

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

Focus on Faith

Signs of a Vocation

A young man had his parents puzzled. He would get enthusiastic about something for a while and then move on to something new. One summer it was landscaping; the next it was a passion for fixing cars. Another time he helped a friend build a house. He also faithfully attended Mass. When he told his parents of his intention to study for the priesthood, his father wondered whether this was just another short-term interest. The young man completed his studies and became a missionary priest. In a letter to his parents from overseas, he described how all of the skills he learned following his interests were being used in his mission. To what vocation is God calling your child? Look for the clues.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Share with your child your interests as a youngster and how they influenced your choice of vocation. Listen as your child shares his or her interests.

Spirituality in Action



Encourage your child to develop his or her special abilities. Help your child to realize that these are gifts from God. By your example, show him or her how to use one's talents to help others. Participate as a family in parish projects to help others.

Focus on Prayer

Your child has reflected on his or her special gifts and talents, thanking God for them and praying for the grace to use them in the service of others. Help your child to see how understanding one's talents can help in the choice of an appropriate vocation.

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Hints for at Home

Talk to your child about the ways that people in the community serve God and others in their work. You could point out people you see in daily life and talk about each one's special gifts. A police officer keeps us safe. A mail carrier helps us to communicate with one another. A teacher helps us to learn and develop our gifts. A priest helps us to pray and to grow in faith. Help your child to understand the importance of each person's job.

