Experiential Learning Activity: "The Liturgy"

For lesson on Sunday 11th September 2011

Time/context: 10 minute activity at the end of the lesson for Years 3&4

Aim: A consolidating game to reinforce ideas about why it is important to attend the Liturgy.

Biblical Text: John 6:53 *Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you."*

Materials Required:

- Enlarged picture of an orbana cut into jigsaw pieces.
- Ideas about why attending the liturgy is important cut into jigsaw pieces

Background/Contemplation for servant

- What am I thinking about when I attend the liturgy?
- Can I leave my cares at the door and focus on God and praising Him? (Fr. Bishoy Kamel)

Description of Activity (est. 5 minutes)

The class is divided into 2 groups and given the pieces of the orbana puzzle. The children need to work as a group to put the puzzle together. The first group finished is the winning team. Servants supervise and discuss the ideas as the children complete the puzzle. There are two trick pieces which don't belong in the puzzle.

The puzzle is in two parts:

- 1. The orbana
- 2. Ideas about why attending the liturgy is important which can be superimposed on the orbana.

Discussion (est. 4 minutes) Ask the children to read out the reasons why attending the mass is important. Which ones didn't fit?

Spend time with God

- The mass is like being in heaven
- To praise God with all God's children.
- To have the body and blood of Christ
- To see my friends
- Because the food at St. Mark's is really good.