



The Kids' Catholic Virginian

“Let the little children come to me” – Matthew 19:14

What a priest wears at Mass

Father William Buckley was just ordained (see p. 1) and is the newest priest in our diocese. Check out the vestments he'll now wear to celebrate Mass. Kindly modeling the vestments is Father Michael G. Boehling, the Diocese of Richmond's vicar general.



Word Bank

alb white robe that symbolizes purity, and also the white we wear at baptism

cincture (SINK-cher): braided belt/cord with tassels on ends that reminds priests of their vow to live a pure life and not get married

amice (AM-iss): (not pictured) small white cloth around the neck that covers priest's clerics (his “street clothes”)

stole looks like a scarf and matches the color of the liturgical season; a sign of his authority as a priest

chasuble (CHAZ-i-bull): looks like a big poncho; matches the color of the liturgical season; symbolizes charity to show a priest must always act in love



Ask the Bishop

Q. When is your birthday?

-Elizabeth Pugh, 4, St. Bede, Williamsburg

A. June 11, and I'll say this – as a kid growing up, it was good to have a birthday in June because it was always close to the last day of school! It was also good because June is evenly spaced from Christmas – so you knew you would get gifts every six months.

Q. What is your favorite Bible story from the Gospels?

-Joseph Pugh, 8, St. Bede, Williamsburg

A. There are so many, but the one that's most touching to me is the story of Jesus, Lazarus, Martha, and Mary. It helps me connect with Jesus when I see how he interacts with family, how he has friendships, and how he feels all the same emotions we feel. We can see ourselves in Jesus' encounters with family and friends.

Q. “Do you have a pet?”

-Elizabeth Sumner, 4, St. Andrew, Roanoke

A. No, I don't have a pet. Growing up, my family briefly had two dogs at different times, but now, my schedule is busy and I travel a lot, so I wouldn't be able to give a pet the attention it deserves.

SAINT SUPERHERO

St. Germaine Cousin • The real-life ‘Cinderella’ saint



Feast day: June 15 / Say it: jur-MANE coo-ZAN

St. Germaine Cousin was a little girl who lived in France a long time ago, from 1579 to 1601. Her life has been compared to the story of “Cinderella,” but it's actually even better. Instead of a fairy godmother, St. Germaine trusted in God and he didn't let her down.

St. Germaine was born with a deformed arm and hand. She also had a disease that caused bad sores on her neck and face. Her mother died when she was a baby and her father married another woman.

Her stepmother was like the “wicked stepmother” character that we've read about in books. She tormented St. Germaine and made St. Germaine sleep on a pile of leaves in the barn. She fed the starv-

ing, sick little girl scraps of food in a dog's bowl.

From the time she was a little girl, St. Germaine was sent out to watch the family's sheep. Every day, she asked her guardian angel to watch the sheep so she could go to Mass – and it worked! The sheep were always safe. If the water in the river was high, God would part the waters so she could walk to Mass. If St. Germaine was running late, she would walk right on top of the water!

Her life was terrible, but St. Germaine was still sweet and kind to others, even her stepmother. She died when she was just 22 years old. After that, her stepmother went to confession and became a good woman. Many sick people have been cured because of prayers to St. Germaine!

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