

The family is an essential aspect of human life. It is where we grow as the best version of ourselves. As Christians, it is where we discover God and our faith. Christian families raise their children to follow the Great Commandment and form them into Christ-like people. As Catholics, it is crucial that our families teach us about our faith and foster in us a positive response to God's call.

My family began my journey as a Catholic at Baptism. They teach me right from wrong and how to act as Jesus did by their words and example. My parents foster my faith by taking me to Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days, as well as having us pray as a family each day. We also fulfill First Saturdays and receive Confession regularly. I am fortunate to have been given the opportunity to receive a Catholic education, in grade school and soon in high school. They also support me in my participation as an Altar Server. I was present as my mom taught CCD Eucharistic Adoration in our parish chapel for nine years, and most recently, I have been a CCD teacher aide. These facets are vital to cultivating a positive response to God's call to the religious life.

Christian families must guide their children to pray always and keep their hearts and minds receptive to God. Although God may call us to a different vocation, our families help us grow spiritually and guide us to our calling.