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## Altaration Session 1 – Due September 8

### Opening Prayer

“The Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

– 1 Samuel 16:7

Lord God, you remind us in these words from the Bible that things are not always as they seem to be on the surface. For just as we are more than our outward appearance, so is the Mass. Thank you for the gift of the Mass, even if we don't yet completely understand it. Please be with us during this journey. Open our eyes and ears and hearts to all that you want to reveal to us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

- Before doing anything answer these questions.
  - What are the 5 Most Important Things in your life?
  - What 5 things take up most of my time in my life?
- Read letter on page vi and vii.
- Read pages 3
- Watch Segment 1 video 1 “I was Bored, Too”
  - Answer the following
    - What do you hope to get out of this program about the mass?
    - Were you surprised to hear the author and presenter of the program on the Mass tell you how bored he was at Mass as a kid?
    - Most of us have been bored at Mass. Why do you think that is?
    - Why does God desire our sacrifice? What does sacrifice teach us?

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- Watch Segment 1 video 2 “I will Follow”
  - Answer the following questions.
    - Did it surprise you to discover that the two men are priests? What do you think of them?
    - Do you tend to see priests as normal men with the same struggles as everyone else, or do you see them as different somehow?
    - Why was Fr. Josh surprised to hear God say “I love you” when he asked him what he wanted him to do? Do you think you need to “earn” God’s love?
    - Fr. Mike talks about the importance of a priest acting as a father to his people. How is the priests role as a spiritual father similar to that of a “regular” father?
- Watch Segment 1 video 3 “The Power of the Priesthood”
  - Answer the following questions
    - Why is the Catholic priesthood unique
    - What does the phrase in persona Christi mean to a priest’s daily ministry? Have you ever thought of the priest as “another Christ”?
    - Has your view of the priesthood changed at all as a result of this lesson?
- Read pages 6-7
  - Answer the following questions
    - Have you been going to Mass mostly out of obligation or routine your entire life? Why or why not?
    - Are you open to the possibility that there might be more going on at Mass than meets the eye? Like what?
- Choose one of the challenges on page 8 to complete this week and share what it was like.
- Read pages 9-11
- Talk to your parents/guardians about what you learned this week and write a summary about the discussion.

All answers and summaries need to be done in complete sentences.