

## Activities Intermediate Grades

1. Pretend you are an early missionary. Keep a diary of what you observe and of the things that happen.
2. Dramatize the meeting between Father Gibault, Francis Vigo and George Rogers Clark.
3. You are a newspaper reporter. Give an “on the spot” report of the blessing (Consecration) of your parish church.
4. Draw a series of maps showing the evolution of the Indianapolis Archdiocese.
5. Visit the oldest church in your area. Describe how it was built.
6. Construct a model of your parish church.
7. Visit the Cathedral of the Archdiocese. Construct a model of the church.
8. Learn some of the hymns sung in the early church. Learn some in Latin.
9. Trace who have been the pastors or priests in your parish. Where are they now? Write them a letter.
10. Make a bar graph showing the rise of Catholicism in Indiana.
11. Construct a replica of the Old Cathedral at Vincennes.
12. Each bishop has a coat of arms. Find out what a coat of arms is. Make up a coat of arms for yourself.
13. Trace the history of an ethnic parish. Why was it built for a particular nationality? Who attends this church now?
14. Interview the “old timers” of your parish. Ask them about the changes they have experienced. Tape the interview.
15. The Ku Klux Klan is an anti-Catholic group. Trace the movement of this group in your area.
16. Find out the beginnings of Religious Orders of Women in the State of Indiana. Write for information to share with the class. Here are some addresses. Your pastor will have others.

Sisters of St. Benedict  
Our Lady of Grace Monastery  
1402 Southern Avenue  
Beech Grove, IN 46107-1197

Sisters of Providence  
Archives Department  
Owens Hall  
St. Mary-of-the-Woods  
IN 47876-1089

Sisters of the Third Order of  
St. Francis  
22143 Main Street  
P. O. Box 100  
Oldenburg, IN 47036-0100

17. Write for information about the Old Cathedral in Vincennes. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

The Old Cathedral  
c/o Father Ralph Endress  
205 Church Street  
Vincennes, IN 47591

18. Plan to take family trip to Vincennes to visit the birthplace of the Catholic Church in Indiana.
19. What effect did the Civil War, or World War I, or World War II have on the Church in Indiana? How did the people respond?
20. Take pictures of various churches in your area. Compare the architecture.
21. Plan a "We Were There" program. Show some of the highlights in the history of the Diocese.
22. Find out what a deanery is. Which deanery is your parish in? Who is the head of the deanery?
23. Visit a cemetery near a church in your area. Do gravestone rubbings. Find the oldest person's grave. Do they have relatives living in the area now? Find the youngest person's grave. Find an interesting epitaph.
24. The Old Cathedral in Vincennes is now called a Basilica. Why? When does a church become a Basilica?

## **RESOURCES**

Indianapolis Diocesan Centennial Souvenir, Indianapolis: *Indiana Catholic and Record*, 1934

Logan, Sister Eugenia, *The History of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods*, Vol. II, Terre Haute: More-Langen Printing Co., 1978

This book covers the years of 1856 – 1894. It tells of the educational institutions during this period. It also relates the growth of the church in Indiana.

Brown, Sister Mary Borromeo, *The History of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods*, Vol. I, New York: Benziger Brothers., Inc.

This book is an excellent reference on the early history of the diocese.

Gallagher, Maureen, *The Cathedral Book*, Paulist Press, 1982 \$2.95

The Cathedral church is an important place in every diocese. *The Cathedral Book* was written to unveil both the riches and mysteries of cathedrals. Written for children from ages 8 – 12, it contains activities, reflection questions, and finely detailed illustrations.