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Q & A

Who was the advocate God was sending to the Apostles?

How was Jesus taken into heaven?

Read more about it in Acts 1

A Good News Story

Jesus Returns to Heaven

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At the Last Supper, Jesus told His Apostles that God would send them someone to help them after Jesus returned to heaven.

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you,” Jesus told His friends.

Not long after this conversation with the Apostles, Jesus was arrested, crucified and died on the cross. In three days, He resurrected from the dead.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared in the midst of the Apostles, who were in a locked room in Jerusalem.

Jesus ate a piece of baked fish and He talked to them about what He wanted them to do after He returned to heaven.

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature,” Jesus instructed His friends. “Whoever



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Bible Trivia

What is the special name we call Jesus' return to heaven?

The Ascension

believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

Jesus then reminded His friends about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He told them to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them.

Jesus and His Apostles gathered on

the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem. The Apostles wanted to know if Jesus was going to restore the kingdom to Israel before He returned to heaven.

“It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by His own authority,” Jesus replied. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ... and to the ends of the earth.”

As Jesus spoke, a cloud came and lifted him into the sky out of the Apostles' sight.

The Apostles gazed into the sky where they last saw Jesus. Suddenly two men dressed in white clothes appeared.

“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into heaven.”

Afterward, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem to wait for the Holy Spirit.



(The Junior Observer photos/Dan Szpekowski)

Third-grade students at St. Catherine of Siena School display a photo and letter from Pope Francis and a copy of his book, “Dear Pope Francis.”

St. Catherine Students Receive Letter from the Vatican

At the beginning of the school year in September 2016, students in Sally Quinlan’s third-grade class at St. Catherine of Siena School in West Dundee wrote letters to Pope Francis.

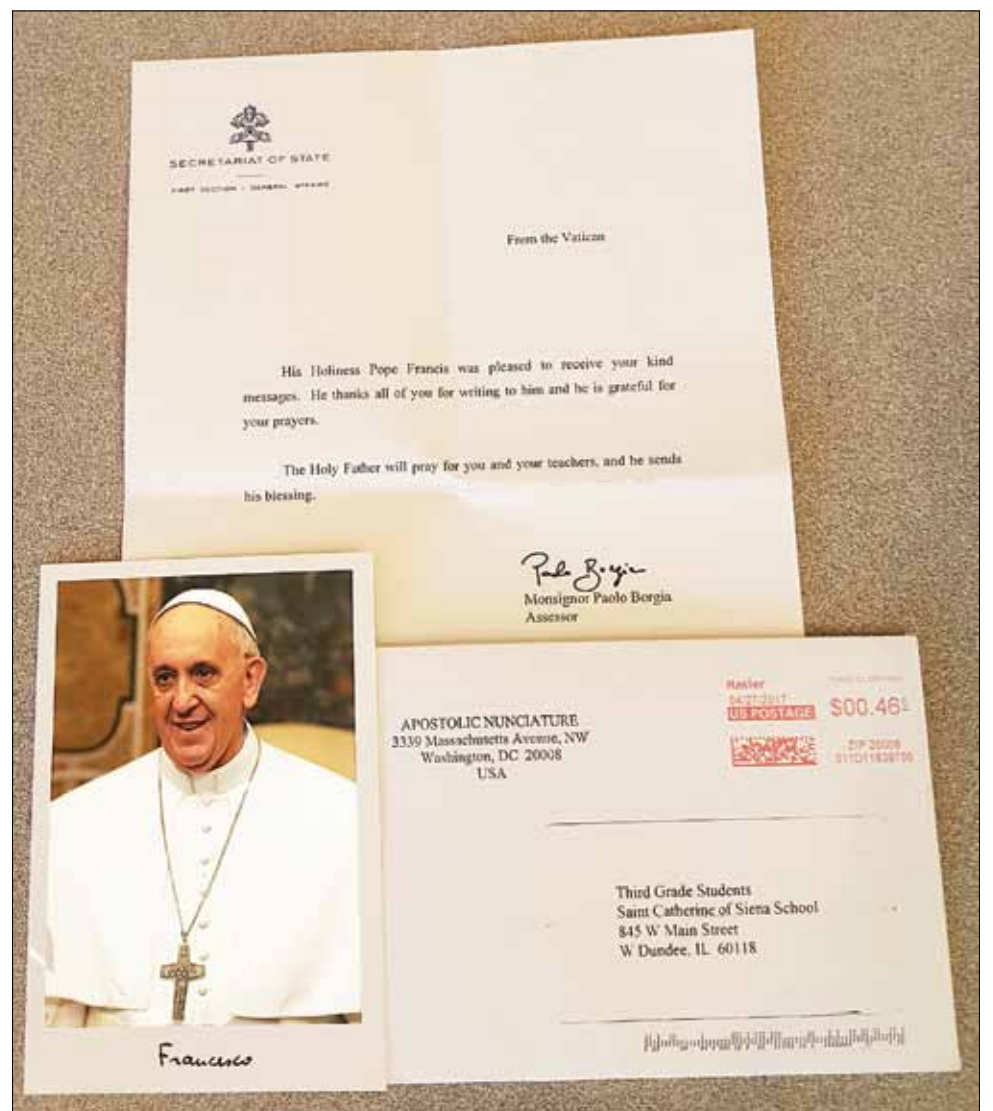
It was an activity related to the book “Dear Pope Francis: Letters to the Pope.” Students wrote questions they were curious about to Pope

Francis and drew pictures of him.

“They prayed hard for a response from Pope Francis and lo and behold they were very excited their prayers were answered,” said Quinlan.

They received a letter and photograph from the Vatican.

The letter reads: “His Holiness Pope Francis was pleased to receive



The letter and photo for St. Catherine of Siena third graders from the Vatican.

your kind messages. He thanks all of you for writing to him and he is grateful for your prayers. The Holy Father will pray for you and your teachers, and he sends his blessing.”

— Pat Szpekowski