• What happens to us when we die in a state of grace? What do we see after we pass away? Do we see our whole family again after we die? Do we see our loved ones?

If we die in a state of grace, we are heading to heaven. We may need to take a stop in purgatory on the way, depending on how the temporal effects of sin have affected us. But the reality is that a person in the state of grace is in right relationship with God. Therefore, through the action of Christ on the cross the person is granted the privilege of being with God for all eternity.

It is not so much about who we will see, but how we will see them. “‘What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him,’ this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “this perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.” (1024).

We will be united with those we love in a way we cannot even comprehend at this moment, for we will be in perfect union with God. We will be united as one in Christ, and see and be seen as God sees. It will be like nothing we have ever experienced.