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Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

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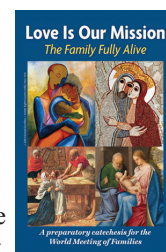
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Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive- A Preparatory Catechesis for the World Meeting of Families (Book) Philadelphia, Archdiocese Of Philadelphia In Love is Our Mission, you can easily explore Catholic teaching on marriage, family, sexuality, children, human dignity, and the sanctity of life. It's a guided tour through scripture and 2000 years of Church teaching in which you are awakened to the relationship God wants to have with you, the family, and ultimately the world. Self-reflection or group discussion questions bring the teachings home in a very real and practical way. (A).



Pope Francis and The Family (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2014. In his short pontificate, Pope Francis has already made a huge impact, constantly working for love and peace. He's not just a "doer," he's also a preacher. Family and marriage are important and are the foundation of society. In this resource, Pope Francis reflects on the many aspects and the importance of family. (A)

The Temperament God Gave your Kids: Motivate, Discipline, and Love your Children (Book) Bennett, Art, Our Sunday Visitor, 2012. Provides an accessible synthesis of classical wisdom, modern counseling, science, Catholic spirituality, and wonderful storytelling to the four basic temperaments that serve as the foundation of one's personality and approach to life. (A)

Prayers for Our Catholic Family (Book) Our Sunday Visitor, 2013. This book is a handy, go-to resource for teaching basic, life-giving Catholic prayers and rediscovering the power of prayer as a family. We are able to more fully join in with family and community prayer, develop lifelong prayer habits, and are drawn into deeper union with God. In one book you now have all you need to learn: Our foundational Catholic prayers like the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be-Daily prayers for your family, such as Morning Prayers, Angel Guardian, and the Memorare- Prayers from the sacraments like the Act of Contrition and the Apostles' Creed-Prayers with the saints, and many more. (A)

Family (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009. Pope Benedict XVI shares his thoughts on the subject of family through the bonds that are created, the truth of marriage, and the vocation of love that enables us to become loving people. He emphasizes that marriage is between a man and woman and that trust, responsibility, sharing and loving are nurtured in the family. (A)

Introducing Children to Silence and Prayer: For Catechists and Parents (Book) Benavides, Luis M., Liguori Publications, 2013. Through prayer, very young children can learn to talk with God and to build their faith and trust in him in the greatest and hardest of times. Benavides helps us to reexamine our own attitudes about prayer, as he offers a different perspective to help children begin the journey and deepen their relationship with God. (A)

The Gospel of the Family (Book) Kasper, Walter Paulist Press, 2014. Cardinal Kasper, in an address to the consistory advocates a stronger appreciation of marriage and the family----even on sensitive issues such as divorce and remarriage. (A)

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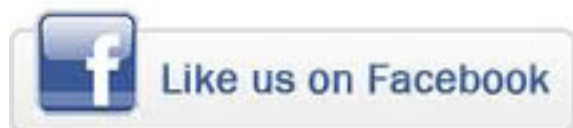
Strengthening your Family: A Catholic Approach to Holiness at Home (Book) Fenelon, Marge Our Sunday Visitor, 2011. Offers simple, practical ways to foster a holy atmosphere in your home -- from which everything else can flow. Discover how to set priorities, form ideals, and keep your family grounded with a workable spiritual schedule. Learn to live "in the world, but not of the world" as you help your children develop the skills and attitudes that will serve them well, no matter what the challenge. (A)

52 Simple Ways to Talk to Your Kids About Faith: Opportunities for Catholic Families to Share God's Love (Book) Campbell, Jim, Loyola Press, 2007. Family Life is full of "teachable moments"--occasions of hope and joy, worry and stress that provide excellent opportunities for children and parents to talk about their faith. Jim Campbell helps moms and dads turn these potentially awkward moments into grace-filled times when children can learn lasting spiritual lessons. He identifies dozens of every day opportunities for faith sharing. (A)

Live Catholic: Practical Ways to Build Strong Catholic Families (DVD) Franciscan Media, 2014. In four short videos, experts from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry offer advice and insight based on their experience as parents and religious educators, providing tips and concrete examples of how to build a stronger family in countless little ways every day. Empowers parents to take an active role in growing faith in their children, from toddlers to teens, and raise their kids to be the people God calls them to be. Four short videos and accompanying handouts will accommodate flexible church programming needs, while the leader's guide helps the group leader to facilitate a meaningful discussion. (A)

Mini Retreats for Meaningful Living-Family: God Is in the Mix of It All (DVD) Our Sunday Visitor, 2014. Imagine being able to invite Fr. Joe Kempf to lead a dynamic family retreat in your parish. Or, imagine him coming visiting each parish family in their home and leading a personal retreat? Now both are possible with this new, breakthrough DVD series created just for Catholic families. Let Fr. Joe educate, entertain, and inspire in this dynamic mini-retreat that helps families not just "get along" but learn when and how to let go, how to strengthen the family bond and ways to find a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. The series is flexible. The three talks and one guided meditation can be shown in large-group settings such as adult education classes, Sacramental Preparation sessions or loaned out to families to view at home. (A)

The Power of Prayer: Ten Ways to Pray with Children & Families (Audio CD) CSC Digital Media, 2013. LA Congress Workshop-Good prayer fosters and nourishes faith. This workshop will unpack great ideas, model various prayer formats, and celebrate Catholic symbols and rituals. You will come away with 10 practical suggestions that will engage children and their families, while encouraging them in their lifelong relationship with a loving God. (A)



Faith, Family, and Children with Special Needs: How Catholic Parents and their Kids with Special Needs can Develop a Richer Spiritual Life (Book) Rizzo, David, Loyola Press, 2012. David Rizzo—whose 12-year-old daughter has autism—offers great hope for parents who want to grow in their own spirituality while helping their children with disabilities experience God in a deeper way. Throughout the book, Rizzo's abiding though sometimes tested Catholic faith is made clear as he thoughtfully explains everything from the practical, such as how parents can maintain sanity during Mass when the child with special needs becomes disruptive, to the profound, such as how parents can understand God in a way that is relevant to their predicament. At other times, Rizzo's advice is intended to help the child grow in his or her own faith, as when he explains how kids with special needs can participate meaningfully in the Eucharist. (A)

Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2007. Revised Edition. Perfect resource for parents and children to explore the rich treasury of the Catholic tradition of prayer. Use Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers to: Learn the by-hearts the essential prayers that every Catholic child and adult need to know by memory * Practice the simple form of the Liturgy of the Hours as a family * Celebrate the feasts and seasons of the Church year in ritual and prayer * Bless the sacramentals that are part of the Catholic tradition like the advent wreath, Christmas crèche, Easter foods, and candles for the home * Lead grace before and after meals * Pray for family members * Bless the home before a move and in times of trouble. (J,S,A)

Faith Moves: Faith Formation Where You Are: At Home, at Church, or in the Car (Booklet) Loyola Press, 2013. Designed for kids of all ages. Ideal for busy families who want to live out their faith. This deck of cards provides opportunities for parents to have faith conversations with their children followed by a game or activity to drive the message home. (P,I,J,S,A)

Husband, Father, Worker: Questions and Answers about Saint Joseph (Book) Toschi, Larry, Liguori Publications, 2012. Grow closer to Jesus as you learn about Saint Joseph and his care for the Son of God. This engaging question-and-answer format presents a fascinating collection of facts, insights, observations, and reflections. Saint Joseph is more than a carpenter and a figure in a Nativity set. He has much to teach us about integrity, strength, faith, and humility. Indeed, Joseph is also the master craftsman in God's workshop of human life--after all, it's the trade he knows best. (S,,A)

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