

THE CHILDREN IN THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

QUESTIONS TO ADULTS

Do you value the children in the Services of your Congregation, and help them feel they are welcome?

Do you seek opportunities to involve children actively in every aspect of the Liturgy? Do you realize that they also contribute to the construction of the Eucharistic Temple?

When children seem a burden or an interruption to your adult plans, are you able to adopt a flexible, balanced approach to ensure their needs are met as well as yours?

Do you consider that your children's souls may be older than yours, although incarnated in young bodies, and therefore are you open to the ministry of children of all ages, in your Congregation?

Do you consider the confirmed children as full members of your Congregation, and therefore do you involve them in your Congregation's decisions?

Do you pass on the Liberal Catholic values, doctrine and teachings in an effective way?

WHAT DO WE WANT TO PASS ON TO OUR CHILDREN?

The awareness of God.

The existence of a divine Mother, always ready to protect and heal all the creatures of the world, and children in particular

The unity and sacredness of life in all kingdoms: angelic, human, animal, vegetal, mineral.

That creatures exist in the invisible world, and are as real as the visible ones.

The view that the world as a whole and not a lot of separate parts; the reverence for the universe as God's creation, and a deep awareness of the natural world.

That all human beings will return to the unity with God, however far they stray, and that the glorious destiny of mankind is to reach the fullness of the stature of Christ.

That God is Love, and that everyone needs to give and receive Love.

That every living creature has received a spark of divine Life, and therefore that every one of them has an equal right to live, regardless of kingdom, race, color, gender, age, shape or origin.

That our planet itself is alive, the universe is alive, and that we all share in that life

with all of God's creatures, visible and invisible.

That the physical body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

The acceptance of different lifestyles, the respect for the dignity and needs of others, and an appreciation for people's differences in worship, culture, art

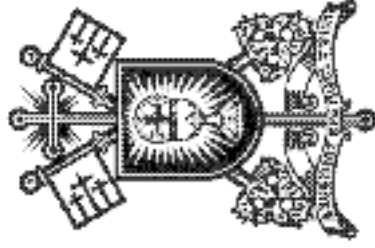
A sense of belonging to a Liberal Catholic community and to share the blessing of the sacramental life.

That adoration is due to God alone, and that respect is due to Christ's Presence in the Church.

That the ministers of all Orders are human beings performing special duties for the service of the Congregation, and that a distinction is to be made between the functions in the Church and the personnality of the ministers.

That children are particularly loved by the Lord, that they may ask for help and protection.

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Why do we participate in the services of the Church?

Do you feel safe and protected during the Services?

Have you made friends with some adults of our Congregation? with some children? Would you like to?

What can you do to make our Congregation a more friendly place?

Is our Church a place where you think about the kind of person you want to be?

Do you look first for God's presence in the adults, or in the other children you meet?

Do you feel the protection of the angels? of Our Lady? - do you ask for their protection for yourself or for others?

Do you sometimes feel the presence of God in the world around you? in animals, plants, minerals?

Do you think you were alive before being born? Do you think that this is the first time you are living in this world? is it the last time?

THE LIBERAL CATHOLIC ACT OF FAITH

We believe that God is Love and Power and Truth and Light;
that perfect justice rules the world;
that all His children shall one day reach His feet, however far they stray. We hold the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of mankind, we know that we do serve Him best when best we serve our brother man.
So shall His blessing rest on us and peace for evermore.
Amen.