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Confirmation Class. Lesson No. 2; March 9, 2021 Handout No. 1

Dear Students,

Thank you very much for your full cooperation with our Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation classes and requirements (due dates for numerous documents and projects); your parents' involvement and your cooperation make the preparation for Confirmation that much easier.

The last class concluded with the realization (or should we call it a REMINDER) of the events we are about to RE – LIVE again at the end of this 2021 LENT. We call these events the PASCHAL MYSTERY: the most important days of the Holy Week each year – we call these days HOLY or SACRED TRIDUUM – because these are the THREE DAYS – Holy Thursday (could you please tell us what happened to Jesus on that day) then Good Friday (could you please tell us what happened to Jesus on that day) and the RESURRECTION on Easter Sunday.

We have also reminded ourselves, that JESUS CHRIST did not come to ABOLISH (erase, eradicate, or cancel) The OLD TESTAMENT but to FULFILL it. We have begun – and we still do – to learn about the ways it was done, and why you and I need to continue in that QUEST; in simple words: to spread, share, preach, and make known the great GOOD NEWS of Jesus (the message about His Love, Forgiveness, and, **most of all, REDEMPTION**) and the Good News ABOUT JESUS – which are His GOSPELS (Mk, Matt, Lk, Jn). That CONTINUES thru YOU and ME; even thou we may be less effective workers, preachers, disciples – that the ones came before us.

What is most important for us to remember, is that the ROOT and the MISSION CLEARANCE for our own MISSIONARY JOURNEY begins not only with the MYSTERY OF INCARNATION (remember, we talked about that; it's Christmas – Christ being born in space and time to the Human Race, through a Holy Woman – Our Mother, Mary) but it flows from the **EVENTS OF the PASCHAL MYSTERY**. (remember what the Paschal Mystery is, right: it's the 3 MOST Holy Days in our Faith, preceded by Palm Sunday).

Tonight, I would like to invite you on a journey to reflect and discuss the importance and very practical ways by which we could EXPERIENCE and LIVE OUT our CATHOLIC SACRAMENTS.