



# RELIGIOUS ED

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE!-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



## Summer with the Saints: St. John Vianney

St. John Vianney, known also as the Curé of Ars, was a French priest who stressed the importance of seeking God's forgiveness of our sins in the Sacrament of Penance. A very simple man, John Vianney felt the call to the priesthood as a young boy. At the seminary, his superiors and teachers were not pleased with his grades, particularly in Latin, which he struggled to master. After being ordained, St. John was sent to an outlying and insignificant parish in Ars, France. The faith was not practiced well there. Over months and years, St. John Vianney worked to revitalize the parish. Part of this revitalization was his recognition of the importance of providing his parishioners the ability to reconcile themselves with God by going to confession. It was common for him to hear confession for twelve to fourteen hours a day. Word of this revitalization spread and brought people from all over France to have their confessions heard by St. John Vianney.

St. John Vianney loved to hear confessions because his greatest joy was when he people were made one with God. He made himself the servant of others by extending to them God's forgiveness. He taught us to seek this treasure of God's mercy frequently in the confessional.

St. John Vianney's feast day is August 4th. He is the patron saint of parish priests.

## Register today!

Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 Religious Education Program for students in 1st-8th grades. Take advantage of the **Early Bird Discount** by submitting the registration form and payment by **August 31st**! Scan the QR Code to complete the registration form.



Pick up a Catholic Kids Bulletin each week on your way in or out of church. They are on the table inside the front doors.

Looking for a way to get involved? Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity would like to start again, but we need volunteers. Contact Kathleen Driscoll, [kadriscoll@archchicago.org](mailto:kadriscoll@archchicago.org), if you would like to volunteer. *All volunteers must fulfill the volunteer requirements of the Archdiocese of Chicago.*