

Each month we will focus on something special.
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For our Year of the Family I've shared some words from a prayer offered by the Latin American Bishops at the Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida, Brazil in 2007:

"remain in our homes, so that they may continue to be nests where human life is generously born, where life is welcomed, loved and respected from conception to natural death."

I hope every family can take part in this year and focus on ways in which we can grow together spiritually. As we pray, eat and play as families, I hope we can recognize the beauty and love of God in even the smallest details of everyday lives. Throughout the year we will share resources that help families be intentional about exploring faith together and being the church at home.

May God bless you and your families in this coming year, that we may grow in our confidence in the presence of the Lord among us. Let's keep each other in prayer,

+ Brandon Cahill

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Pray



“The Christian family is the first place of education in prayer...the family is the ‘domestic church’ where God’s children learn to pray.” -- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2285

What is prayer?

God invites us into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. God speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Prayer is our response to God who is already speaking or, better yet, revealing Himself to us. Therefore, prayer is not merely an exchange of words, but it engages the whole person in a relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

Eat



When was the last time your family enjoyed a meal together?

Pope Francis said, “Sitting at table for the family dinner, sharing our meal and the experience of our day, is a fundamental image of togetherness and solidarity.”

We often find ourselves so busy that meals slip by without much thought. However, “it was also in the context of a dinner where he [Jesus] gave the disciples his spiritual testament and instituted the Eucharist,” Pope Francis reminds us.

Let us take time during this year to celebrate the importance of eating together as a family, both at home and in the Mass.

Play



“From time to time, one must recreate and relax in mind and body.”

-- St. Francis de Sales

Let’s take time to relax and enjoy God’s gifts. Throughout the Year of the Family, intentionally take time for recreation. Reclaim Sunday as a day of grace and rest from work.

“Just as God ‘rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done,’ human life has a rhythm of work and rest. The institution of the Lord’s Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives.”

-- Catechism 2184