

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

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Tears of Saint Peter, El Greco

Our Catholic Heritage

Pope Blessed John XXIII, one of the most popular popes of modern times, was pope from 1958 to 1963. He convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962 to renew the Church. Two outcomes of the council include Mass in the language of the people and greater lay participation in the Church.



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Focus on Faith

Jesus Calls Us to the Catholic Church

Choosing a name for a child takes thought. On the day of the September 11, 2001, tragedy, one couple named their newborn son Lucas. They did so because the name means “bringer of light.” His name was a prayer for him and for the world too. Jesus also knew the importance of names. He saw in Simon the person of strength he needed to lead his disciples. So Jesus renamed Simon Peter, which means “rock,” the rock on which Jesus could build the Church. Peter, a man who loved greatly and sometimes failed miserably, was also capable of change and growth. He was the kind of man Jesus needed.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Jesus saw Peter as the “rock.” What image would Jesus use to describe individual members of your family in regard to their mission in the Church? The heart? The doorway? The mountain?



Spirituality in Action

Encourage your child to take part in special children’s activities in your parish, such as children’s liturgies or a young people’s choir. Help him or her to learn the names of the pope and the local Church leaders.

Focus on Prayer

Your child has learned the entire Apostles’ Creed. Pray this prayer with your child and discuss its meaning.

