



RELIGIOUS ED

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

RE CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH: NO CLASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND: NO CLASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH: CLASS



Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

As we light the fourth and final candle in our Advent wreath this week, we reflect on the love of Christ. Because He so loved us, He willingly took on human flesh to come into this world to save us from our sins. This of course would not have been possible without Our Lady's yes to the Angel Gabriel.

This act of love and faith on her part is called her fiat. The word fiat comes from Latin and means "let it be done." With her words, "May it be done to me according to thy word.", Mary's yes was complete and total, she did not withhold any of herself from God. During these remaining days of Advent, may we look to Our Lady who so lovingly made the tiresome journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and waited that winter's night in a stable for the birth of her son, Jesus Christ.

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent: Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with love so that we can share the gift of Jesus with everyone we meet, especially during the Christmas Season. Amen.

The History of the Crèche



The crèche's first use is credited to St. Francis of Assisi in Greccio, Italy in 1223. St. Francis asked one of his friends to prepare a crib so all could see how Christ was born in Bethlehem in lowly poverty; how He was bedded in the manger of hay between an ox and donkey. On Christmas Eve, St. Francis and the people of Greccio gathered to act out the story of the birth of Jesus.

Today the crèche has become a familiar site in Catholic families with children helping to build the manger by adding straw each night of Advent in anticipation of the birth of Jesus.