# CAMPAIGN I HONESTY

# "Our Lady of Fatima"

### 7-STEP WEEKLY MEETING AT A GLANCE

•	SETUP: CHECK-IN AND ARRIVAL TIME	
2	OPENING PRAYER	5 MIN
3	COMPETITIVE SPORTS OR DYNAMIC ACTIVITY:	30 MIN
4	SNACK BREAK: Q&A AND MID-MEETING POINT TALLY	10 MIN
<b>5</b>	FAITH & VIRTUE INSTRUCTION	30 MIN
6	ADULT/YOUTH LEADER TALK	10 MIN
Ŏ	CLOSING PRAYER	5 MIN

# Junior Leadership Program Campaign ~HONESTY~

# Honesty Campaign Patron Saints Blessed Francisco Marto and Blessed Jacinta Marto



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asked them to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. Many people did not believe in their **HONESTY**. However, later tens of thousands witnessed the miracle of sun. Mary was given the title Our Lady of Fatima as a result, and Fatima became a major center of world Christian pilgrimage.

The siblings were victims of the great 1918 influenza epidemic that swept through Europe that year. Francisco declined hospital treatment on April 3, 1919, and died at home the next day. Jacinta was moved from one hospital to another in an attempt to save her life, which she insisted was futile. She suffered greatly for many months and died on February 20, 1920.

They were declared venerable by Pope John Paul II in 1989. On May 13, 2000, they were declared "blessed" in a decree from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Jacinta is the youngest non-martyred child ever to be beatified.



VIDEO: A video "Our Lady of Fatima" can be found on the Adult Leader USB drive.

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  - o Give the boys some concrete examples of living this virtue in their daily lives.
    - I will use honesty to tell the adult program leader if I have done my prayers on my commitment card during Code Checks.
    - I will use **honesty** to mean the words I say in my prayers.
    - I will use **honesty** when I go to confession, or when talking to God about my sins.
    - I will use **honesty** to remember that God sees everything I do.
    - Ask the boys for their own examples.

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  - o Read pages 1-16
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### **Question and Answer Session**

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- 1. When did the angel of the Lord appear to the three children? A: Spring of 1916
- 2. What were the children doing before the angel appeared to them? **A: Tending Sheep in a pasture**
- 3. What village did the visit of the angel take place in? A: Fatima, Portugal
- 4. What was the name of the oldest child who the angel appeared to? A: Lucia Santos
- 5. How old was she? A: 9
- 6. What were the names of the other two children who were Lucia's cousins? **A: Francisco and Jacinta Marto**
- 7. How old were they? A: Francisco was 8 and Jacinto was 6
- 8. Who did the angel of the Lord say he was? **A: Angel of Peace, the Guardian Angel of Portugal**
- 9. Fill in the blank...The angel taught the children to say "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I \_\_\_\_\_ you. I ask forgiveness for those who do not believe, nor hope, nor \_\_\_\_\_ you." What word fills in both blanks? **A: Love**
- 10. What three things did the angel ask the children to do? A: 1) Pray for sinners, 2) Pray for peace and 3) Bear the suffering the Lord would send them
- 11. One year later on Sunday, May 13, 1917, the children were with their flock of sheep. What was the name of the field called where they were? **A: Cova**

12. What were the children suddenly frightened by? **A: Two flashes of lightening out of the clear sky** 

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- 13. What color was the young lady's clothing who appeared to the children over the small oak tree?

  A: Pure white
- 14. What color was the rosary that hung from her right arm? A: White
- 15. What were the first three words she said to the children with a tender, motherly smile? **A: Have no fear**
- 16. What day did the Lady ask the children to come to the cova each month? A: The thirteenth
- 17. When Lucia asked if the Lady was from heaven and if she would go there someday, how did the Lady respond? **A: Yes, but you must say the rosary and say it with devotion**PAGE 6
- 18. After the children returned home and were honest about what happened in the cova, who was the only one who believed any of them? **A: Francisco and Jacinta's father**
- 19. What did people of the town do when they heard about the story? **A: They made fun of the children**

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- 20. When did the Lady from heaven appear the second time from heaven? A: June 13, 1917
- 21. What were the three children doing just before the Lady appeared to them? **A: Kneeling** and praying the rosary near the oak tree where the Lady had appeared the month before
- 22. How did the Lady appear to the children? A: In a bright light
- 23. What did she ask the children to do every day? A: Pray the rosary
- 24. Fill in the blank...The Lady also asked them to say a prayer after each mystery that went like this: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and take all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of your \_\_\_\_\_." What word goes in the blank?

### A: Mercy

- 25. When Lucia asked the Lady if she would take them to heaven, what did she say?
  - A: Francisco and Jacinta soon, but you must remain on earth to spread devotion to my Immaculate Heart
- 26. On July 13, 1917, when the Lady appeared for the third time, how many people were present?

  A: 5000
- 27. What did the Lady foretell would happen? A: WWII and the coming of Communism
- 28. What did she ask for? **A: The consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart PAGE 10**
- 29. Who questioned the children and eventually put them in jail because he thought they were lying?

  A: The mayor of the town
- 30. Why did the mayor eventually release them from jail? **A:** He had tried to get them to change their story but they wouldn't
- 31. Even though the children were not able to be there On August 13, 1917 because they were in jail, how many people were present in the cova? **A: 15,000**
- 32. One month later, on September 13, 1917, how many people were present in the cova? **A: 30,000**
- 33. What did the 30,000 people see during this visit? A: A shower of white petals falling from the sky only to melt a few inches from the ground

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34. What did the Lady ask the children to pray for on this visit? A: Peace

- 35. What did Lucia ask for? A: A miracle
- 36. When did the Lady promise that the miracle would take place? A: October 13, 1917
- 37. How many people were present on the morning of October 13, 1917 to see the Lady? **A: 70,000**
- 38. Where did the children kneel down to pray at noon? **A: In the mud, because it had been raining all morning**
- 39. Fill in the blank...The Lady responded to Lucia's question of "who are you and what do you want" by saying, "I am the Lady of the \_\_\_\_\_, and I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. People must not continue to offend the Lord, who is already deeply offended. They must say the \_\_\_\_." What word goes in each blank? A: Rosary
- 40. What did the Virgin Mary ask to be built on the spot of her visit? **A: A Church**
- 41. How did she promise? A: War would end in a year if people would amend their lives PAGE 14
- 42. After Mary rose from the tree, who did the children first see her with? A: St. Joseph
- 43. What did she appear as next? **A: Our Lady of Sorrows**
- 44. Who was beside her? A: Jesus in a red robe with His hand raised to bless
- 45. Finally, Mary stood alone in the sky wearing the dress of Our Lady of Mount Carmel holding what in her hand? **A: A scapular**
- 46. What miracle did the entire crowd see next? A: The rain stopped; the clouds parted; the sun shined brightly; the sun revolved three times and cast colored light upon the sky and earth; the sun seemed to be coming toward the earth, then it stopped and went back into the sky

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  - o Exodus 20: 16
    - "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

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  - o Give the boys some concrete examples of living this virtue in their daily lives.
    - I will use **honesty** to do my chores well, not just do it half-way and tell my mom I'm done.
    - I will use **honesty** to tell my parents how my day went every day.
    - I will use **honesty** when asked if my room is clean.
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- "Our Lady of Fatima" (St. Joseph Picture Books)
  - o Review
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### **Question and Answer Session**

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- 1. When did Francisco die? A: April 4, 1919
- 2. What did he die of? A: Influenza (the flu)
- 3. What gift did he receive on his death bed? A: First Holy Communion
- 4. When did Jacinta die? A: February 20, 1920
- 5. How was her body found on September 13, 1935 when it was removed from the grave?

  A: Incorrupt
- 6. The book states that the cause for beatification of Francisco and Jacinta has begun, but have they already been beatified? A: Yes, on May 13, 2000 by Pope John Paul II. On February 19, 2005, the canonization process in the Fatima diocese was completed. The cause for sainthood is now in the final stage awaiting review by certain cardinals and eventually the pope.

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- 7. What year did Lucia leave Fatima? A: 1921
- 8. What did she go to do? **A: Work in an orphanage**
- 9. In 1925, Lucia entered the Convent of the Sisters of St. Dorothy and took what name?

  A: Sister Mary Lucia of Sorrows
- 10. What year did she become a Carmelite nun? A: 1948

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11. On October 13, 1943, what was the name of the pope who approved the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and consecrated the world to her Immaculate Heart? A: Pope Pius XII

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12. At the Basilica in Fatima, what takes place every year between the months of May 13 to October 13? **A: Special pilgrimages and devotions** 

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- 13. Who is the Mother of the Church? A: Mary
- 14. What are some of the special gifts she received from God? A: 1) Mother of God, 2) Preserved from all stain of original sin (Immaculate Conception), 3) She was taken body and soul to heaven (Assumption)
- 15. All three of these gifts are Holy Days of Obligation in the Church. When are they each celebrated? A: Mary Mother of God January 1; Immaculate Conception December 8; Assumption August 15
- 16. Who do we imitate when we show honor to Mary? A: Jesus

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- 17. What are two primary ways in which Mary is able to bring blessings upon us her needy children? **A:** The rosary and penance
- 18. The answer to this question is not in the book, but when did Sr. Mary Lucia of Sorrows die?

  A: February 13, 2005

### **Bonus Questions**

- 1. How did three children show honesty with their families? A: They told them everything that happened even though all of them except Francisco and Jacinta's father did not believe them
- 2. How did the three children show honesty with the Mayor? A: They told him everything that happened and were unwilling to change their story despite the fact that the Mayor had them put in jail

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- Scripture verse for Week 3
  - o Proverbs 13: 6
    - "Virtue guards one who walks honestly, but the downfall of the wicked is sin."

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### 7. CLOSING PRAYER

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### WEEK 4 (CAMPAIGN 1)

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### **Honesty Defined**

• To tell the truth at all times no matter what.

### Weekly Virtue Focus

- WEEK 4 Honesty with my brothers and sisters
  - o Give the boys some concrete examples of living this virtue in their daily lives.
    - I will use **honesty** to always be honest when keeping score when playing with my brothers and sisters.
    - I will use **honesty** to always give them at least as much dessert as I take.
    - I will use **honesty** to do my share of combined chores without complaints.
    - I will use **honesty** to return anything I borrow from my brothers or sisters.

- I will use **honesty** to apologize whenever I wrong my brother or sister.
- Ask the boys for their own examples.

### Live Virtue at Home

• Choose one of the examples above to have the boys work on throughout the week at home. Ensure that you stop (or ask another dad) and take the time to write that commitment on their on their Conquest member cards before giving them back to the boys. Remind the boys to tell their parents their daily commitment to earn points at home.

### Skits

• The purpose of the skit is to further help the boys internalize the particular campaign virtue by acting out the "Virtue Picture" from the previous meeting.

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- Scripture verse for Week 4
  - o James 3: 2
    - "For we all fall short in many respects. If anyone does not fall short in speech, he is a perfect man, able to bridle his whole body also."

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### WEEK 5 (CAMPAIGN 1)

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### Weekly Virtue Focus

- WEEK 5 Honesty with my friends
  - o Give the boys some concrete examples of living this virtue in their daily lives.
    - I will use **honesty** to play fair with my friends.
    - I will use **honesty** to always be on time when I agree to meet a friend.
    - I will use **honesty** to apologize if I ever wrong my friends.
    - I will use **honesty** to keep my promises I make with my friends.
    - I will use **honesty** to call my own fouls when we play sports.

• Ask the boys for their own examples.

### Live Virtue at Home

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### Catechism Challenge

- Refer to Chapter #4 in the Father & Son / Junior Program Adult Leader Training Guidebook. The Catechism Challenge is a formal question-and-answer session posing squad against squad.
- Questions can be selected from those used during the informal question- and-answer sessions from weeks 1 and 2 as well as those provided at the end of this guidebook Grades 3 & 4 Catechism questions are located in the appendices.

## 6. ADULT AND/OR YOUTH LEADER TALK AND REFLECTION

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- Scripture verse for Week 5
  - o James 5: 12
    - "But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your Yes mean Yes and your No mean No, that you may not incur condemnation."

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### WEEK 6 (CAMPAIGN 1)

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### Transition to Mini- Apostolic Project

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### 3. MINI-APOSTOLIC PROJECT

- It is important the last week of each virtue campaign to forgo the competitive sports segment to teach the boys about doing apostolic projects. Basically, bringing the joy of Christ to others.
- Write a Letter to Pope Francis
  - o Set Up Needs
    - Lined Paper
    - Address for Pope Francis
       His Holiness, Pope Francis
       Palazzo Apostolico Vaticano
       1-00120 Cittadel Vaticano, Italy
    - Pens
    - Envelopes
    - Roster of program members with addresses

- o Preparation and process
  - Pass out paper to all the members
  - Give some instruction on the importance of good handwriting
  - Encourage the boys to take their time and pray about what to say to the Holy Father
  - Express to them that it is very likely that the Holy Father will either personally read the letters himself or have them read to him
  - Guide the boys through the following structure of writing the letter (for younger boys, they will most likely need the help of the dads they can also color a picture)
    - Introduction
      - o Name
      - o Hometown
      - o Family Status
      - Picture of family, pet, or other such photo that personalizes the letter or a colored picture in marker or crayon.
      - Interests
      - o Talents
      - o Member of Conquest
    - Thankfulness for his service
    - Assurance of prayers and support
    - Seek his prayers for personal vocation discernment, parents, siblings, extended family, program growth and more
    - Invitation for him to write back
    - Include return address
    - Close with "God Bless" or "In Christ" or "Sincerely Yours in Christ" or some other similar closing before name/signature

### o Objective

- For the boys to express themselves in a genuine, loving sincere way so as to bring great joy to the Vicar of Christ and therefore build up the Church
  - Each letter is very simply meant to bring a smile and ray of hope to Pope Francis

### Rules

- All letters must be proof read by the program leader before being mailed out
- If a boy is unable to complete the letter during the campaign meeting, he is able to take it home and bring it back the following week
- The program director should collect all the letters, place them in a large envelope and take the responsibility of mailing it to the Rome.
  - It is meant to be each boys own unique letter to the Holy Father
- All letters should be mailed within the following week if possible.
- Points can be given for creativity, neatness, effort, timeliness and so forth during the work

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Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley, of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen

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### **Weekly Virtue Focus**

- WEEK 6 Honesty Review
  - Go over the commitment the boys worked on each week over the course of this campaign and encourage the boys to maintain their HONESTY even after this campaign is over.

### Live Virtue at Home

• Collect the boys' Conquest member cards and award the appropriate points for their commitment completion, remembering the bonus points awarded for fulfilling the commitment every day without fail for the entire campaign.

### Awards Day

• In the final week of each 6 week campaign, the efforts of squad members are recognized through the presentation of awards which are intended to be highly motivational. They can be religious, athletic, edible, or other form, but they must be meaningful.

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