

**St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

4:00pm      Welcome (*To ensure accuracy, **class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist** and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)

4:05pm      We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table  
*(use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season)*  
 Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box

4:10pm      **Chapter #23                    “Called to Live as Jesus’ Disciples”**

**Some people are called to serve the Church in the consecrated or religious life. Women and men who enter religious life take vows: Priests, Nuns, and Deacons. Laypeople (*all of us!*) of the church are all baptized members who are called to share in the Church’s mission; become holy within the Church and to proclaim the Good News in our lives and work. *Through the witness of our lives, we serve God and make Christ known to the world.***

The apostolic works performed by Religious (priests, brothers and sisters) – also called ministries – encompass a wide range of skills and services. Some religious communities specialize in one or a few types of ministries – while others have members engaged in many different ministries. The work itself does not constitute a religious “career” but is simply the expression of a religious person's dedication to God.

Some of the most common ministries are:

<b>Parish Work</b>	<b>Social Work</b>	<b>Health Care</b>
		Hospitals
<b>Home Missions</b>	<b>Campus Ministry</b>	Nursing Homes
		Visiting Nursing
<b>Child Care</b>	<b>Foreign Missions</b>	
		<b>Counseling</b>
<b>Chaplaincies</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>	Students
Prisons		Families
Hospitals	<b>Communications</b>	Adults
Military	Film	
	TV & Radio	<b>Spiritual Direction</b>
<b>Education</b>	Newspapers	
Administration	Magazines	<b>Retreats</b>
Teaching	Books	
Coaching		<b>Inner City Work</b>

Cloistered (clausura), contemplative and monastic religious men and women live in an enclosed space, not accessible to outsiders and who may not go outside the area without permission. Solemn vows are made by those in monasteries and convents where there is clausura and simple vows where there is no cloister.

- *We Believe* -

**Priesthood of the Faithful** – Christ’s priestly mission in which all those who are baptized share.

**Laypeople** – all the baptized members of the Church who share in the mission to bring the Good News of Christ to the world.

**Religious** – women and men who belong to communities of service to God and the Church.

- *We Respond* – play “Vocations – the game” (*RE will provide*)

The catechist can discuss with/read about the 8 different religious vocations with/to the students and then play the game. A pair consists of matching the picture and name of the religious vocation with the printed information about that religious order.

4:55pm      Closing Prayer – pray the Hail Mary

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

***“What virtues do you see in the lives of the saints that you admire?”***

**Catechist Background:**

<http://www.religiousministries.com/editorial/index.asp?section=vocations>