Have the kids take everything off their desks and quiet down, take a few deep breaths. “Pick up the kiss and hold it in your hand. Look at it. How heavy is it? What does it smell like? What color is it? Is it the same as all of the others around you? Sit it down on your desk, close your eyes (and stay awake) and listen to how chocolate kisses are made. “

All around the world, from Brazil to Indonesia to the Ivory Coast and Ghana, deep in the tropical jungle there grows a very special tree…the cacao tree. Inside each pod are about 20-40 seeds, or cocoa beans. These beans give chocolate its special flavor.

After arriving at the factory, the beans are blended to give them that special Hershey taste.

They are turned into a liquid - a smooth, dark stream of pure chocolate flavor

The main ingredients in chocolate are the chocolate liquor, cocoa butter, sugar and milk.

Hershey uses fresh, whole milk to make its milk chocolate. It has been that way since Milton Hershey developed the recipe in 1900.

The whole milk-sugar mixture is slowly dried until it turns into a thick, taffy-like material.

Hershey adds chocolate liquor, cocoa butter and steel rollers that grind and make it smoother.

It becomes a thick liquid called chocolate paste.

For HERSHEY’S KISSES special machines drop a precise amount of chocolate onto a moving steel belt and then quickly cool it to form the famous HERSHEY’S KISS shape. Hershey makes more than 80 million Kiss-shaped products every day.

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The Roman Catholic Church has taken over 2000 years to grow and develop into what it is today. Today it has over one billion members all over the world and is the biggest organized religion in the world. It has become all of the things that we see when we go to mass and all of the things that we learn about here in class and

more. Today we are going to talk about some of those people and our place in the Church. Take another deep breath and open your eyes.

Let us stand together and pray “In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God we want to thank you for the gift of the Church, we apologize for the times we have ignored it. Please help us to learn and teach today. We take a step back so that you can move forward. We will engage our hearts and minds to share what we learn with others and renew our relationships with you. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN”