

Family Faith at Home – What’s Working - Resources

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Key Points:

- Faith is best taught and lived out in the family
- Parents are called to be the first and foremost educators of their children. Parents (and family) are the most important religious influence on religious transmission.
- In a family centered program, families will learn what it means to be a domestic church
- Listen to families – Intentionally listen to what they need, their struggles, their joys. Do this in person, use surveys, etc. Get input from them.
- When planning, utilize the Church seasons and liturgical year/cycle
- Help families grow in practicing the faith at home
- Celebrate with them – celebrate milestones and help them do that at home as well
- Focus on Sundays and the Liturgies and use the lectionary to help them learn
- Form Parents – offer parent only sessions; create a parent webpage with helpful resources
- Celebrate families in all forms – celebrate them and affirm them

Helpful resources

- <https://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/>
 - www.lifelongfaith.com
 - www.pastoralcenter.com
 - <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/youth-faith-formation/family-catechesis-home-resources/>
 - <https://www.familyformation.net/>
 - <https://www.thereligionteacher.com/>
 - <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/family-faith-and-fun/>
 - <https://www.growingupcatholic.com/>
 - www.messyfamilyproject.org
- **Books:**
- **A Parish Guide: Integrated Faith Formation (Denise Utter)**
 - **Lifelong Faith (John Roberto)**

