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Dear Fathers,

Happy Father's Day to all of you!

When I blessed all the mothers last month on Mother's Day, I watched your smile and the enthusiasm you exhibited as the whole parish congratulated the mothers present on that day. You were certainly happy that your wife and mother of your children was honored and acknowledged. Well, today is your turn to be honored and congratulated for being a father to your family that God has entrusted you with.

What an awesome and great responsibility placed on your shoulders. You worked so hard to put bread on the table and perhaps wondered if you can do even more to make your family more comfortable and secure of their future. You never wanted any reward for all the things you did, only to know that you tried to be the best Dad that God want you to be. I'm reminded of an elderly father who had to endure a difficult life. He said with a twinkle in his eye, "I am wealthy man because God has given me seven beautiful gifts, my children! Children are a gift from God and I am a very rich man." We are all gifts from God.

Fathers, may today be very special for you as you praise God for the gift of life.

Sons and daughters, pray for your Dad today. And also pray that all fathers remain steadfast in their calling and especially to their children.

Sincerely,

Fr. Dwight