



## CONFIRMATION ENRICHING THE FAITH ACTIVITIES CHAPTER 3

### Group Belief Statement

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Provide copies of the Declaration of Independence or at least the following phrase: *We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.* Explain that the colonies that signed the Declaration were unified by the beliefs stated in that document. If possible, share some information about the process of drafting the Declaration of Independence and the disagreements that were overcome to ratify it. Invite young people to draft a Group Belief Statement. Arrange them in groups of three or four and invite each group to generate two or three statements of belief. (We believe that young people deserve to be treated with respect and given a chance, for example.) Next, have each group present its proposed statements to the large group and together reach an agreement on five statements that will serve as the Group Belief Statement. When completed, invite a volunteer to write up the statement as a poster and decorate it for display.

### Question Box

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Arrange young people into several small groups to review pages 25–33 in their book. From these pages, have them devise questions requiring short answers. Ask them to write these questions on slips of paper and to deposit them into a Question Box. Then form two teams and have young people compete in answering questions from the box. Have the teams and the individual members take turns answering the questions. Ask a volunteer scorekeeper to tally the correct responses. If a student cannot answer a question correctly, the next member of the other team has a chance to win a point. When the questions or time are used up, the team with the most points wins.

### Family Traditions

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Discuss family or ethnic traditions that grew out of our religious beliefs. Assign young people to write summaries of them.

### Planning a Prayer Service

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Guide young people in planning a prayer service about faith. Encourage them to include scripture passages, songs, traditional prayers of faith, and original prayers of faith. Hold the service in church. Invite another group of young people to attend.

### Statements of Belief

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Compare the renewal of baptismal promises on the inside front cover of Young People's Books with the Nicene Creed that appears on the inside front cover.

### What to Expect

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Ask young people to think about what they would include in a letter to a person considering membership in the Catholic Church. Then have them draft the letter. Ask them to write what they believe are the most important beliefs of the faith and to highlight some of the benefits of belonging to the Church.

## **Guest Speaker—Theologian**

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Invite a theologian to explain the history of the Nicene Creed and how it became the definitive statement of our faith.

## **If You Were There**

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Ask young people to imagine they were present as Moses told the Israelites to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength (Deuteronomy 6:5). Have them think about what questions the crowd might have asked and what responses Moses might have given. Invite volunteers to share their thoughts.