

**COURSE PLAN METHODOLOGY:** *Patron Saint of First Communicants: The Story of Blessed Imelda Lambertini* by Mary Fabyan Windeatt is represented by the abbreviation **PSFC**. Each weekly assignment is summarized in the first lines of the week's daily course plan. The specific daily assignments are outlined in the following lines indicated by the **MON, TUES, WED, THUR** and **FRI** abbreviations. We suggest assigning the weekly written assignment at the beginning of the week, to be completed by the following Monday. This will allow the student time to think about the assignment while reading. Study question answers should be given in complete written or oral sentences.

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*THE STORY OF BLESSED IMELDA LAMBERTINI*

WEEK 1	
<p>This book is one of a series of biographies by Mary Fabyan Windeatt. It tells the amazing tale of Imelda Lambertini's ineffable devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and how this young girl's desire to receive Holy Communion was miraculously fulfilled. Children will be challenged to consider the awesome privilege we have been given each time we attend Holy Mass.</p> <p><b>Characters</b></p> <p><b>Imelda Lambertini</b> A wealthy, privileged, and deeply devout young girl, whose heartfelt desire is to receive Holy Communion for the first time</p> <p><b>Peter</b> A talented basket-weaver, Peter, who is blind but still manages to create masterpieces</p> <p><b>Egano Lambertini</b> The Captain General of Bologna and the father of Imelda</p> <p><b>Donna Castora</b> Imelda's devout and caring mother</p> <p><b>Egidio Galuzzi</b> Imelda's uncle and the Archbishop of Crete</p> <p><b>Beatrice</b> The servant of the Lambertini family who looks after Imelda</p> <p><b>St. Tarsicius</b> One of Imelda's heavenly friends, who was martyred during Roman times</p> <p><b>St. Agnes</b> Another young Roman martyr to whom Imelda is devoted</p> <p><b>Diana d'Andalo</b> A Dominican nun from years past, whose story inspires Imelda to pursue a religious vocation herself</p> <p><b>The Prioress</b> The head of the community of Dominican nuns to which Imelda belongs</p>	
<p><b>Extra Credit:</b> Check out what the <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> has to say about the reception of first Holy Communion (CCC, second edition, 1244). What Scriptural reference is included in the discussion? Where does Imelda Lambertini use the same Scripture? When are children allowed to receive first Holy Communion now?</p>	
PSFC	<p><b>Read Chapters 1 - 4. Written Assignment:</b> Imelda is born into a life of privilege. There are many things that could have captured her affections and attention other than making her first Holy Communion. Name three times when Imelda's devotion to the Eucharist become apparent.</p>
MON	<p><b>Chapter 1. A Child is Born.</b> Egano Lambertini and his wife Donna Castora celebrate the birth of their first child, a baby girl. The Lambertinis are important and wealthy people, but they are also good Catholics. They care for the poor and, on this special occasion, invite everyone to a great feast. Peter, the blind basket-maker, is among the guests.</p> <p><b>Vocabulary</b> restlessly, quarters, borne, cobblestones, heeded</p> <p><b>Study questions</b></p> <p>1. What news does John the baker bring to Peter the basket-maker? Why, according to Peter,</p>