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EVANGELIZATION, CATECHESIS & FAMILY LIFE

REMEMBERING

OUR IDENTITY AND PURPOSE

BELOVED CHILD OF GOD ✳ IN NEED OF A SAVIOUR ✳ COMING TO KNOW JESUS AS THE LIVING LORD



We are a pilgrim people. Your road might be cobbled and worn or it might be full of potholes, sinkholes, or broken concrete, but all of us walk this pilgrim road together.

On this pilgrim road, believe that ...

Who you are is enough.
(Psalm 139:14)
You carry the spark of divine love with you.
(Romans 5:5)
You are loved just as you are.
(Isaiah 43:4)
You are a gift.
(James 1:17)
You matter.
(Luke 12:6-7)
You are precious.
(1Peter 1:18-19)
You are a beloved child of God.
(1John 3:1)

Quote from Braving the Thin Places by Julianne Stanz

RELATIONSHIPS TAKE TIME

Time Reading the Bible is Time in Prayer Getting to Know Our Saviour

" Spend time getting to know God because His plan is unveiled through [Scripture]... start doing it 10 minutes, 15 minutes, 30 minutes, however long you can spend time in prayer. If Jesus needed to spend time with the Father in prayer, how much more do you think you and I need to spend time in prayer with the Lord."
Mark Hart (The Bible Geek)

Our Christian life is rooted in knowing Christ. Getting to know anyone requires spending dedicated time with them. When we read the Bible, we truly encounter Jesus. From Genesis to Revelation, we discover who He is and uncover God's beautiful plan for us as His sons and daughters. As the Holy Spirit unpacks the words on the page, Scripture ceases to be just text and becomes a real conversation. At the core of this conversation is a vibrant, living relationship.





Parents Lead the Way in Family Prayer

"Children learn to place God first and foremost in their affections. They learn to see God as their Father and Mary as their Mother and they learn to pray following their parents' example." St. Josemaría Escrivá

FAMILY PRAYER

Turns the family towards Jesus and his saving power.

Regual Prayer Together
17%

Meal Time Prayer
14%

Parents Habits
3 in 4 pray more often by themselves than with other family members

The Family That Prays Together Stays CARA 2015

COMMUNITY

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, ... Matt.28:19

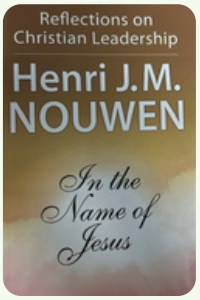


What is the difference between knowing someone and knowing about someone?

This new document from the CCCB unpacks this question in a reader friendly manner. All of us need to understand our responsibility in sharing the Good News. First though we need to know the one who this Good News is about.

In our baptism Jesus Calls Us All To Lead

"... leadership must be rooted in the permanent, intimate relationship with the incarnate Word, Jesus, and they need to find there the source for their words, advice and guidance. Through the discipline of contemplative prayer, ... learn to listen again and again to the voice of love and to find there the wisdom and courage to address whatever issue presents itself to them. ... when we are securely rooted in personal intimacy with the source of life, it will be possible to remain flexible without being relativistic, convinced without being rigid, willing to confront without being offensive, gentle and forgiving without being soft, and true witnesses without being manipulative."



In the Name of Jesus by Henri J.M Nouwen p.45,47

We can only lead well when our relationship with Jesus is well. If we want to be the leader Jesus calls us to be, we must commit to reading the Bible and praying regularly one-on-one with God, with our family and with others. Hopefully, in our endeavour to be faithful in this way, we model Christ, even if an imperfect model, to those we serve in our parishes.

9 Episodes - The Bible's Big Piture

5 min. videos with Mark Hart & Kevin Saunders

Scan to jump to the program for a quick overview.



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FOLLOW JESUS' LEAD

"He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two ...
Mark 6:7

Invite Others to Join Your Journey

You do not need a completely free schedule to be on this relationship journey. Whether you can touch base for 5 minutes daily, once a week or month you can connect with someone about how you are growing closer to Christ through your reading of the Bible and daily prayer, how things in your family are changing because of praying together.

Why This Is Important

"... most people join, stay and leave churches not because of belief, but because of a sense of belonging, because of community."
Divine Renovation

Prayer begins and grows community.

Fostering Relationships

"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."
(Evangelii Gaudium 114)

Prayer is a sign of love and forgiveness.

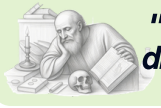
Support For One Another

The Word of God has been given to us precisely in order to build communion and to join forces in the truth on our journey towards God.
Pope Benedict XVI

Prayer fosters communion with others.

Matthew 18:20

- Discover a uniquely Catholic approach to the Scriptures
- Join with a friend or create a small group
- PDF Leader & Study guide provided



"The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink, without fear of drowning, and deep enough for theologians to swim in, without ever reaching the bottom."

St. Jerome