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We Are Faithful to Our Commitments

At Baptism, we receive the call to follow Christ. It is our primary vocation. It is a lifelong journey. Our Christian identity is founded on it. Ideally, we try to stay the course as faithfully and with as much love as we can. If we have chosen to marry, we give that our most heartfelt effort. If we enter the priesthood, we serve the Church with energy and joy. If we choose to remain single, then we reflect the love of God through this life choice.

ACTIVITY

Viewer's Choice Watch a TV sitcom and try to identify each character's vocation. Is it portrayed realistically? To what extent are Christian values represented in the show?

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

Be mindful of the work performed by all the ministers. Does your parish need you to get more involved?

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Saint of the Week



Ángela of the Cross
(1846–1932)

Ángela was born in Spain. She had very little education yet God gave her many talents. She used her talents to serve God's people—to help the poor, the sick, and the dying. She formed a religious community, the Institute of the Sisters of the Company of the Cross.

Feast Day: March 2



A Prayer for the Week

Dear God, help us use our talents, as Saint Ángela did, to serve others. Help us understand that when we use our talents to help others, we continue Jesus' mission to spread the Good News. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Travel When traveling with the Apostles, Jesus sometimes sent them to neighboring towns. They usually went in pairs or groups of three, traveling the way most people did at the time—by foot. Like other travelers in the Holy Land, they may have used a walking stick as an aid, especially in the hilly regions. The Apostles would have avoided the highways since they were reserved for commercial or military use. An average day's journey was fifteen to twenty miles.

In Luke 9:1–12 Jesus gives advice to his Apostles as they prepare for their mission.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Science

Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope In 1993, the Church celebrated its commitment to scientific research with the opening of the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope (VATT) near Tucson, Arizona. The observatory was partly a result of efforts by Pope John Paul II to establish serious dialogue between matters of faith and science. Given the possibility for the existence of extraterrestrial life and a Church theology that teaches the uniqueness of human life, the problems of science and religion appear seemingly irreconcilable. But the example that Jesuit astronomers offer gives us hope that scientists need not shy away from seeking truth in service of the Church.