



## Sacred Story Institute

Ignatian Spirituality for Third Millennium Evangelization

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Dear Pre-Kindergarten Parent/Guardian:

Sacred Story Institute (SSI) developed a new Ignatian Pre-K to grade 8 conscience formation program called Sacred Story Youth (SSY). SSY took two and a half years to develop and was tested with hundreds of students and teachers across six dioceses in the United States. The program is designed to use a three to five minute space after recess each day to teach the Ignatian “examination of conscience” in a new rendition called Sacred Story Prayer.

The program’s main teaching tool is recorded guided meditations that are age appropriate for each of the Pre-K to 8 grades. This three minute guided meditation is designed to quiet the mind and guide students learn how to hear the voice of God in their hearts.

This is a yearlong meditative experience to help children build sensitivity and awareness of God’s presence in their lives, to allow God to shape one’s *Sacred Story* according to his will and graces. St Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits (Society of Jesus) used the examination of conscience every day and teaches us that spiritual conversion is not a single event but a life-long process.

The pre-kindergartners will be focusing on The Sacred Story meditation theme of CREATION: ***Father I believe You created everything out of love as a gift for me*** is linked with the 4th Commandment (Honor Your Father and Your Mother) with the reflection: ***I believe God loved me into life and so I commit myself to God who helps me honor my parents who, through God, gave me life.***

As a child of God I am called to honor the relationship with my parents, who have participated in God’s creative work by giving me life and to love them as

“subcreators.” Student meditation will be focused on this relational paradigm: to be grateful for the love of one's parents and God.

Sacred Story Youth uses a “relational paradigm” for understanding creation, the fall and redemption. Sacred Story’s relational paradigm provides a new and intuitive way to understand the most complex and important dimension to the Story of the cosmos and human life. Pope Francis called the Creation a “love story” that to our day is still being written.

We invite you to visit <http://sacredstory.net> to see our work and hear a sample meditation for the children: <http://sacredstory.net/jubilee-of-mercy/sacred-story-youth-jubilee/> You can also explore the adult opportunities for yourself: <http://sacredstory.net/jubilee-of-mercy/forty-weeks-jubilee/> If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Bill Watson, S.J.*  
*President/Founder*

