

Handout 1A

Name _____

Journal Reflection: Sacraments I Celebrated

In the table below, check each sacrament you have already celebrated. How old were you when you celebrated each one? What do you remember about the celebration? Or, what have you heard about it? What was its meaning to you at the time?

√	Sacrament	How Old?	Memory or Meaning
	Baptism		
	Confirmation		
	First Eucharist		
	Reconciliation		
	Anointing of the Sick		

How do you plan to make the celebration of the sacraments part of your adult life?

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Journal Reflection: Signs from Nature

1. What does each of the following scenes from creation tell you about God?

campfire on a cold night	
cat licking her newborn kittens	
snow-covered mountains	
multicolored sunset	
ocean waves against the shore	
fields of wheat waving in the breeze	
forest, waterfall, and stream	

2. What other scenes from creation help you sense God's presence?

3. To the best of your ability, describe a specific experience when you felt God's presence, blessing, or mystery. Where were you? What visible sign(s) helped you experience the divine reality? (Use the back of this sheet if you need more room.)

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Bible Activity: Jesus Used Signs

Read each of the gospel passages found on this page. (Alternatively, read only the three passages given for one sign.) Individual students or groups should write down what you think Jesus is telling us about God's love through this sign. Be prepared to share with the class.

JESUS USED SIGNS			
Water	John 2:1-12	John 6:16-21	John 13:1-15
	Message about God's love:		
Bread	Matthew 14:13-21	Matthew 13:33	John 21:1-14
	Message about God's love:		
Oil	Matthew 25:1-13	Luke 10:29-37	Luke 7:36-50
	Message about God's love:		
Touch	Mark 6:53-56	Mark 10:13-16	Matthew 8:1-4
	Message about God's love:		