

# Mission: Building the Domestic Church

## Preparing for the World Meeting of Families

Philadelphia September 22-27 2015

The world has seen the deterioration of the family and of family values. What can one do in these times to fight against the persistent erosion of the family? Prayer.... The Holy Father hopes that you will start a family tradition of prayer. Start with once per week, reclaim your Sunday as family day, and let it grow from there. Over the next 9 months as we prepare for the World Meeting in Philadelphia (WMOF), we will be introducing a simple way to bring prayer to your family life.

The Family that prays together Stays together.

**Preparatory Catechesis:** *Love is Our Mission*

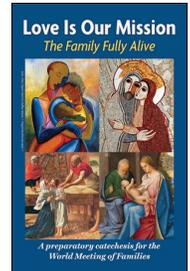
**Focus :** Strengthen the family's relationship with God

**Goal:** To promote family togetherness, family prayer time and scripture reading.

**For Further Study:**

Love Is Our Mission:  
The Family Fully Alive

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### For Families

#### Getting Started:

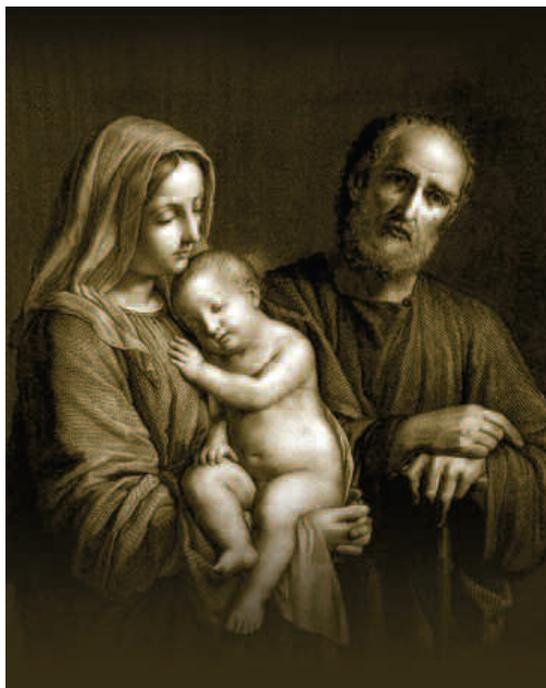
**Set aside a space in your home as a prayer corner.**

1. Light your prayer candle, representing Christ.
2. Focus on monthly themes, reflection, and suggested scripture readings. (Prayer theme: See back)
3. Offer family prayer petitions (talk from your heart), building your relationship with God.
4. End in prayer/devotion. Bless one another with Holy Water.

*Bibles, Rosaries, crucifixes, prayer cards, and holy water bottles are available at the parish office or can be ordered.*

#### Prepare A Prayer Corner in your home.

It should consist of a crucifix, picture of the Holy Family, a bible, a rosary, and a candle.



#### A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family.

Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation of love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live.

May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen