



Dear Year 2 Parents,

RE: NEXT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UNIT TO BE STUDIED IN YEAR TWO

We are surrounded by the beauty and variety of creation, which reflects the infinite beauty of the Creator. The unit begins with wondering at the beauty of creation and how this helps us discover that God is more beautiful than we ever could imagine.

The unit then explores ways Jesus helps his followers appreciate beauty in creation. Jesus taught his friends that God wants to come and live in them, who are part of creation, and so help them speak and act in even more beautiful ways. God lives in people through the Sacrament of Baptism.

The unit goes on to explore that Christians celebrate the special action (pouring on of water or immersion in water, one of the gifts of creation) and words ('...I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.') of Baptism. It discusses why Catholics place baptismal fonts in special places of honour in every church building.

Finally, the unit explores ways Christians show love for God by showing appreciation for the beauty in creation.

You could help your child during this unit by, for example:

- Sharing with them your experiences of the beauty and variety of creation
- Wondering with them about God who created the beauty and variety of creation
- Creating a family prayer focus using elements from creation (photographs of nature, flowers, rocks, twigs joined to form a cross, etc.)
- Sharing stories of Jesus appreciating the beauty in creation [e.g. Matthew 6:26, 28]
- Sharing your memories of your child's Baptism or the Baptism of a relative or family friend
- Visiting the local parish church and showing where the baptismal font is honoured.

Yours sincerely

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