

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



*Saint Louis, King of France, and a Pageboy, El Greco*

## Focus on Faith

### Models for Our Children

**C**hildren enjoy stories of good kings, brave knights, and noble ladies. Often they have to find these heroes in fiction. A notable exception is Saint Louis IX, king of France in the 1200s. Louis IX took his Christian responsibilities seriously. As king, he made laws that protected the people from the unfair treatment of nobles and court officials. He worked for peace in his kingdom and was a mediator in disputes in surrounding lands. Louis IX and his wife, Queen Margaret, were happily married and the parents of 11 children. Louis died while on a Crusade in North Africa. His life story has all the elements of intrigue, adventure, and chivalry, so it will inspire our children to direct their lives to God.

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

**S**hare with your child the story of the saint that most inspires you. Ask your child about his or her favorite saint and what your child admires about that saint's life.

## Our Catholic Heritage

Edward Fenwick was an English Dominican priest who came to the United States in 1804. In 1807 Charles Carroll, the first American bishop, sent him to Kentucky, where he founded the first Congregation of Dominican men, St. Rose Priory. On Easter Sunday, April 7, 1922, nine young women from St. Rose parish made their vows as Dominicans. They were the first Dominican women in the United States.



## In Our Parish

Find out about the social service activities in which your parish is involved. Are there any that you can be involved with as a family? Together you might donate time, needed items, or money. Your family might even wish to participate in a global social service program such as Operation Rice Bowl. For more information, visit the Catholic Relief Service Web site at [www.catholicrelief.org](http://www.catholicrelief.org).

## Focus on Prayer

**Your child learned about public worship—the coming together of Catholics to celebrate and pray. Attend Mass regularly with your child.**

