

St. Christopher's

2016 – 2017 Confirmation Class

Oct 16th 2016

Opening Prayer

Lord, as I begin to understand your story and how I fit into it, there are times when I'm struggling with what to do now. How do you want me to respond and live out my faith in my family, my school, and with my friends? I am still learning to believe, but I am now starting to see that you have a plan for me. So, even though I sometimes may feel a bit scared or unsure about what it all means, please help me to be open to you and how you want me to live. Amen

A God Who Wants to Be Known

- **Isaiah 62: 5** For as a young man marries a virgin, So your sons will marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So your God will rejoice over you. (62: 1-5)
- **John 3:29** He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. (3: 29-36)
- **Matthew 25:1** "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. (25: 1-12)

A God Who Wants to Be Known

- How is God revealed
- What symbol does the writer use to represent:
 - God
 - Us
- What can we take away from these readings?

Videos

- Segment 1: Evidence of God
 - Questions / Answers
- Segment 2 Scripture and Tradition
 - Questions / Answers
- Segment 3: Our Response to God
 - Questions / Answers

God in Nature

What part of nature “Speaks” to you about God



St Thomas Aquinas

- God is the “**first mover**.” Everything starts at rest and must be set in motion by something greater than itself. The greatest of all “motions,” responsible for setting everything else in motion is God!
- God is the “**first efficient cause**.” Everything that exists came into being from something else; something cannot come out of nothing. This first cause is God
- God is the “**only non-contingent being**.” Everything else in nature comes into being and ceases to exist. Therefore the existence of everything is ultimately contingent on a being that had no beginning. This is God!
- God is “**perfect goodness**.” Things can be judged better or worse, only in relationship to an objective standard of goodness. Therefore there can be no talk of perfection or goodness unless it exists. This is God!
- God is the “**intelligent designer**.” Natural bodies lack intelligence or knowledge. They achieve goals by being directed by something capable of reason, like an archer directing the course of an arrow. That cosmic intelligence is God!

Science and the Existence of God



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Challenge of the Week

- Continue Praying nightly
 - Our Father
 - Hail Mary
 - Glory Be
- Read the Bible: Read (1) bible verse each night before bed
 - Food for the soul
- Passport Challenge: Complete one passport stamp!

Closing Prayer



Have a Great Week!