LEARNING FOCUS: The Concluding Rite.

CONTENT

The Concluding Rite – at the end of Mass the priest prays a final blessing and the Christian family are sent out to live in love, friendship and communion with God and with one another. The priest may say one of the following versions:

- Go forth, the Mass has ended
- Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord
- Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life
- Go in peace

Everyone responds, "Thanks be to God." It is a reminder that everyone is called to live in communion with God and each other, every day and in every place.

Read Romans 12:8-11 from *God's Story 3* page 141 Be real about loving. Talk about Paul's advice to Christians and how they give and receive in daily life.

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to 'give with a loving heart'?
- Which part of Paul's letter to the Roman Christians do you like best and why?
- Which part of Paul's advice would you find difficult to take?
- What would our home, school or community be like if everyone followed Paul's words?

Create a series of symbols which express an understanding of the various words of advice given by Saint Paul, e.g. 'pray regularly' might be symbolised by praying hands, 'give with a loving heart' might be symbolised by a heart with a cross and/or open hands. Use the template provided, label each symbol below each box.

Extension – Can you produce some freeze frame pictures are a short drama to demonstrate these symbols. You can make a story that involves each of your symbols/ actions.