

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

Focus on Faith

Mass Begins at Home

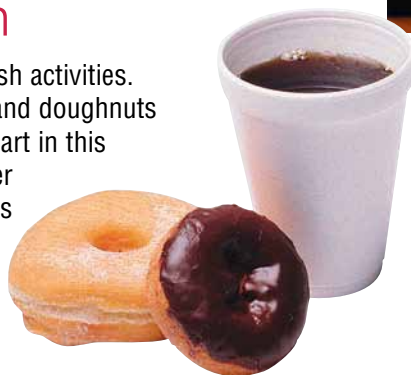
Celebrating Mass on Sunday is central to our lives as Catholics. It is the celebration of our union with Jesus Christ and one another. We celebrate it best as a family when we create time for one another. On Sunday morning try to eliminate the ordinary distractions. Keep the television set, video games, and headphones off. Do some things differently, such as walking to church instead of driving. Arrange to have a special meal. Building family unity at home strengthens your union with Jesus.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

As a family, plan what you can do to make Sunday special and different from any other day in the week.

In Our Parish

Take an active part in parish activities. If your parish has coffee and doughnuts after Sunday Mass, take part in this sharing activity. Treat other members of your parish as family by greeting them before or after Mass and by always being friendly and polite.



Focus on Prayer



Your child has reflected on the wonderful gift Jesus gave to us in the Eucharist. He or she has reviewed the words spoken by Jesus to his disciples when he instituted the Eucharist. Help your child to understand how we remember this gift, especially during the Eucharist.

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Our Catholic Heritage

On November 15, 2000, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement called "Welcoming the Stranger Among Us." It calls all members of the Church—clergy and laypeople—to a spirit of conversion, communion, and solidarity. It urges parishes to welcome newcomers genuinely. It suggests having common social events, international dinners, and multi-cultural parish feasts as means of leading people to exchange and share cultures. There are proposals for prayers and liturgies. To read the bishops' statement in full, visit their Web site at www.nccbuscc.org/mrs/unity.htm.

