

# Religion Bulletin Boards

2025-2026

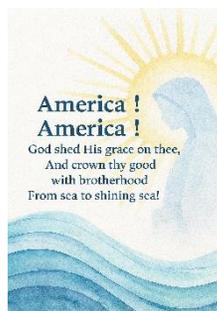
*As noted in the past, Bulletin boards have an important place in every classroom. They should be interactive as they provide a way to introduce new concepts or display student work related to the concept. Every classroom in a Catholic school/PREP program should have at least one bulletin board dedicated to increasing student awareness of faith values. They should be changed/updated on a regular basis throughout the school year.*

*Teachers and catechists should create boards that are equally engaging and educational. The use of interactive boards in the classroom ensures that students recognize the importance of the posted materials.*

*As we move forward into the year 2026, we will commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country. Our Bulletin Boards for the remainder of the school year will focus on our faith heritage and the freedom we have to practice our faith here in our country.*

*We anticipate the year-long celebration with a focus on Mary as patroness of our country under the title of the Immaculate Conception. The Virgin Mary's designation as Patroness of the United States under the title of the Immaculate Conception was a landmark moment in American Catholic history. It shows a deep connection to faith and heritage.*

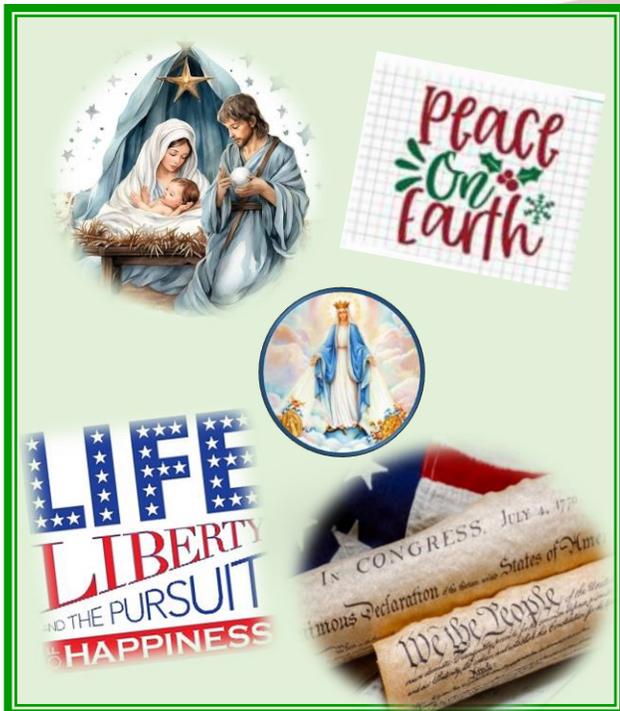
*Celebrating Our Faith Heritage - In honor of our nation's 250th anniversary, let's explore how faith has shaped our history. Discover stories of resilience, freedom, and the role of faith in our journey. Join us in celebrating our rich heritage and the freedom to practice our faith.*



## December

### Two Birthdays, Two Celebrations

*"Born to bring light to the world. Born to shine with liberty."*



Linking the birth of Christ with the birth of our nation can offer a powerful reflection on faith, freedom, and purpose. Here are some creative directions you might consider for your bulletin board:

**Visuals:** A split design—left side with the Nativity scene, right side with the Liberty Bell or fireworks. A radiant star above both.

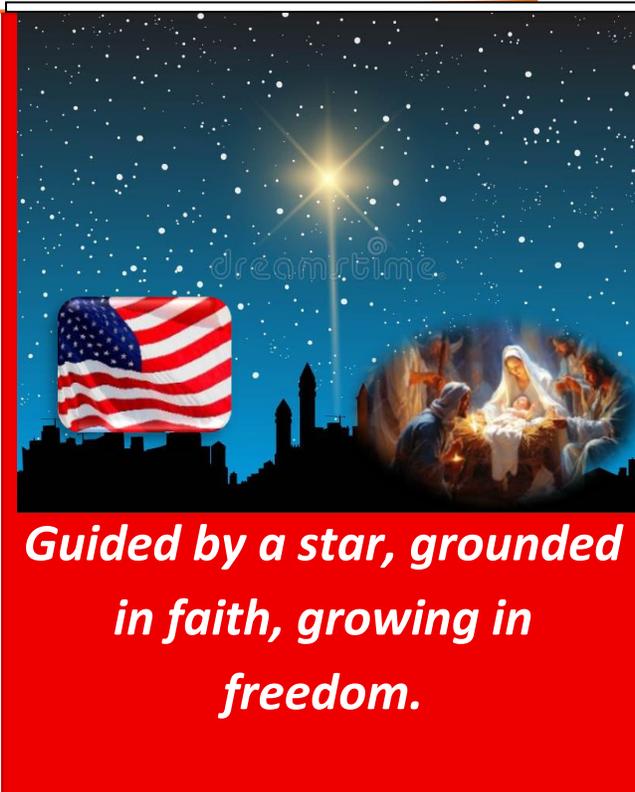
Emphasize how both birthdays celebrate hope, freedom, and a call to live with purpose. Invite students to write short reflections on what “freedom in Christ” and “freedom as Americans” mean to them.

#### **Freedom Born in a Manger and a Nation”**

- **Caption:** *“True freedom begins in the heart—celebrated in Bethlehem and in Philadelphia.”*
- **Visuals:** Baby Jesus in a manger with a scroll reading “Peace on Earth,” and the Declaration of Independence with “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”
- **Message:** Draw parallels between spiritual freedom through Christ and civic freedom through the founding of the U.S.
- **Include Mary at the center of both.**

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To engage students, consider incorporating interactive elements like QR codes linking to videos about the Immaculate Conception, or a section where students can post their reflections or prayers



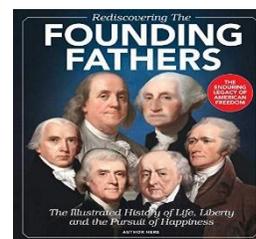
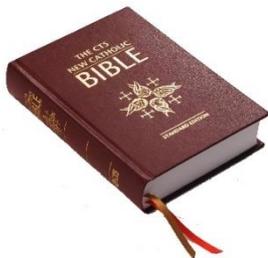
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## “Stars, Stripes, and the Star of Bethlehem”

- **Caption:** *“Guided by a star, grounded in faith, growing in freedom.”*
- **Visuals:** The American flag blending into a night sky with the Star of Bethlehem shining above a manger.
- **Message:** Highlight how divine guidance and moral foundations shape both personal and national identity. Reinforce the idea that God’s providence is woven through both sacred and civic history.

## Related Activities

- **Student Reflections:** Invite students to write short reflections on what “freedom in Christ” and “freedom as Americans” mean to them. Include the prayers they write during the daily prayer during Advent. Students turns saying their prayers.
- **Prayer Cards:** Have the students design. prayer cards for the nation and for peace in the world.
- **Scripture + Founding Quotes:** Pair Bible verses (e.g., Galatians 5:1) with quotes from the Founding Fathers that reference God or divine providence



January

## Faith at the Foundation: A New Year, A New Beginning



### Ideas for Related Faith-Inspired Activities

**Create a Prayer Card Series:** “Faith & Freedom” prayers for civic leaders, educators, and students.

**Trivia Challenge:** Match founding phrases with their sources— Constitution, Declaration, Scripture.

**Essay Theme:** “One Nation Under God” with student reflections on faith and citizenship.

**Reflection Prompt:** “What does it mean to be ‘endowed by our Creator’ in today’s world?”

### Faith as the Foundation of Our Nation

Highlighting the spiritual foundations of our nation as we begin a new year invites reflection, renewal, and gratitude. Using patriotic colors, decorate a bulletin board with the words *God Bless America*. Fill the background with stars representing each state. Teach and use the patriotic hymn “**God Bless**

### “Built on Belief: America’s First Steps in Faith”

👤 Benjamin Franklin



*“Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.”*

— Linking moral virtue to the preservation of liberty.

👤 George Washington



*“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.”*

— From his Farewell Address, emphasizing faith as foundational to civic life.

👤 Thomas Jefferson



*“Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?”*

— A reminder that liberty is divinely bestowed.

