







**SUGGESTED 'BIG QUESTIONS'**

<b>Domestic church family</b>	<b>Myself</b> Why am I precious?	<b>Families</b> Why do we have a family and who is my family?	<b>Beginnings</b> Who made the world and everything in it?	<b>Homes</b> What makes a house a home?	<b>People</b> Where do I come from?	<b>Ourselves</b> Who am I?	<b>Loving</b> Do you have to earn love?
<b>Baptism/confirmation belonging</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Why is welcome important?	<b>Belonging</b> What does it mean to belong?	<b>Signs &amp; symbols</b> Are signs & symbols important?	<b>Promises</b> Why make promises?	<b>Called</b> What does it mean to be called and chosen?	<b>Life choices</b> Is commitment important?	<b>Vocation &amp; commitment</b> What is commitment in life?
<b>Advent/Christmas loving</b>	<b>Birthday</b> Why do we celebrate Birthdays?	<b>Waiting</b> Is waiting always difficult?	<b>Preparations</b> Do we need to prepare?	<b>Visitors</b> Are visitors always welcome?	<b>Gift</b> What's so special about gifts?	<b>Hope</b> What does it mean to live in hope?	<b>Expectations</b> Should we have expectations in life?
<b>Local church community</b>	<b>Celebrating</b> What and why do people celebrate?	<b>Special people</b> What makes a person special?	<b>Books</b> Why do we need books?	<b>Journeys</b> Is life a journey?	<b>Community</b> What makes 'community'?	<b>Mission</b> Do we all have a mission in life?	<b>Sources</b> Are books enriching?
<b>Eucharist relating</b>	<b>Gathering</b> Why do people gather together?	<b>Meals</b> What makes some meals special?	<b>Thanksgiving</b> Why should we be grateful people?	<b>Listening &amp; sharing</b> What's so important about listening and sharing?	<b>Giving &amp; receiving</b> What's more important - giving or receiving?	<b>Memorial sacrifice</b> Why do we need memories?	<b>Unity</b> Why are we happiest when we are united?
<b>Lent/Easter giving</b>	<b>Growing</b> How and why do things grow?	<b>Change</b> How and why do things change?	<b>Opportunities</b> How does each day offer opportunities for good?	<b>Giving all</b> What makes some people give everything for other people?	<b>Self discipline</b> Is self-discipline important in life?	<b>Sacrifice</b> Why do we need to make sacrifices?	<b>Death &amp; new life</b> Can any good come out of loss and death?
<b>Pentecost serving</b>	<b>Good News</b> What is good news?	<b>Holidays &amp; holydays</b> Do we need holidays and holydays?	<b>Spread the word</b> Why should we spread Good News?	<b>Energy</b> What's the use of energy?!	<b>New life</b> What's so important about new life?	<b>Transformation</b> How can energy transform?	<b>Witnesses</b> What do I want to witness to in my life?
<b>Reconciliation Inter-relating</b>	<b>Friends</b> Is it good to have friends?	<b>Being sorry</b> Why should we be sorry?	<b>Rules</b> Do we need rules?	<b>Choices</b> What helps me to choose well?	<b>Building bridges</b> Why are bridge-builders important in life?	<b>Freedom &amp; responsibility</b> How do rules bring freedom?	<b>Healing</b> Who needs healing?
<b>Universal Church world</b>	<b>Our world</b> What makes our world so wonderful?	<b>Neighbours</b> Who is my neighbour?	<b>Treasures</b> Is the world a treasure?	<b>Special places</b> What makes a place special?	<b>God's people</b> Why do some people do extraordinary things?	<b>Stewardship</b> Can I be a steward of creation?	<b>Common good</b> How can we work together to build a just and fair world?

Liturgical Period Season / Occasion / Event	Liturgical Color	Meaning
Season of Christmas	White	light, innocence, purity, joy, triumph or glory
Season of Easter		
Feasts of the Lord, other than of His passion		
Feasts of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs		
All Saints (1 November)		
Feasts of the Apostles		
Nuptial Masses		
Masses for the dead (Requiem Masses) when the deceased is a baptized child who died before the age of reason		
White is the color of Popes' non-liturgical dress. White can be replaced by Silver.		
Feasts of the Lord's passion, Blood, and Cross	Red	the Passion of Christ, blood, fire, God's Love or martyrdom
Feasts of the martyrs		
Palm Sunday		
Pentecost		
Red is the color of Cardinals' non-liturgical dress		
Time After Epiphany	Green	the Holy Ghost, life eternal or hope
Time After Pentecost		
Season of Advent	Violet or Purple	penance, humility or melancholy
Season of Septuagesima		
Season of Lent		
Rogation Days		
Ember Days (except for Pentecost Ember Days)		
Vigils except for Ascension and Pentecost		
Good Friday		
Violet, literally "amaranth red," is the color of Bishops', Archbishops', and Patriarchs' non-liturgical dress		
All Souls Day	Black	mourning or sorrow
Masses for the dead (Requiem Masses), except for baptized children who've died before the age of reason		
Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)	Rose or Pink	joy
Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)		
Gold can replace white, red, or green (but not violet or black)	Gold	

DAY OR SEASON	TIME 2013/14	COLORS	MEANINGS AND THEMES
ADVENT SEASON (Purple/Blue/Rose)	4 Sundays before Christmas.		Preparing for Christmas. The color of hope, expectation, the royalty of Christ, heaven and the Mother of God. Joyful welcome.
CHRISTMAS SEASON (White/Gold)	12 days beginning with Christmas.		Birth of Jesus Christ. Symbol of purity, joy and truth. Used for seasons and days of the Church Year relating to our Lord.
EPIPHANY DAY (White)	January 6		Visit of the Three Kings. Used for seasons and days of the Church Year relating to our Lord, such as Christmas, Easter, Epiphany, and Ascension, Trinity Sunday and Transfiguration. White is also used for saints other than martyrs, for Holy Baptism, the celebration of a Marriage and the Burial of the Dead.
EPIPHANY SEASON (Green)	"Ordinary" Time between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday		The Ministry of Christ. The universal color of revelatory experience. Celebrates Christ's revelation as the Incarnate God. Symbolizes hope, life, growth and nature.
LENTEN SEASON (Purple/Red)	40 Days before Easter		Purple is the color of Lent. The color of penitence and expectation. Red is used on Palm Sunday beginning Holy Week.
HOLY WEEK (Purple/Black)	Week before Easter		Black, the color of extreme, deep sorrow. Generally used only on Good Friday, the only day of the year that such sorrow is expressed in the Church.
EASTER SEASON (White/Gold)	50 Days beginning with Easter Day		It is the color of celebration, joy, and peace. With gold, white symbolizes the greatest work of God in the world: His incarnation into this world at Christmas, and His triumph over death and evil at Easter.
PENTECOST DAY (Red)	June 8		The symbol of the Holy Spirit, the blood of martyrs, and fire and descending flames. Beginning a new life in the world. Pentecost and for the days of martyrs, Confirmation, and Ordination.
SEASON AFTER PENTECOST (Green)	"Ordinary" Time between Pentecost and Advent		Trinity celebrates the One Eternal God as revealed in the persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Green symbolizes our own spiritual growth in Christ, nurtured by the Church and the Gospels.