

# UNITE

## Faith Formation

## GROWING UP

### PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord,  
You are the fullness of life,  
of holiness, and of joy.  
Fill our days and nights with the  
love of your wisdom,  
that we may bear fruit  
in the beauty of holiness,  
like a tree watered  
by running streams.

Amen.

### FROM THE CATECHISM...

"...In order that the message of salvation can show the power of its truth and radiance before men, it must be authenticated by the witness of the life of Christians...

Because they are members of the Body whose Head is Christ, Christians contribute to *building up the Church* by the constancy of their convictions and their moral lives. The Church increases, grows, and develops through the holiness of her faithful, until 'we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.' (Eph 4:13)." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Paragraph 2044, 2045)



**READING FOR THE MONTH (Paragraphs 2030-2051)**

**Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ.**

**Ephesians 4:15**



"As the head of the Church, Christ...is the principle and source of growth in the Spirit: from Him the entire body grows and 'builds itself up in love' (Eph 4:15)... The spiritual growth of the Church's body and its individual members is a growth 'from Christ' (the principle) and also 'into Christ' (the goal)."

– St. John Paul II

### SAINT OF THE MONTH:

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Born Raymond Kolbe on January 8th, 1894 in Poland, he took the name Maximilian when he entered the religious life at 16 years old. After becoming a priest in 1919 he served as a teacher in the seminary. Years later, during World War II, he was arrested by the Nazis and was sent to the concentration camps.

Though it was forbidden, he ministered to other Catholics there and would often spend entire nights hearing confessions. One day he offered to take the place of a man chosen to die in the starvation bunker, since that man was a father. After surviving two weeks, the Nazis executed him by lethal injection in 1941.

St. John Paul II canonized him in 1982.

His feast day is August 14th

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS

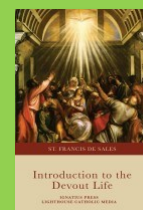
#### For Kids:

*Young George and the Dragon*  
(Ortega, 2018)  
\*\*\*Available for FREE on Formed\*\*\*



#### For Adults:

*Introduction to the Devout Life*  
(St. Francis de Sales)  
\*\*\*Available for FREE on Formed\*\*\*



### SUNDAY GOSPEL READINGS

Aug 18th (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time) - Luke 12:49-53  
Aug 25th (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time) - Luke 13:22-30  
Sept 1st (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) - Luke 14:1, 7-14  
Sept 8th (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) - Luke 14:25-33



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#### RECOMMENDED MOVIES ON 'FORMED' FOR AUGUST

**For Kids:** The Messengers: The Birth of the Early Church



**For Adults:** True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation



#### UNITE FAITH FORMATION

**Third Sunday of the Month  
11:45am-1:15pm**

September 15th - October 20th - November 17th - December 15th



*The vision for our Unite Faith Formation gatherings is to provide a space for our entire community to encounter and follow Christ. This model of Religious Education seeks to engage the whole family of faith at once and puts the emphasis on the home and the role of the domestic church in our formation as Catholics.*