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DEFEND YOUR FAITH

Youth Night Outline for Parish Use

Introduction Prayer

Prompting Questions

What does “apologetics” mean?

Speaking in ones own defense/defense of something

Why would apologetics be important?

The Handbook of Catholic Apologetics says, “Refusal to give a reason for faith is disobedience to God. There are also at least two practical reasons for doing apologetics: to convince unbelievers and to instruct and build up believers.”

Main Talk (Recording – Defend Your Faith)

Break into small groups

Potential Questions / Prompts:

-What phrases/words/ideas stood out to you in Esteban’s talk?

-Think about a time that someone asked you a question about your faith.

-How did you feel? Did you feel prepared? How did the conversation go?

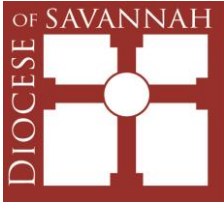
-How can you prepare now to be a strong apologist?

Come Together / Prayer / Dismissal

Anything stand out? Any comments?

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Resources Discussed:

Lives of the Saints

The Catechism

Catholic Answers (Podcast, website, YouTube)

Priests

Reliable source – parent, teacher, youth minister

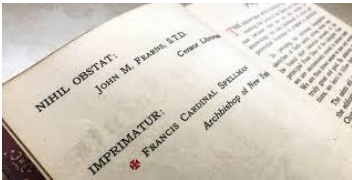
YouTube (Fr. Mike Schmitz, Bishop Robert Barron, EWTN, Trent Horn, etc.)

Vatican Website

EWTN Website

Bishop Barron on "[When a Christian Rock Singer Stops Believing in God](#)"

Things to look for in books:



Imprimatur – meaning a Bishop has officially approved what is written

Nihil Obstat – meaning that nothing opposes Catholic faith and morals

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