A Message from Mary

Dear parents,

SRRE exists to support you in the faith formation of your children. Our weekly religious education classes and our sacramental preparation programs are meant to work hand-in-hand with the faith components of your family life. In the next four editions of Passing It On we hope to provide you with resources to enrich your faith and its expression within your home.

Too often we compartmentalize our faith lives. We may take time to pray, but it does not have an effect on how we live the rest of our lives. Sunday mass can be a box we check, with the Scripture readings and hymns, even our reception of the Eucharist, quickly fading from our minds as we leave the church parking lot. In order to live our faith we need to share it with our family and friends. There are many ways to do this, including participating in a small group, attending bible study, or serving as a catechist. Why not make your own family a small faith sharing group?

Sundays
One resource that SRRE just purchased is Mass Transit Cards. Families carry an envelope with these cards in their car’s glove compartment. Each card has the citation for the Sunday’s Scripture readings, plus reflections and space for answers. Here’s how they work: 1. On the way to Mass, read the front of the card together and then discuss the reflection. 2. After Mass, discuss the questions on the back of the card and take turns filling in the answers. You can pick up a packet (or two, if you sometimes take a different car to church) at the SRRE office.

Throughout the Week
There are many ways to pray together as a family during the week. Some families choose to pray the Rosary. Whether you already pray the rosary as a family, or you would like to start, you may want to check out this website for helpful ideas: https://www.familyrosary.org/

After a busy day, a wonderful way to reflect and to “let go” is to pray the Examen. All that you need is quiet, uninterrupted space. “By reviewing the day that has passed, and preparing for tomorrow with the expectation of God’s continued care, we create the habit of really turning our lives over to God.” Find step by step instructions at https://buildfaith.org/home-practices/.

Everyone loves to hear stories, and stories are a powerful way to share faith. Take time to remember and share your family’s stories of faith – your own, those of your parents and your grandparents. A wonderful example of this type of family faith sharing is a brand new book by one of our catechists, Ms. Jen McCloskey, co-written with her mother, Mary Rey Girardi. Check out Put Comfortable Shoes in My Coffin: True Stories of Faith, Family and Fortitude.

Wishing you and yours the joy of faith,

Mary
School Cancellation Procedures

SRRE follows Montgomery County Schools for weather-related closings. When Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are closed because of inclement weather, SRRE classes do not meet. When MCPS cancel after school, evening, and/or weekend activities because of weather, SRRE after school, evening, and/or weekend classes are also canceled. See [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org) or call 301-279-3673 or listen to WTOP radio (103.5 FM). If MCPS “school activities” are called off, but “community events” in MCPS buildings are taking place, we may or may not have SRRE. This is a relatively rare occurrence and the DRE will make a decision based on the time of the class and the expected weather event. In all cases, parents and volunteers should make their most prudent decision regarding personal safety.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

-- Drop Off --

Parents must park and accompany younger children into the school building and to their classroom. Older children may be dropped off using the drop off lane nearest the school building or by parking and having the children cross at the crosswalk. There are crosswalks directly in front of the main door (across to the island) and at the end of the sidewalk near the church (across to the island).

On Monday afternoon, Monday night, and on Tuesday afternoon, the lane of parking nearest the school building is blocked off and used as a drop-off lane. There is no drop off lane on Sunday nights because RE classes begin immediately after Mass when the parking lot is full. Drivers must be especially careful to stop for pedestrians at each of these crosswalks.

No one may ever park or stop in the fire lane – where the curb is painted yellow.

-- Pick Up --

Parents must collect their children in the school building and, for younger children, in the RE classroom. Students will be released only to their parents or an adult explicitly authorized by the parents. Please inform the DRE of any custody situations or if someone other than the child’s parent has permission to collect the child.

We expect parents to walk with their child to the car, crossing only at the crosswalks as outlined above. All drivers must move slowly and carefully, stopping at the crosswalks to allow pedestrians to cross.

If a parent needs to pick up a child before the dismissal bell, the parent must go to the SRRE office. A staff member will go to the classroom and bring the child to the office to meet the parent. This is to ensure minimum disruption of class and safety for the child.

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Important Dates at St. Raphael’s

To help you track the seasons along with your children in class, we will list important dates in the newsletter as they occur throughout the 2019-2020 school year. See the calendar below for some important St. Raphael’s dates.

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<td>First Eucharist Enrollment Rite and Reception, 10:00 AM, Church</td>
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<td>First Eucharist Listening Rite and Reception, 10:00 AM, Church</td>
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<td>Nov. 17</td>
<td>Confirmation I Enrollment Rite, 6:00 PM, Church</td>
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<td>Nov. 20</td>
<td>Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - worship service followed by a joint project to reach out to neighbors in need, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM, Church</td>
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<td>NO MORNING CLASS; night classes will meet as usual</td>
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SRRE Parent Handbook

The SRRE Parent Handbook is available on the Religious Education page of the St. Raphael website. Please note the following excerpts from the handbook:

Cell Phones / IPods / Other Electronic Devices

Except when being used for instruction, cell phones and other electronic devices may not be turned on during SRRE classes. Catechists have permission to take phones and other devices from students when necessary; these devices will be returned at the end of class. Occasionally the catechist may ask students in upper grades to use an electronic device as part of a catechetical lesson, but this will be done in a controlled manner.

Food

It is preferable that food and drink not be brought into the school. Please try to provide your child with a snack (afternoon) or dinner (night) before arriving for class.

*Important Notice: The St. Raphael school building is a nut free facility.* No type of food

Peanut/Nut Free Snack Ideas

- Orange slices
- Bananas
- Sliced Grapes
- Apple slices
- Dried fruit
- Raisins or craisins
- Melon balls in Dixie cups
- Mixed fruit cups
- Applesauce cups
- Carrot sticks
- Celery sticks
- Fruited jello
- Pudding
- Yogurt
- Bread sticks
- Pretzels or hot pretzels
- String Cheese
- Rice cakes
- Graham crackers

Crackers (preferably whole grain)
- Salsa and chips
- Fig cookies
- Mini muffins
- Popcorn (ages 4 and up)
- Cereal mixes such as Chex Mix without nuts
- Granola Bars without nuts
- Dips for veggies and fruit

*When preparing foods at home, please be sure to start with clean utensils and cutting boards. When purchasing products from the store, be sure to read the ingredients list for nut products. Many companies process foods with nuts and cross contamination is possible unless the ingredients list states “Does not contain nuts or nut products”. Parents of children with allergies will need to approve of the snack being shared with the class or should provide a snack for their own child.*
We take our children to Mass, send them to religious education classes and make sure they receive the all the sacraments. That's enough to prepare our children for their Catholic identity — right?

We also need to teach our children to pray and encourage them to develop their own personal relationship with God through Jesus. So how exactly do we do that? Perhaps the most important step in teaching our children to pray well is to reflect on our prayer life as parents. Do we only pray when we need something or do we pray daily without a specific agenda? Do we seek a greater understanding of God and His plan for us through prayer or we are more mechanistic and just pray by rote? Once we understand and appreciate how we pray, then our conversations about prayer with our children will be more authentic. Children are very sensitive to differences between what parents say and do and are more likely to follow parents' actions.

Perhaps we can begin the conversation about prayer by asking our children what they thought Jesus’ life was like as he was growing up. Encourage children to use their imaginations and all of their senses to really think about what Jesus was like on earth. For instance, what did Jesus look like as a baby (or at your child's age)? Did he have friends? Do you think he had to do chores? What do you think he had for dinner? The answers to these questions can engage children in thinking of Jesus as both truly human and truly divine in ways that relate to their lives. As the discussion winds down, you could end with a prayer to Jesus as you have just imagined Him (baby, child, teenager or young adult).

This imaginative type of prayer has its roots in St. Ignatius Loyola’s Spiritual Exercises. It is a powerful method of prayer because it takes us out of the realm of rote prayer and opens a window to thinking of God in a way that we can relate to on a very personal level. As we practice this imaginative prayer (alongside the traditional prayers), we can explore our own relationship with God. It is a wonderful opportunity to try and develop a more meaningful approach to our own prayer lives as well as the prayer lives of our children. God is waiting to hear from us!
We are delighted that Saint Raphael will be hosting the fourth annual Potomac Area Interfaith Communities (PAIC) **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**. And we are even more excited that **Archbishop Wilton Gregory**, head of the Archdiocese of Washington, will be attending!

**Date:** Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

**Children’s Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.**

Children and teens ages 8-18 are welcome to be part of an interfaith children’s choir, which will sing during the service.

We want to be sure that Saint Raphael is well-represented.

To sign up, call or email: 301-762-2143 x124; mbeaudoin@straphaels.org
As the summer comes to a close and students and families adjust to a new school year's schedule, don’t forget to consider several opportunities available at St. Raphael's, which would count towards Religious Education Service Hour requirements and public school SSL Hours. The following lists the activities, a brief description, location of activity, and date/time of the said activity:

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<td>Thanksgiving Food Drive</td>
<td>Sort &amp; Pack Donations</td>
<td>Trumpet Room/ TR Parking Lot</td>
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<td>Monthly Food Drive (Stone</td>
<td>Stand at truck in circle to receive donations 15 min.</td>
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<td>Soup Sunday)*</td>
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<td><strong>Volunteer needed for 8:30 And 10:00 a.m. Masses</strong></td>
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*Collection is the first full weekend of each month.
St. Raphael Youth Group “Ignite”
Fall 2019 Schedule (9th grade – 12th grade)

All activities are from 7-9pm in the Youth Center unless otherwise noted. Please contact Annie McHugh with any questions: amchugh@straphaels.org. All bolded events are regular 7-9pm Sunday nights which include dinner, formal teaching, prayer, discussion, and social.

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<td>6: Why Jesus? – What’s so special about Jesus?</td>
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<td>1: Hopeful Anticipation – Advent season</td>
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<td>10: Presence – God With Us</td>
<td>8: Come Let Us Adore Him – Advent Adoration</td>
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<td>17: Presence – The Story of the Eucharist</td>
<td>14: Rockville Ice Arena skating</td>
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<td>24: Presence – Bread for the Journey</td>
<td>15: Raphael House Christmas Caroling</td>
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Stay Up-To-Date!
Parents are encouraged to join our monthly email listserv to receive updates on upcoming programs. Please email Mike McHugh at mmchugh@straphaels.org to sign up. Teens and parents can sign up for free weekly texting updates. Email Mike McHugh at mmchugh@straphaels.org with your name and cell phone to be added in. Numbers are kept confidential.

St. Raphael’s Ignite Texting Updates @StRaphysYG
Spotlight on Our Catholic traditions: The Rosary

Ever wonder where the Rosary came from? The tradition of using beads to count repeated prayers as part of prayerful meditation has roots in many faiths such as Buddhism, Sikh and Muslim cultures as well as the early Christian Church. Early Christian monks ran strings of beads through their fingers as they chanted the 150 psalms. There are multiple legends surrounding the origin of the Rosary as we know it today. One legend has it that the Rosary came into use directly from the Blessed Mother through her servant, St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order (also known as the Order of Preachers or O.P.). In the twelfth century, St. Dominic sent out his brother and sister Dominicans to try to counteract the misinformation of a powerful group opposed to the spread of Catholic teachings. St. Dominic prayed to the Blessed Virgin for help in this battle. The Blessed Mother appeared to Dominic and gave him the first Rosary. She told St. Dominic to preach devotion to the Rosary. He taught his religious brothers and sisters the simple prayers, and devotion to the Rosary spread far beyond the Dominican community. The Blessed Mother has appeared on this earth numerous times to honor those who pray the Rosary, as well as to pray the Rosary together with her earthly children. The Rosary can be said anywhere, anytime and under any circumstance. To this day, the Holy Rosary is one of our most simple, yet, powerful prayers.

The Mysteries of the Rosary commemorate the life of Jesus and Mary as told to us through the Gospels. The Mysteries are categorized as: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious. Pope John Paul II added the Luminous mysteries in 2002; these mysteries spotlight the important parts of Jesus’ public life.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

JOYFUL MYSTERIES
The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Birth of Our Lord
The Presentation
The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES
The Baptism in the Jordan
The Wedding at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES
The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at Pillar
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES
The Resurrection
The Ascension of Our Lord
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven
The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER
Pray the Rosary

Begin with the sign of the cross and pray the Apostles’ Creed.

Announce the first mystery and pray the Our Father.

Hail Mary.

Glory be.

Announce the first mystery and pray the Our Father.

Hail Mary.

Glory be.

Announce the second mystery and pray the Our Father.

Hail Mary.

Glory be.

Announce the third mystery and pray the Our Father.

Hail Mary.

Glory be.

Announce the fourth mystery and pray the Our Father.

Hail Mary.

Glory be.

Announce the fifth mystery and pray the Our Father.

Glory be.

End with Hail Holy Queen.

Family Rosary
FamilyRosary.org
**ACROSS**

2. Who was the mother of Jesus?
4. This Gospel is the first book of the New Testament
7. Garden where Adam and Eve lived.
8. God's first command was “Let there be . . . .”
11. Who wrote the book of Genesis?
13. Satan appeared to Eve in this form.
14. The name of the most beautiful angel that turned against God.

**DOWN**

1. What was the name of Adam’s third son?
3. What did Noah bring onto his ark?
4. Who replaced Judas as the 12th Apostle?
5. The first woman.
6. What city is a holy city for three different religions?
9. Who wrote the Book of Acts?
10. On what day of Creation did God create man?
The Family of God

DAVID O'BRIEN

This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review our Catholic faith. Check your answers against the answer key on page 3.

1. What age group is invited to Mass on Sunday?
   a) teenagers  b) young families  c) senior citizens  d) all ages

2. A family that 
   learns and 
   lives the faith 
   together 
   prepares children to respond to 
   God's call to serve as faith-filled 
   ______________, single, or married 
   people.
   a) priests or religious  b) athletes  c) foreigners  d) world travelers

3. The disciples knew the 
   resurrected Jesus was not a 
   ghost because he showed them 
   his wounds from the crucifixion and __________.
   a) he didn't say “Boo”  b) he didn't fly  c) he ate food with them  d) he rose 
   from the dead on Easter and not on Halloween

4. __________ and sponsors 
   are older, more experienced 
   Catholics who promise to 
   mentor and teach new 
   Christians about living as 
   disciples of Jesus.
   a) Professional athletes  b) Godparents  c) Rap singers  d) Bankers

5. Jesus predicted __________.
   a) the winner of the Super Bowl  b) the Fall of the Roman Empire 
   c) the day the world would end  d) that he would rise from the dead

6. Only children have to go to 
   religious education classes 
   because adults don't sin.
   True  False

7. Parents and godparents 
   promise to help protect the 
   gift of faith given to new 
   Christians in baptism from the 
   poison of __________.
   a) too much fast food  b) cocaine  c) high fructose corn syrup 
   d) sin

8. Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC, 
   coined the phrase: “The 
   family that prays together 
   ______________ together.”
   a) lives  b) eats  c) stays  d) plays

9. The lists of all Jesus' ancestors 
   found in the beginning 
   of the Gospels of Matthew and 
   Luke are called __________.
   a) genealogies  b) unpronounceable 
   c) boring  d) weird

10. The patriarchs of the 
    Jewish and Christian faith 
    are Abraham, Isaac, and 
    __________.
    a) Cain and Abel  b) Jacob  c) Julius 
    Caesar  d) Jesus

11. According to the Bible, 
    Jesus prayed with his 
    family.
   True  False

12. Catholics receive their 
    sacraments __________.
   a) at various ages  b) only at birth 
   c) only right before death  d) only in 
   second grade

13. The first person to witness 
    the resurrection of Jesus 
    was __________.
   a) Judas  b) King Herod  c) Pontius 
   Pilate  d) Mary Magdalene

14. The leaders who had Jesus 
    crucified said that __________.
   a) Jesus was God  b) Jesus 
   miraculously rose from the dead 
   c) Jesus was a magician and 
   disappeared  d) Jesus' disciples stole 
   his body

15. Family life only teaches us 
    about avoiding personal 
    sins but doesn't prepare us to 
    deal with the sins of society, 
    such as corporate greed and 
    human rights violations.
   True  False
Every Sunday Mass is a little celebration of
16. a) Easter b) Christmas c) a day off of
school d) a day off of work

Young people who stay
17. connected to their Catholic faith are often most influenced
by their family’s __________.

Jesus ministered and
taught __________.
19. a) only children b) only adults c) all
ages and types of people d) only the
elders and religious leaders

The Easter season lasts
longer than Lent.
20. True | False

**Kids’ quiz  Faith at Home**

**DAVID O’BRIEN**

This quiz can help your students and their families review our Catholic faith. Find the answer key on page 3.

1. As a boy, Jesus learned about his Jewish religion __________.
   a) directly from heaven b) through
   his family c) online d) at his
   Catholic church

2. Parents __________ their babies to begin the child’s
   Christian life in the Church community.
   a) baptize b) feed c) marry off
   d) bathe

3. Most children first learn about God from their
   __________
   a) cell phone b) daycare c) public
   school d) parents

4. Once children begin faith formation catechesis
   classes at the parish, their parents have nothing to do with
   their religious formation anymore. True | False

5. __________ is the day Jesus rose from the dead.
   a) November 1 b) Christmas
c) Easter d) Monday

6. “Parents have the first responsibility for the
   education of their __________.”
   a) neighbors b) priest c) children
d) pets

7. Families can learn about their faith together at home
   by __________.
   a) reading the Bible b) watching
   religious shows c) praying d) all of
   the above

8. You can grow together in faith as a family and help
   others at the same time through __________
   a) service b) dancing c) watching TV
d) playing video games

9. __________ is a powerful way families practice
   their faith at home, showing
   God’s mercy and loving
   generosity toward one
   another.
   a) Eating at restaurants
   b) Forgiving each other c) Doing
   chores d) Taking vacations

10. Families — children, siblings, parents, grandparents — help each other
    grow in faith throughout their entire lives.
    True | False

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**ANSWERS TO Catholic I.Q.**

from pages 14 and 15

1. **d)** Masses for children, teens, or young adults are a new idea. Through most of Catholic history, all ages gathered together to worship God at Mass.

2. **a)** Parents prepare their children for their vocations by teaching them the Christian virtues of tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, disinterested service... self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery (see CCC, 2223).

3. **c)** At first the disciples were terrified and thought Jesus was a ghost, but he calmed them down by showing them his wounds, eating some fish, and explaining how the Bible predicted the Messiah would be killed and rise from the dead (see Luke 24:36-46).

4. **b)** Godparents/sponsors nurture the faith of the new Christian through prayer, good example, answering questions, sharing their Catholic faith, bringing them to Mass, and spiritual events such as retreats, prayer meetings, or Christian concerts.

5. **d)** Jesus spoke about his death and resurrection many times during his life, but people either didn’t understand him, rejected what he was saying, or thought he was crazy (see Mark 8:31-33).

**False.** All people, no matter what age, sin (see Romans 3:23). Faith is primarily about our relationships with God and our neighbors. Learning how to more effectively live out our faith is a lifelong process.

7. **d)** “You must make it your constant care to bring him [her] up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him [her] is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his [her] heart” (from the Catholic baptismal liturgy).

8. **c)** Fr. Patrick Peyton traveled the world and worked with Hollywood stars to promote praying the rosary together as a family every day.

9. **a)** Faith gets passed as a gift from one generation to the next through families. The Gospel writers included all the names of Jesus’ ancestors to recognize those who shared this gift of faith with Jesus (see Matthew 1; Luke 3:23-38).

10. **b)** The patriarchs, beginning with Abraham, were the first believers in the one true God, Yahweh.

11. **True.** Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples as an adult (see Mark 14:12-16), a tradition he learned at home. When his parents brought him to the temple every year (see Luke 2), he prayed the Psalms during the journey with the other pilgrims in Jerusalem.

12. **a)** Catholics go to Penance and Communion many times throughout their lives. While most Catholics are baptized as infants and receive multiple sacraments as children, the sacraments of vocation and healing are often celebrated during one’s adulthood.

13. **d)** “Mary Magdalene... came to see the tomb... An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone... Then the angel said... ‘Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised’” (Matthew 28:1-6).

14. **d)** The chief priests and elders “gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, telling them, ‘You are to say, “His disciples came by night and stole him while we were asleep”’ (Matthew 28:12-13).

15. **False.** The home is exactly the place where we learn about caring for one another, protecting the vulnerable, and creating a community of justice and compassion (see CCC, 2224).

16. **a)** Easter is the celebration of Christ’s great triumph over sin and death. The victory is so great that Catholics gather every Sunday unpack its meaning, enjoy its fruits, and remember that Christ indeed is risen. Despite any evidence to the contrary, God’s love wins.

17. **b)** Faith is more taught than taught. Children who see true faith lived at home are more likely to embrace the faith in their lives.

18. **a)** “Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done... He departed and went off and hanged himself” (Matthew 27:3, 5).

19. **c)** Jesus included everyone, even those whom others left out — women, sinners, the sick, and children.

20. **True.** Ecclesiastes 3:1 says “there is a time for everything” — fasting and feasting. In Catholicism we fast for 40 days in Lent and feast for 50 days during the Easter season.

**Kids’ Quiz**

1. **b)** As good Jewish parents, Mary and Joseph taught the child Jesus all the prayers and traditions of their faith (see Luke 2:21ff and 2:41ff).

2. **a)** At a baptism, the priest prays to Jesus: “By the mystery of your death and resurrection, bathe this child in light, give him [her] the new life of baptism and welcome him [her] into your holy Church.”

3. **d)** “Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years” (CCC, 2226).

4. **False.** Learning about Christ through the family “precedes, accompanies and enriches” school or parish religious instruction (CCC, 2226).

5. **c)** The resurrection of Jesus is the most important truth of our faith. If Jesus did not really rise from the dead, St. Paul says our faith is useless and pointless (see 1 Corinthians 15:17).

6. **c)** Parents promise to raise their children in the faith when they have them baptized.

7. **d)** Grace before meals, praying before bedtime, watching cartoon versions of Bible stories, reading children’s Bible, and decorating the house with crosses and religious art are successful ways to form a young child in the faith.

8. **a)** Serving others is doing what Jesus taught in the Good Samaritan parable (see Luke 10:25-37).

9. **b)** Jesus said to pray, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” (Matthew 6:12).

10. **True.** While parents teach their children about God, the Catechism states that “children contribute to the growth in holiness of their parents” (CCC, 2227).
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