



CURRICULUM VIRTUE CAMPAIGN #1



**The Ten Commandments of God
and St Maximilian Kolbe**

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SAINT STORY

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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



St. Maximilian Kolbe was born on January 8, 1894 in Poland. One night as a child he saw the Virgin Mary, who offered him a life of purity or a death as a martyr. Out of obedience, he chose both. He was ordained a priest in 1918, and traveled as far as Japan doing missionary work. He organized the Militia Immaculata, or Army of Mary, to work for conversion of sinners and enemies of the Catholic Church, specifically the Freemasons, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary. The friars utilized the most modern printing and administrative techniques in publishing catechetical and devotional tracts, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 230,000 and a monthly magazine with a circulation of over one million. Kolbe also used radio to spread his Catholic faith and to speak out against the atrocities of the Nazi regime. When World War II broke out he was again in Poland, and he provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland, including 2,000 Jews whom he hid from Nazi persecution in his friary. He was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. He followed the rules, as difficult as it was out of obedience. When three prisoners tried to escape the camp and were caught, ten prisoners were selected to die. One of the ten cried out for his family and his children, and Fr. Kolbe volunteered to trade places with that man and died in his place. In the starvation cell, he celebrated Mass each day and sang hymns with the prisoners. He led the other condemned men in song and prayer and encouraged them by telling them they would soon be with Mary in Heaven, if they were obedient and did not give up their faith. Each time the guards checked on him, he was standing or kneeling in the middle of the cell and looking calmly at those who entered. After two weeks of dehydration and starvation, only Kolbe remained alive. They finally killed him by injecting him with poison. St. Maximilian Kolbe is a great role model for us to live the virtue of obedience to God's will, following the Ten Commandments, and even going further by laying down his life for another.

VIDEO: A video "The Story of St Maximilian Kolbe" can be found on the Adult Leader USB drive.





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- I will be **obedient** to God by always confessing my sins and being truly sorry.
- I will be **obedient** to God by always fasting one hour before Mass by not eating anything, chewing gum, or drinking anything but water (if I receive Communion.)
- I will be **obedient** to God by learning how to be like Jesus by reading stories from the Bible.
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FAITH AND VIRTUE INSTRUCTION READING



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Read pages 1-15

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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION



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1. True or False? God loved the people of Israel so much, that he freed them from their slavery in Egypt. **A: True**
2. God told Moses to have the people do what for three days? **A: Wash themselves and pray**
3. What was the name of the mountain that God told Moses to climb alone? **A: Mount Sinai**
4. What did God reveal/give to Moses on top of the mountain? **A: The Ten Commandments**
5. Are we to always be completely obedient to the Ten Commandments? **A: Yes**
6. The first three commandments spoke of how we should treat who? **A: God**
7. The other 7 commandments spoke of how we should treat who? **A: Others or each other**

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8. What were the Ten Commandments written on? **A: Two tablets of stone**
9. Who can name all of the Ten Commandments? **A: (see page 4)**

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10. Fill in the blank... The two most important commandments are: “You shall love the Lord your God, with your whole _____, and _____, and _____?” **A: heart, soul, strength**
11. True or False? If we keep those two commandments, then we are sure to keep all of the other commandments. **A: True**
12. What is the “Golden Rule”? **A: to do unto others what we would want them to do to us.**

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13. Name the first commandment. **A: I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange gods before Me.**
14. Fill in the blank: God had freed His people from their slavery and was now leading them to the land flowing with _____ and _____. **A: milk, honey**

15. Name some of the things people treat as false gods? **A: money, fame, sports, video games, TV, etc.**

16. True or False? We should pray to the Lord every morning and every evening, so that we always remember that God is the center of our lives. **A: True**

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17. Name the second commandment. **A: You shall not take the name of the Lord, our God in vain.**

18. True or False? Cursing, swearing or saying bad words does not break the 2nd commandment? **A: False**

19. Do you think saying "Oh my God!" or "OMG!" is breaking the 2nd commandment? **A: Yes**

20. True or False: If you are given a nice rosary, and you leave it outside and it rusts and breaks, it is ok to just throw it away. **A: False – holy items (especially blessed) needs to be buried, not thrown in the trash.**

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21. Name the third commandment. **A: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath**

22. During creation, what day did God rest? **A: on the seventh day**

23. What day does the Jewish people observe the Sabbath? **A: Saturday**

24. Why do we as Christian Catholics observe the Sabbath on Sunday? **A: That's the day Jesus rose from the dead**

25. What should we avoid doing on the Sabbath or Sundays? **A: Unnecessary work**

26. Is it a mortal sin to miss Sunday Mass? **A: Yes, unless you are sick or other circumstances outside of your control (example: you intend to go but your parents can't take you)**

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27. Name the fourth commandment. **A: You shall honor your father and your mother.**

28. Name some things that we should not do, things that disrespect our parents. **A: talking back, mouthing off, not listening to them, forgetting to do things we are asked, not complaining, etc.**

29. True or False? We should also respect our grandparents by writing or calling them when we can. **A: True**

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30. Name the fifth commandment. **A: You shall not kill.**

31. True or False? Human life is sacred from the very first moment that a baby exists in the mother's womb until that person dies. **A: True**

32. True or False? You don't have to actually kill someone to break the 5th commandment. If I hit my brother or sister to hurt them because I am angry, I am breaking the 5th commandment. **A: True**

33. True or False? The 5th commandment also means that we need to take care of our physical health. **A: True**



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR WEEK 1 ROMANS 5: 19

“For just as through the disobedience of one person the many were made sinners, so through the obedience of one the many will be made righteous.”

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WEEK 2 VIRTUE FOCUS: OBEDIENCE WITH MY PARENTS



Give the boys some concrete examples of living this virtue in their daily lives.

- I will be **obedient** to my parents by always doing what they say the first time, without having to be told twice.
- I will be **obedient** to my parents by never complaining.
- I will be **obedient** to my parents by fulfilling my punishments without complaining.
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Review: Go over the even or odd questions from Week 1 before reading the final segment. Points should be given during the review.

Read pages 16-32

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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION



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1. Name the sixth commandment. **A: You shall not commit adultery.**
2. True or False? The 6th commandment tells us that we never have to treat anyone with respect **A: False: We must always treat everyone with respect**
3. What type of things should we avoid to keep the 6th commandment? **A: dirty pictures, jokes, rated R movies, dirty words or jokes, etc.**
4. True or False? If other kids my age are doing bad things, then I should be able to as well. **A: False**
5. True or False? We should always pray to God each day to help give us the grace to sort out what is right from wrong. **A: True**

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6. Name the seventh commandment. **A: You shall not steal.**
7. True or False? It is ok to borrow things from others without asking, that is really not stealing. **A: False: that is a form of stealing**
8. True or False? It is not considered stealing if I don't share my things with others. **A: False: We should not hoard things we are given, but share them especially when told to.**

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9. Name the eighth commandment. **A: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
10. Fill in the blank: Bearing false witness means _____ about someone else. **A: lying**

11. True or False? It is ok to tell a little white lie to avoid getting into trouble, as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else. **A: False**
12. Is it wrong to judge people for the way they look, or because they are a different race or religion? **A: Yes**
13. True or False? It is not wrong to talk about others behind their back, and say bad things about them as long as it is all true. **A: False – this is gossip and is a sin against the 8th commandment.**

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14. Name the ninth commandment. **A: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.**
15. True or False? It is ok to be jealous of others because they have friends that we would like to be our friends. **A: False: jealousy is a sin against the 9th commandment**
16. True or False? We should tell our friends that they can only be friends with us, and not with other kids we don't like. **A: False – we should not treat our friends like trading cards.**

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17. Name the tenth commandment. **A: You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.**
18. True or False? My friend just got his own cell phone, and it is not fair that I don't have one too. I need to beg and plead with my parents to get me one too! **A: False**
19. Fill in the blank: ____ has given each one of us what we really need. **A: God**
20. Fill in the blank: The opposite of wanting what other have is being willing to ____ what we have been given. **A: share**

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21. BONUS QUESTION – TRIPLE POINTS! Does anyone know the “official” name of the commandments of the Church? **A: The 7 precepts of the Church**
22. True or False? We are not only supposed to be completely obedient to the Ten Commandments, but also completely obedient to the commandments of the Church. **A: True**
23. Fill in the blanks: We should observe _____ and _____ of Obligation by going to Mass and not working. **A: Sundays, Holydays**
24. Fill in the blank: We should ____ and abstain on the days that the Church has told us to do that. **A: fast**
25. Fill in the blank: We should go to _____ at least once a year if we have committed a serious sin. **A: confession**
26. Fill in the blank: We should give _____ to help support our parish. **A: money**
27. Fill in the blank: We should follow the laws of the _____ concerning who and when we can marry. **A: Church**

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28. True or False? Every good Christian has obligations to be a good example to others and to reach out to those in need. **A: True**
29. True or False? We have an obligation to study our faith and to know as much as we can about it. **A: True**
30. True or False? We don't need to respect God's creation, as he gave it to us all to use. We can waste things, be careless and not try to make the world a more beautiful place. **A: False**

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31. What is an examination of conscience? **A: Once a day we ask ourselves what we have done that was good, and what we did that was wrong, and make a prayer to try to do better tomorrow.**

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32. Fill in the blank: When we confess our sins to the priest, he is representing _____. **A: God**
33. Fill in the blank: It is such a good thing to go to confession _____ and to get rid of all of our sins.... **A: regularly**

Bonus Questions – Big Points!

1. Name the Holy days of Obligation. **A: Nativity (Christmas), Mary – Holy Mother of God (Jan 1), Ascension of the Lord, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug 15), All Saints (Nov 1), Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Dec 8)**



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR WEEK 2

EPHESIANS 6: 1

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

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- I will be **obedient** to my teachers by always giving my best effort in my school work.
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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR WEEK 3 HEBREWS 11:8

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go."

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WEEK #4

SERIES 2
VIRTUE CAMPAIGN
#1

#1

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WEEK 4 VIRTUE FOCUS: OBEDIENCE WITH MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS



Give the boys some concrete examples of living this virtue in their daily lives.

- I will be **obedient** and never try to get my brothers or sisters in trouble purposely.
- I will be **obedient** and always ask my brothers and sisters before playing with their toys or things.
- I will be **obedient** and never call my brothers or sisters bad names or make fun of them to be mean.
- I will be **obedient** and always love and respect my brothers and sisters.
- Ask the boys for their own examples.

LIVE VIRTUE AT HOME



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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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LEADER TALK AND REFLECTION



Tell a story about the virtue and use the scripture below for a quick reflection. Talks should never exceed 10 minutes in length in an effort to maximize the attention span of the boys.

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR WEEK 4

ACTS 5: 32

“We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit that God has given to those who obey Him.”

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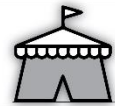
WEEK #5

SERIES 2
VIRTUE CAMPAIGN
#1



#1

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FAITH AND VIRTUE INSTRUCTION



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WEEK 5 VIRTUE FOCUS: OBEDIENCE WITH MY FRIENDS



Give the boys some concrete examples of living this virtue in their daily lives.

- I will be **obedient** and always respect my friends and never talk bad about them.
- I will be **obedient** and always help my friends when they are in need.
- I will be **obedient** and always listen to my friends when they tell me that something is not right and we shouldn't do it.
- When playing games with my friends, I will always be **obedient** by following the rules and not making up my own.
- Ask the boys for their own examples.

LIVE VIRTUE AT HOME



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CATECHISM CHALLENGE



The Catechism Challenge is a formal question-and-answer session posing squad against squad.

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LEADER TALK AND REFLECTION



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR WEEK 5

JOHN 14:15

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments”

POINT TALLY



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WEEK #6

SERIES 2
VIRTUE CAMPAIGN
#1



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TRANSITION TO MINI-APOSTOLIC PROJECT

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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**
 - 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
 - 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
 - Name
 - Hometown
 - Family Status
 - Picture of family, pet, or other such photo that personalizes the letter or a colored picture in marker or crayon.
 - Interests
 - Talents
 - 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
- 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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ROSARY:



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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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WEEK 6 VIRTUE FOCUS: OBEDIENCE REVIEW



Go over the commitment the boys worked on each week over the course of this campaign and encourage the boys to maintain their **OBEDIENCE** even after this campaign is over.

LIVE VIRTUE AT HOME



Collect the boys' Conquest membership 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.

Don't forget to issue all the boys a virtue sticker to place on their completed card. These come in the leadership kit (enough stickers for 20 boys per 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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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR WEEK 6

HEBREWS 5: 8-9

“Son though He was, He learned obedience from what he suffered and when He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.”

FINAL POINT TALLY

Program leadership should wait until the last minute to collect all final points and add the totals for the awards ceremony.



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