

Chapter 23

Down Through History

Through faith and patience you will receive what God has promised.
Hebrews 6:12

For the Parents:

In chapter 23 your child learned to:

- Identify saints and holy people who witness to Jesus' presence
- Choose ways to imitate Christ in his or her life and work
- Offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving

The Church carries within itself a profound and living faith in the Communion of Saints. The presence and example of witnesses—and the example of Jesus above all—continue to keep us faithful to the task of Christian living. The Communion of Saints is, quite simply, the Church: God's pilgrim people here on earth, those who have died and are being purified, and those who have entered into glory. The Communion of Saints is a sharing among holy people (*sancti*), and it is a sharing in holy things (*sancta*): faith, charity, the sacraments, and the gifts of the Spirit.

With Your Child:

1. Write a prophecy for your child. This is not fortune telling or a horoscope. It is a vision of goodness you see ahead for your child, based on the goodness you see in them now.
2. As a reminder of the promise within each of us, plant some flower seeds or a small green plant in a flowerbed or planter. Water your seeds or plant and watch it grow all summer. Let the growing plant be a reminder to each family member to pray every day and to grow in faith, hope, and love.
3. Read about Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin on the Review and Explore page.