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FIDELITY

The strength to be steadfast in one's commitments and promises.



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“BEING FAITHFUL.”

“A PERSON OF YOUR WORD.”

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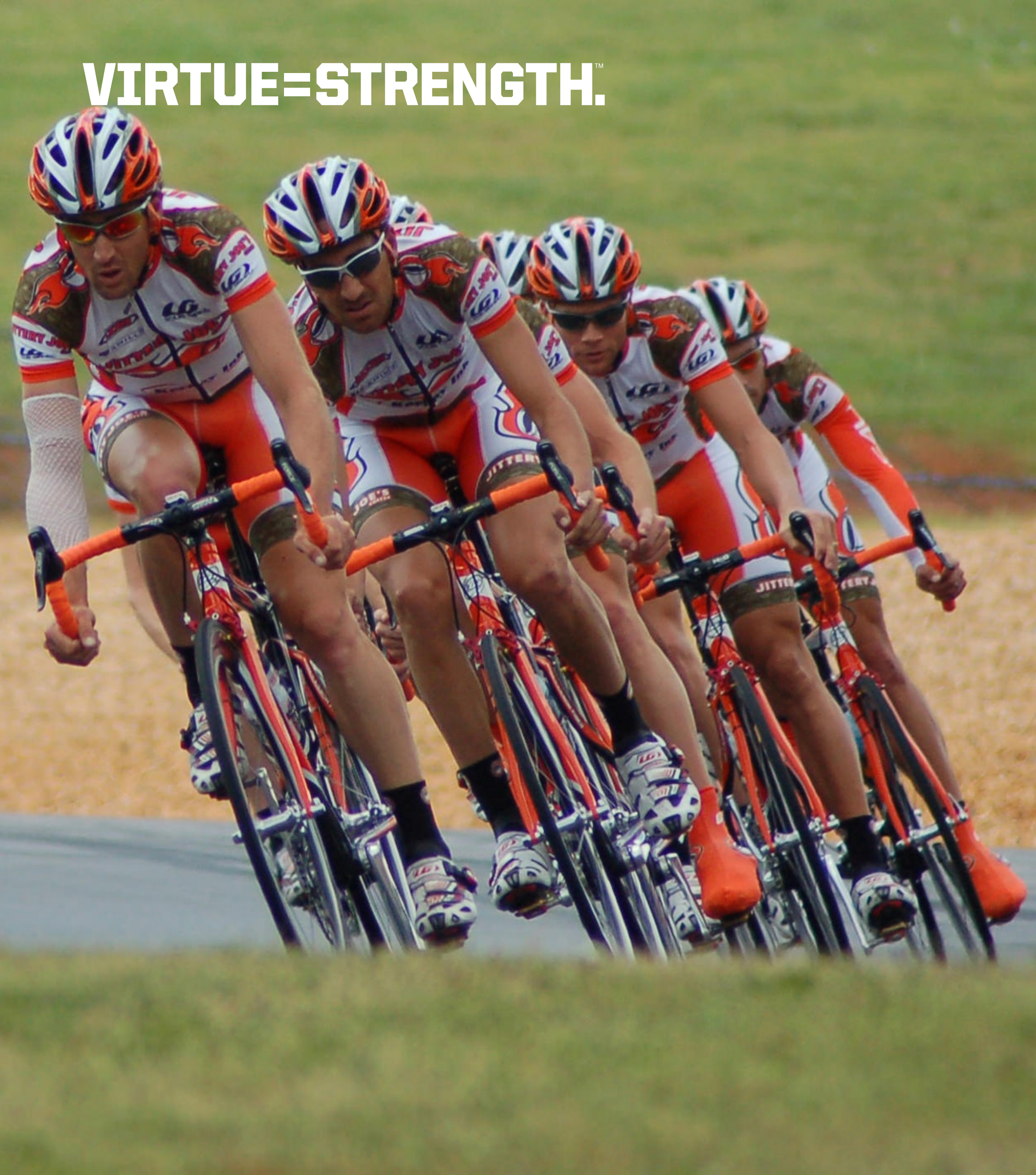
OPENING PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for this day, this opportunity, this time together.

Strengthen our wills and forge our resolve to be FAITHFUL in our **pursuit** of excellence in every area of our life.

Does anyone have any prayer intentions?

Who wants to lead us in a prayer?



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INTRODUCTION

This week our strength building on the virtue of Faith is FIDELITY.

The strength to be steadfast in one's commitments and promises.

Another word for FIDELITY is Faithfulness.

Being FAITHFUL is a wonderful strength.

It enables us to be true to what **matters most** in life even when we may not feel like it.

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ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX ON FIDELITY

On Faithfulness in Little Things:

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

On Trusting in God's Fidelity:

"To remain little is to recognize one's nothingness, to expect everything from God, as a little child expects everything from its father."

On Remaining Faithful in Suffering:

"To be faithful in little things is a great thing."

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INFIDELITY

The weakness to not be faithful to one's commitments and promises.



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INFIDELITY

“NOT FAITHFUL.”



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INFIDELITY & IT'S CONSEQUENCES

Infidelity or unfaithfulness is the weakness to not be faithful to one's commitments and promises.

Consequences of Infidelity

Hurt Feelings: People get upset when you break promises or are not loyal.

Broken Trust: It's hard for others to trust you again if you are unfaithful.

Distance from God: Not being faithful can make you feel further away from God's love.

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WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. PETER

St. Peter's Denial (Matthew 26:69-75):

Peter, despite his earlier proclamation of loyalty to Jesus, denied knowing Him three times during Jesus' trial, out of fear and self-preservation. This act demonstrated a momentary lapse in fidelity to Jesus.

St. Peter's Repentance and Love (John 21:15-17):

But afterwards, he was very sorry and he declared three times that he loved Jesus.

We make mistakes. We say and do things we regret. Let's go to the sacrament of Confession and renew our love for Jesus like St. Peter did.

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EXAMPLES OF INFIDELITY

Breaking promises.

Not keeping your word.

**Not following team/school/group
rules.**

Failing to admit or own up to mistakes.

Telling lies.

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CHALLENGE

Let's put our **VIRTUE** into action!

HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

1. Examination of Conscience
2. Sorrow for Sin (Contrition)
3. Resolution to Avoid Sin (Firm Purpose of Amendment)
4. Confession of Sins (Confession)
5. Acceptance of Penitence (Act of Penance)
6. Absolution
7. Act of Thanksgiving and Resolution



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RESOLUTION

YES!

**WAY TO LIVE THE VIRTUE THIS
WEEK**

Practice FIDELITY this week
by arriving on **time**.

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WHAT DOES FIDELITY LOOK LIKE?



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WHAT DOES FIDELITY SOUND LIKE?

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SAINT STORY

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

(Golden-Mouthed)

September 13

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John's father died soon after his birth and he was raised by his mother.

He became the Archbishop of Constantinople and was famous for his tremendously **powerful** sermons and homilies, especially when he preached against the rich, their extravagant parties and their ignoring of the poor.

The empress got so upset at St. John that she had the emperor banish him from the city. But soon after, an earthquake shook the city and she soon regretted her decision. She feared further angering God and the people and had the Archbishop brought back to the city.



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SMALL GROUP DIFFICULT SITUATION DISCUSSION

You promised your neighbor that you would help them clean out their garage this coming weekend.

But now you just got invited to go with a friend to a big game.

You ask your parents for advice but they just say that the decision is up to you.

What do you do and what do you say to both your neighbor and your friend?

Think of some different scenarios.

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Matthew 25: 19-21

“After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five.

He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’

His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and **faithful** servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’”

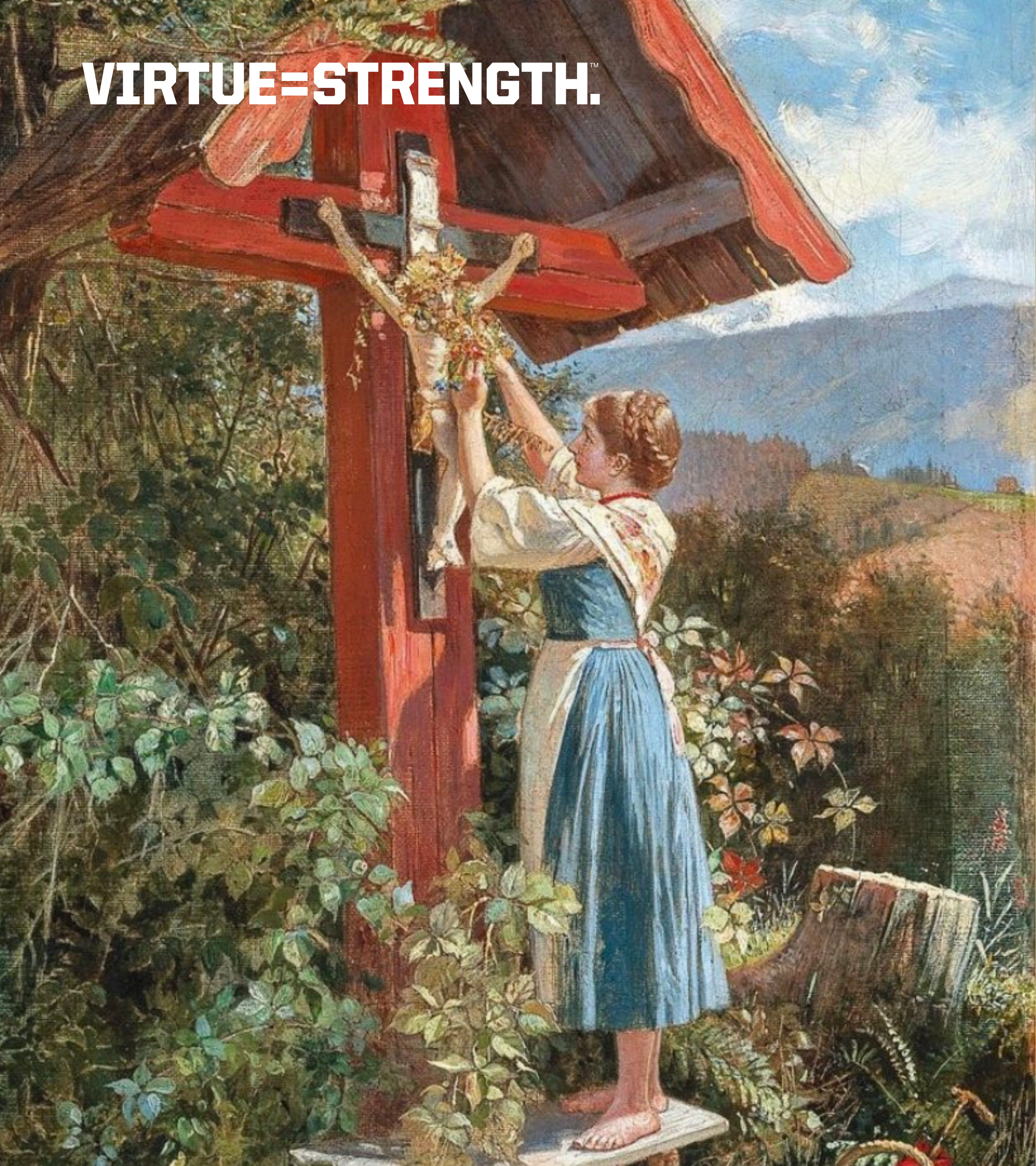
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“The best perfection of a religious man is to do common things in a perfect manner.”

A constant fidelity in small things is a great and heroic virtue.”

- St. Bonaventure



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“Let every knee bend before Thee, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host.

May every heart love Thee, every spirit adore Thee and every will be subject to Thee!.”

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

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“Do not try to please everybody.

*Try to please God, the angels, and
the saints - they are your public.”*

- St. John Marie Vianney



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“We are not created for this earth.

*The end for which God has placed us
in the world is that by our good
works we may merit eternal life.*

The end is life everlasting.”

- St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

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*“How could I bear a crown of gold
when the Lord bears a crown of
thorns?*

And bears it for me!”

- St. Elizabeth of Hungary

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CLOSING PRAYER

Lord God, You didn't run at the first sign of chaos or difficulty.

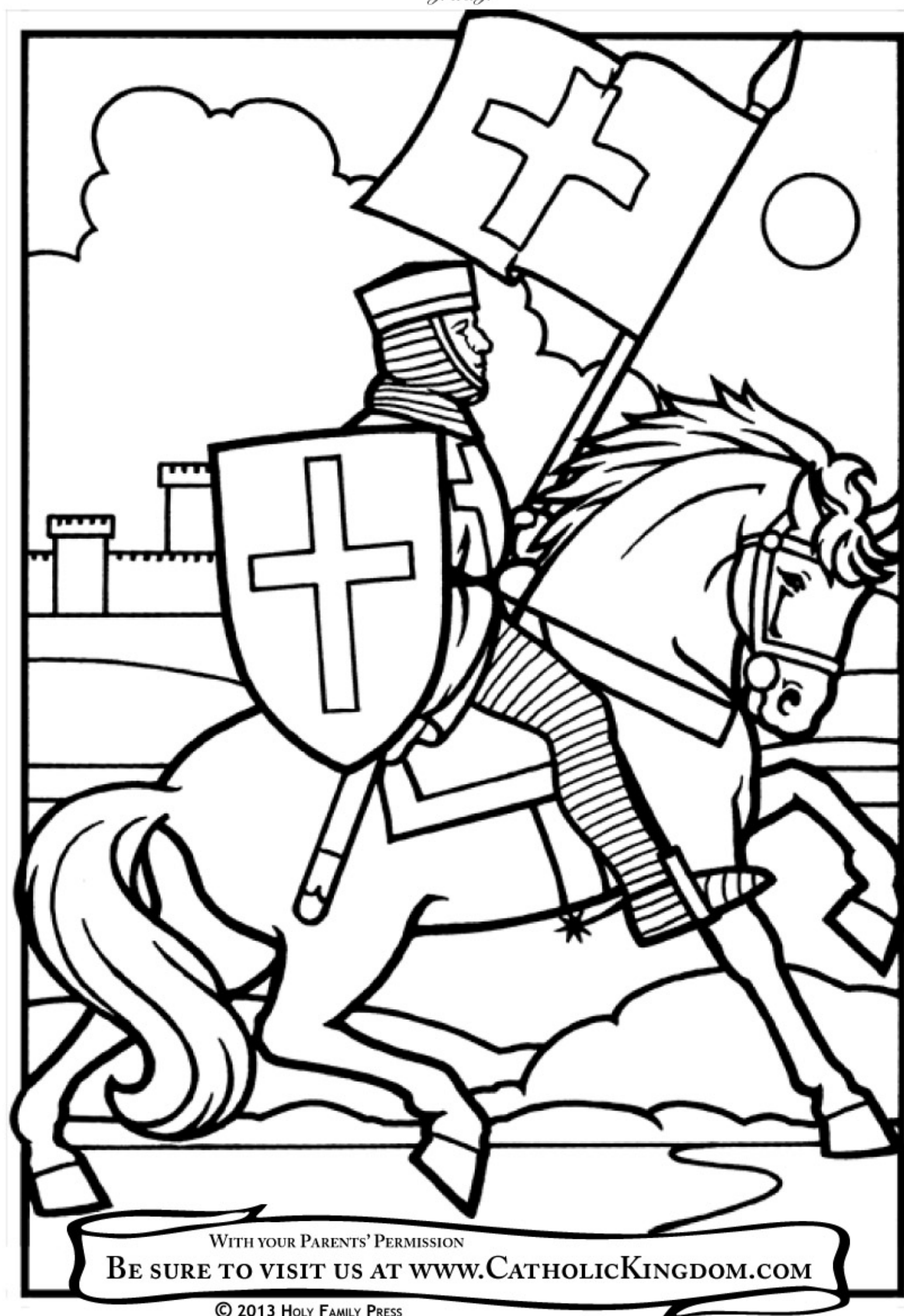
You showed us how to be FAITHFUL, sacrificial, loving and truthful.

We want to live like You!

We want to live for You and for others.

Help us to be FAITHFUL to You no matter the sacrifice or circumstance.





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Let us be FAITHFUL followers of Christ.

May we show the reverence that King Ferdinand did whenever we encounter our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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STUDENT LEADER VIRTUE AWARD

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This certifies that

Helped lead our school with their virtuous example.

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