

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

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Focus on Faith

God Calls Us

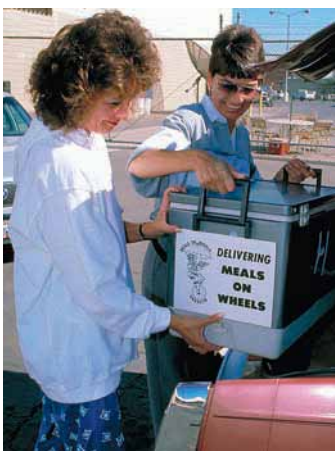
Near the end of the Confirmation ceremony, the young priest led the congregation in singing “Here I Am,” a song based on Isaiah 6:1–8. In the reading God asks for someone to bring his word to the people. Isaiah finally stands up and says, “Here I am; send me!” These words are also the chorus of the song. At the last chorus the priest invited everyone to stand and sing. The atmosphere changed. This was not just a call to those confirmed that day. In the act of standing, everyone realized that each person was being asked to respond to God’s call in his or her own way.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

God never stops calling us to serve him. What is your family being called to do for others?



Hints for at Home



As a family, keep track of how you share your time with volunteer social services. At the end of every month, evaluate what you have done and discuss what that says about your family. Decide how your family can balance the time spent addressing issues at home and in the community.

Focus on Prayer

Talk to your child about God’s calling for his or her life. Emphasize that we are not always called to do big or dangerous things and that we have different callings at different times. We are called simply to go about daily life as obedient children of God. Afterwards, pray with your child, asking God’s guidance and help for whatever ministry you’re given, now or in the future.

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Our Catholic Heritage

In 1975 Jesuits from all over the world met and discussed their goals. They decided then that any ministry with the name Jesuit attached to it should serve others and promote justice. Jesuits in the United States directly engage the social problems of today as prison chaplains, community organizers, and lawyers, working for the rights of the poor and marginalized.



Portrait of Saint Ignatius, Jacopino del Conte