

YOUTH OF OUR LADY OF AMERICA

“Torch Bearers of the Queen”

MEETING AGENDA

(Leaders set up meeting space before students arrive)

1. GATHERING

- Social time and ice breaker or game
- Move to meeting space (choir loft)
- Opening prayer:

Prayer to Our Lady of America
Patroness of Our Land

O Immaculate Mother, Queen of our Country, open our hearts, our homes, and our Land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son. With Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, so pure and so bright with the radiance of God's light shining in and about you. Be our Leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, redeemed at such a great cost by the sufferings of your Son and of yourself, in union with Him, from that same Savior, Who loves us with infinite charity.

We gather about you, O chaste and holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved Land, determined to fight under your banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.

We consecrate our hearts, our homes, and our Land to your Most Pure Heart, O great Queen, that the kingdom of your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us.

We ask no special sign of you, sweet Mother, for we believe in your great love for us, and we place in you our entire confidence. We promise to honor you by faith, love and the purity of our lives according to your desire.

Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with your Son Jesus Christ. May His Divine Heart and your most chaste Heart be ever enthroned and glorified among us. Use us, your children of America, as your instruments in bringing peace among men and nations. Work your miracles of grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity, Who created, redeemed and sanctifies us.

May your valiant Spouse, St. Joseph, with the holy Angels and Saints, assist you and us in “renewing the face of the earth.” Then when our work is over, come, Holy Immaculate Mother, and as our Victorious Queen, lead us to the eternal kingdom, where your Son reigns forever as King. Amen.

2. TEACHING

- Study of the Saint
- Question and Answer

3. PRAYER

- Intercessory Prayer

Begin with, “Lord Jesus we know You hear all of our prayers. We place our heartfelt petitions before You now with love, with gratitude, and with trust. Amen.”

Allow all present to voice their petitions, then conclude with, “We thank you, Lord, for receiving the prayers we just placed before You. You hear these intentions and all the ones we have voiced in our hearts. You know all the people that we have promised to pray for, those we remember, and even those we have forgotten. Give us the faith to know that Your plans are always for the best, and to grow in confidence, in gratitude, and in love with You. Amen.”

- The rosary
- St. Gertrude Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

“Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those within my own home, and within my family. Amen.”

4. RECEPTION INTO YOUTH OF OUR LADY OF AMERICA

Reception of the Youth of Our Lady of America

(New member is handed the T-shirt and medallion. The priest or adult leader says:)

“RECEIVE THIS GARMENT AND MEDALLION WHICH SYMBOLIZE YOUR IDENTITY AS A TORCH BEARER OF THE QUEEN AND MEMBER OF THE YOUTH OF OUR LADY OF AMERICA. WEAR THESE SYMBOLS TO GIVE HONOR TO JESUS, OUR BLESSED MOTHER AND YOUR HOLY CATHOLIC FAITH.”

5. CLOSING (Youth leader)

- Divine Praises (students repeat each line after leader):

Blessed be God
Blessed be His Holy Name
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man
Blessed be the name of Jesus
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse
Blessed be God, in His Angels and in His Saints.

May the heart of Jesus, in the most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

Let us pray to Our Lady of America.

All: By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, deliver us from evil. O, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.

