

LESSON 13

Mission Through Religious Life

I. Introduction

This lesson should help the students to understand the importance and duties of the Religious Life in the church and develop respect in them towards the Religious.

II. What children should understand

1.Conviction

Religious are those who are called to respond to God through a complete and fruitful life in Christ.

Religious life in christianity had taken root in AD 3rd century. However, in India it began in 1831 with the institution of the religious congregation known as ‘Amalolbhava Das Sangham’. Today this congregation is known as Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI).

On the basis of the evangelical counsels, the religious live the three vows of obedience, chastity and poverty.

The religious make their dedication meaningful by prayer, participation in parish activities, catechism, family visits, social service, missionary activities and such other services.

2. Attitude

Encourage religious vocation. Treats the religious respectfully.

3. Habit

Will maintain friendship and love for the religious. Will pray for the religious.

III. Teaching Aids:

A CD or photograph of the religious taking their vows, paper cuttings on services rendered by the religious, the Holy Bible, the documents of the Vatican Council.

IV. Presentation of the lesson:

Begin the class either by showing the CD/photo of the religious taking vow or by discussing the services rendered by them. Use pictures to explain to the students the various types of activities that the religious are engaged in.

V. Activities related to the lesson:

As stated in lessons 1 and 2

VI. Correlated Activities:

Make an album with pictures and photographs of the services rendered by the religious. Arrange an interview with the religious on their services in the parish.