

## Family Life Fosters God's Call to the Religious Life

A family's life fosters God's call to the religious life. Parents first teach their children about God by going to mass. Children learn how to act while listening to the priest and watching his actions. Parents lead by example when they pray together as a family. They choose Catholic school, so their kids can learn in an environment that is full of the beliefs and teachings of Jesus. Children are introduced to various religious vocations when parents bring them to mass and send them to Catholic school. A family member or friend who is a priest or nun can encourage someone to enter religious life. Spending time together and doing things as a family can show love and support towards others. Serving one another within our family encourages us to continue serving others in the future.

Parents teach their children right from wrong, so they can act as Jesus did. By their actions they may help others. Parents show their children that even if they do wrong, they can guide them to receive Reconciliation and be forgiven. The family introduces and guides us through all of the Sacraments. If a child receives a call from God and insists on obeying it., their parents could have a positive and encouraging reaction to this call. Celebrating and discussing Catholic holidays and Holy Days help children understand why they are sometimes off from school and obligated to attend Mass. Family is often first in fostering God's call to the religious life.