

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

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## Focus on Faith

### Christ Reaches Out to the Sick

**A**s the young priest was leaving the hospital, he noticed two women leaving also. One of the women seemed to be in shock. He identified himself as a priest and asked whether there was anything he could do. The other woman said that her friend had just found out that her husband had an inoperable brain tumor and would die in a day or so. Moved by the story, the priest embraced and comforted the grieving woman. We celebrate Christ's healing presence in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

**T**alk about family or friends who are sick. Note when your parish celebrates a communal Anointing of the Sick and arrange as a family to attend it with a sick or troubled relative or friend.

## Our Catholic Heritage

The Catholic Church Extension Society raises funds to support missionary work in the United States. Since its founding by Father Francis Clement Kelley in 1905, Catholic Extension has been active in funding a diverse array of projects. It provides grants to build remote parishes, and it funds hospitals and health-care organizations. To learn more about Catholic Extension and how you can help the American missions, visit the Catholic Extension Web site at [www.catholic-extension.org/home.cfm](http://www.catholic-extension.org/home.cfm).



## Spirituality in Action

Do you know a member of your parish who is sick or confined to either home or the hospital? Your parish might keep a list of people who could use your help. Also, if you think your parish might not be aware that someone you know is sick, notify your pastor so the ailing person can become the concern of the



whole community and not remain alone. Offer to provide some support, such as grocery shopping or cleaning house, on a regular basis. Consider organizing a support team of parishioners to assist the person in need. Remind your family members to pray daily for this person.

## Focus on Prayer

**Your child learned about the way we pray during the general intercessions at Mass for members of the parish and the community who are sick. Encourage your child to pray at home for people you know who are sick and suffering.**