response ...God has created man in his image by conferring on him...the power to know him and love him.</i> 2567: <i>God calls man first....the living and true God tirelessly calls each person to the mysterious encounter known as prayer.</i> 1396: <i>In Baptism we have been called to form ...one body. The Eucharist fulfills this call....</i> GS 18: <i>...God has called man...still calls him, to cleave with all his being to him in sharing for ever a life that is divine and free from all decay.</i> 19: <i>The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God.</i> 22: <i>...all men are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine....</i>