

## *Rite-13 Celebration 2019*

## Are you a “Grown-Up”?

In our society, the line between childhood and adulthood is often a fuzzy one. Unlike other cultures, we don't have formalized rites of passage that define the points along the path to adulthood. We need ways to tell our young people they are making progress; they are growing and learning; they are becoming adults. The *Journey to Adulthood* program that we use attempts to do just that.

During the regular 10:00 AM service on **Sunday, March 17th**, we will celebrate an important Rite of Passage with three of our teens. This liturgy is formally called **“The Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood”** but is more well-known as “Rite-13” since it takes place near the candidate’s 13th Birthday – much like a bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah.

During the ceremony, we recognize the gift of manhood or womanhood that God bestows on each one of us. This is a free gift that we cannot earn and need not prove. This gift is the essence of who we are. As we grow and mature in the journey to adulthood, our knowledge and skills increase, but the magical core of who we are remains the same.

These are the teenagers who we will celebrate and recognize on March 17th:

*Jordan Acevedo  
Vika O'Hanlon  
Priya Kumar*

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare. We invite you to be with us to witness this important event.

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Grace Church's Book of Wisdom for our Rite 13 Teens

In the spirit of such books as "Life's Little Instruction Book", we are compiling advice from people at Grace Church. Please use the space below to give a small bit of advice (one sentence or less) to our young teenagers who will be celebrating an important rite of passage ("Rite-13") on Sunday, March 17th. Your advice can be something practical (like "Don't go to bed with gum in your mouth.") or something more profound (like "Be content to seem who you really are.") Both are important to know!!

Please identify yourself by your first name and your age or stage in life. (For example, Bob – Age 41 or Susan – mother of toddler, Charles – grandfather, etc.)

Please put this completed form in the offering plate or **return** to Donna Louis in the Church Office or email to [donnalouis628@gmail.com](mailto:donnalouis628@gmail.com) by **Sunday, March 10th**. Thanks for your help!