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)