



Faith-Full Families



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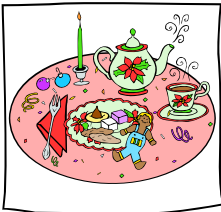


Table Talk Conversation Starters

I feel renewed
when I do _____.

Can you
remember a time
when it felt great
to come home?

The best
memory I have
of a vacation is _____.

What can we do
in our house or
yard to help the
environment?

I wish we could
visit _____.

My plan for
relaxing and
rejuvenating this
school year starts
with _____.

Appreciate Your Priest this Year! 10th Annual World Priest Day

October 25, 2009

Plan a way to show your appreciation for the priest's dedication and service to your parish community.

- Send a card telling him what his ministry means to you.
- Invite him to dinner or brunch.
- Send a balloon bouquet
- Bake cookies and deliver in person.

Visit www.wpd.wwme.org for more information about how you can participate. Sponsored by Marriage Encounter, this grassroots effort is an opportunity for families to thank, affirm, and share their love and support for our priests.

Start a Conversation with the Pope about Truth and Justice

Parents can access a free study guide for Pope Benedict XVI's latest encyclical, *Charity in Truth (Caritas In Veritate)* for family discussion, including practical suggestions for action here:

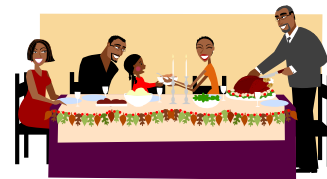
http://www.usccbpublishing.org/client/client_pages/toteachseptember2009.cfm#Parents

FROM YOUR PARISH..

Paste your parish or school news here!!

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MEAL PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

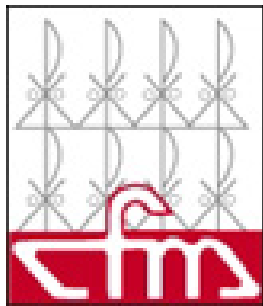


O God, today we begin a new year of school.
We thank you
for all the fun we had this summer,
and we ask you to be with us in the days ahead.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
to fill us with enthusiasm for learning
and to calm our fears.
Bless our friends, old and new,
and especially our teachers.
Bless this food before us.
May it strengthen our hearts and minds
to grow in your love.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
AMEN.

-- Gloria Smith, Our Lady of Victory

Take the Time for Family!

Join Christian Family Movement, Catholic lay organization for faith, friends, and fun.



Receive program books and tips for gathering a few friends to build family faith and Christian community. Great for mixed-church families, since it starts in your home!

Visit www.cfm.org or call Archdiocese of Baltimore Marriage and Family Enrichment at 410-547-5420 to get an **Easy Starter Kit** that has all you need to get a group going, featuring simple program, *Taking the Time to Make a Difference*.



Visit www.foryourmarriage.org

Take one of the fun quizzes!

Spiritual Direction in Your In-Box

www.americancatholic.org



Sign up for Free E-Newsletters from St. Anthony Messenger Press

- Friar Jack's E-spirations
- Saint of the Day
- Catholic Sampler
- Catholic e-Cards to send—free!
- More resources for Catholic families

Hope and Healing After Abortion

If you or a friend are hurting from an abortion, confidential and compassionate counseling and support are available from Project RACHEL. 410-354-6900 or 1-800-286-4224

www.project-rachel.net



Catechism Mini-Lesson

Fruits of Holy Communion

(See CCC, 1391-1397)

1. Causes an intimate union with Christ
2. Preserves, increases and renews the life of grace received at Baptism
3. Cleanses past sins and preserves from future sins
4. Strengthens the unity among members of the Church
5. Fosters a commitment to those who are poor

Pick Up Parenting Pointers & Marriage Moments --

Sign up for ideas to enrich your family life, by Catholic family author, speaker, and coach, Susan Vogt, <http://www.susanvogt.net/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOME THE STRANGER

Apostleship of the Sea provide hospitality and ministry to third-world international seafarers whose ships call at Baltimore harbor. If seeing and serving Jesus in the faces of poor lonely third world seafarers struggling in a tough industry and at times abusive environment intrigues you, give it a try. Training is provided.

Contact Msgr. John Fitzgerald at 410-889-0351 or johnfitzgerald@aol.com



Give A Gift to Your Marriage!

World Wide Marriage Encounter

www.wme.net for upcoming Weekends

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Jesús Nos Encuentra en la Misa

Cuanto tiempo se lleva para conocer a Jesús? Toda nuestra vida! Jesús nos encuentra en la Misa cada Domingo en varias maneras: En las lecturas de la Biblia y en el pan y el vino. Jesús nos ama y quiere estar con nosotros siempre.

Combina uno de los dibujos de abajo con un verso de la Santa Escritura. Di como ésta historia nos ayuda a conocer mejor a Jesús



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- _____ "...Quien tome del agua que Yo les dé nunca tendrán sed otra vez."- Juan 4:13
 _____ "...de hoy en adelante serán pescadores de hombres."- Lucas 5:10
 _____ "Tomen ésto." Les dijo, ésto es mi cuerpo."- Marcos 14:22
 _____ "Pero cuando un Samaritano ve al hombre herido, se detiene." – Lucas 10:25

Piensalo:

Niños y Adolescentes: Un gran regalo nos espera, pero tenemos que querer ese regalo. La siguiente vez que estés en Misa, piensa duro de lo que Dios te está diciendo por medio de las palabras de la Biblia. Habla con Dios al recibirlo en la Santa Comunión. Recuerda que El te quiere y está contigo. Dile cuanto lo quieres.

Padres: Traten de ver la liturgia por medio de los ojos de sus niños. Que los puede confundir? Que puede tener valor? Inicien una conversación rumbo a casa que edifique en la experiencia que ustedes han compartido.

Actúa: Niños y adolescentes: Prometanse a ustedes mismos y a Dios que harán algo especial hoy con el mensaje que escuchen en las lecturas o durante la homilia. Y luego haganlo!

Padres: Los niños aprenden de nuestro ejemplo. Cuando realmente ponemos atención en Misa, nuestro responso sera de asombro y reverencia sincera. Animen a su niño(a) a orar y a participar durante la Misa, enseñándoles de antemano los cantos y oraciones comunes. Diganles al oido del milagro que ocurre durante la consagración: "El pan y el vino son verdaderamente Jesús ahora."

Escritura: "No es la copa de bendecir que bendecimos un compartir en la sangre de Cristo? Y no es el pan que partimos el compartir en el cuerpo de Cristo? Porque la pieza de pan es una, nosotros, aunque somos muchos, somos un solo cuerpo, porque todos compartimos de esa pieza." 1 Cor. 10:16-17

Recursos: *Parenting with Grace, Gregory K. and Lisa Popcak, Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Div., 2000. The Catholic Prayer Book, compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley, Servant Publications, 1986.



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Jesus Meets Us at Mass

How long does it take to get to know Jesus? All of our lives! Jesus meets us at Mass every Sunday in several ways: in the readings from the Bible and in the bread and wine. Jesus loves us and wants to be with us always.

Match the picture below with a verse from Holy Scripture. Tell how this story helps us to know Jesus better.



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___ "...Whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again." –John 4:13

___ "...from now on you will be catching men." –Luke 5:10

___ "Take this," he said, "this is my body." –Mark 14:22

___ "But when a Samaritan sees the inured man, he stops." –Luke 10:25

Think It Through:

Children and Teens: A wonderful gift awaits us, but we have to want that gift. The next time you are at Mass, think hard about what God is saying to you through the words of the Bible. Talk to God as you receive him in Holy Communion. Remember that he loves you and is with you. Tell him how much you love him.

Parents: Try to see the liturgy through your child's eyes. What might be confusing? What might be meaningful? Start a conversation on the way home that builds on the experience you've just shared.

Act: Children and Teens: Promise yourself and God that you will do something special today with the message you hear in the readings or during the homily. Then do it!

Parents: Children learn from our example. When we really pay attention at Mass, our response will be sincere reverence and awe. Encourage your child to pray and participate during Mass, teaching them beforehand the common prayers and songs. Whisper to them about the miracle that occurs during the consecration: "The bread and wine are really Jesus now."*

Scripture: "Is not the cup of blessing we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, many though we are, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." *1 Cor. 10:16-17*

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