





ARMATA BIANCA

Come join your friends and classmates and be a witness to the power of prayer!

- Who's invited to join? Everyone! BOYS and GIRLS* Invite your friends!
- When do we meet? Wednesdays from October through May after school.
DATES: Oct. 14 and 21 (NO meeting Oct. 28), Nov. 4, 11 and 18 (NO meeting Nov. 25), Dec. 2, 9 and 16 (NO meetings Dec. 3 or 30), Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, Mar. 2 and 16 (NO meetings Mar. 9, 23 or 30), Apr. 6, 20 and 27 (NO meeting Apr. 13), and May 4. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**
- What time? From 3:30 to 4:30 **
- Where do we meet? In Room 4, then the chapel of St. Leo the Great Church
- How do we sign up? Registration forms can be found on the St. Leo School website. Print one out, complete it and bring it to the first meeting.
- What will we do? We'll have a snack, hear stories, do crafts, watch movies, offer prayer intentions, pray the rosary, sing and praise God!
- What should we bring? A rosary if you have one, and for those of you returning from last year, your Armata Bianca prayer book and Holy Card book.

* Armata Bianca seeks out boys and girls ages 3 through 12, but children of all ages are welcome. Anyone in 5th grade or above will be part of the Armata Bianca Team.
 ** An adult will walk the children to the chapel after school. Parents are asked to pick their children up promptly at 4:30 outside the chapel. PLEASE KEEP NOSE LEVEL TO A MINIMUM AS ADORATION TAKES PLACE EVERY WEDNESDAY.

 **WHAT WE DID IN PREVIOUS YEARS ...** We collected holy cards (and made books to keep them in as we learned about Our Lady of Coromoto and the legend of a holy card left behind by the Blessed Mother) ... we gave ourselves to God through Mary in the act of consecration ... we learned about the miracle of Bolsena ... we sang songs ... we each got a chance to take the statue of our Blessed Mother home with us for a week ... we made Holy Family pins ... we learned about St. Nicholas (and he filled our shoes with candy while we were praying the rosary!) ... we spent time with Jesus in adoration ... we learned about Our Lady of Lourdes and all received a blessing with some holy water from Lourdes ... we each got a chance to "adopt a saint" for a week ... we learned about the Scapular (and all got one!) ... we sent Valentines to the Pope, the Bishop and the President ... we prayed for pre-born babies ... we took turns leading the rosary ... and we prayed together and waited as God heard and answered those prayers!

TEAM ... 5th through 8th graders will become part of Armata Bianca Team, will sit at the team table, and will participate in their own activities throughout the year. 

It's our 17th year!

QUESTIONS ... Call Kelly Lynch at 538-6061.

"Armata Bianca seeks to teach children to pray and do penance and to help them realize how truly powerful their prayers are before God the Father. Through its primary actions, love for the Blessed Sacrament, particularly in Eucharistic Adoration, and love for our Blessed Mother, particularly through the rosary, Armata Bianca seeks to inspire its members and their families to live according to the will of God in perfect charity." (By-Laws, Armata Bianca)