



FAMILY CATECHESIS 2020 – A new Year’s Resolution (Family Faith Formation)

In this New Year 2020, I wish you, the parents and families throughout our Diocese, a blessed year filled with grace and mercy. In this new Year, I would like to remind all parents of the commitment you voiced on the day of the baptism of your children. As Catholic parents, it is essential to remember that you stated “yes” to the question asked of you on that day: “Are you willing to be the principle educators of your children in the ways of the Faith?”

My prayer is that you receive the grace in the New Year to wholeheartedly embrace this role of teacher as Christian parents. The parish’s faith formation ministries and Catholic schools are here to support you in this responsibility. Together, learning and growing in the Faith as family will encourage an encounter with the Lord Jesus. This will lead to a greater appreciation of his gospel and its impact upon the “domestic church” – the family!

The Department of Evangelization and Faith Formation, formally known as the Department of Religious Education, is exploring the best approach for family-based catechesis, and the best way that it can be implemented in the future for our diocese.

Let us work together, with help of the Holy Spirit, to ignite the New Evangelization as we anticipate the establishment of family centered catechesis in homes and parishes throughout our diocese.

Our Lady of the New Evangelization pray for us.

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