

**WHY IS FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SO IMPORTANT?
PARENTS AS FIRST TEACHERS OF THEIR CHILDREN**

Bringing my child to Children's Faith Formation	Going to Mass with my child	Answering my child's questions about God and the Bible
Praying with my child before going to bed	Taking turn saying grace before meals at home and in public	Reading Bible Stories to my child
Making an Advent Wreath with my child	Guiding my child to make good decisions	Teaching my child how to be a forgiving person
Teaching your child how to talk with God during the day	Involving my child in giving away food for the hungry	Asking my child questions about the Sunday Gospel
Sharing stories about saints with your child	Praying the rosary together as a family	Taking my child to the Holy Thursday and Good Friday Services

You cannot impart what you do not possess. Seize every opportunity to grow in your faith so that you will be able to be a spirit-filled first teacher of your own children.

Your child is learning by what you do. They notice when you respectfully genuflect as you enter the pew or stop before the tabernacle. They notice when you fully participate in the celebration of the Mass through singing, responding and gesturing. They notice when you take time to make the sign of the cross and bless yourself with holy water.