

**JOURNEY TO**

**FAMILY**

**CONSECRATION**

**TO THE HOLY**

**FAMILY**

**(WEEK 7)**



**BROTHERHOOD OF CHRISTIAN  
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“Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith.”

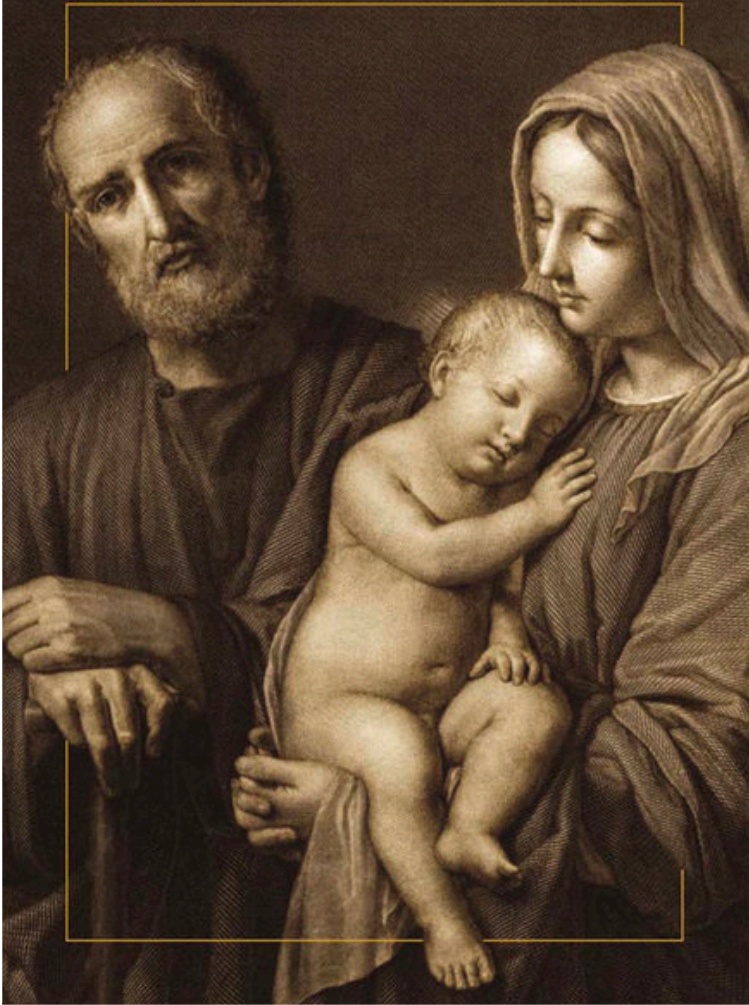
**BY POPE FRANCIS**

“The best way to bring Jesus back again into the family life is to consecrate the family to the sacred heart of Jesus, through Mary. Great changes happen to the family after the consecration.”

**BY ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA**



## CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY



O Lord Jesus,  
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.  
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace  
as you prepared to fulfill your mission  
as our Redeemer.  
*We entrust our family to you.*

O Blessed Mary,  
you are the Mother of our Savior.  
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus  
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.  
*We entrust our family to you.*

O Saint Joseph,  
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,  
and gave us a model of fatherhood  
while showing us the dignity of work.  
*We entrust our family to you.*

Holy Family,  
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.  
May we be completely united  
in a love that is lasting, faithful  
and open to the gift of new life.  
Help us to grow in virtue,  
to forgive one another from our hearts,  
and to live in peace all our days.  
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,  
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.  
May our home, O Holy Family,  
**truly become a domestic church**  
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.  
*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*



Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

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# WEEK 6. TRULY BECOME A DOMESTIC CHURCH

## OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gifts of the past weeks of this Consecration Journey. For some, if not all, we have experienced the joy of discovering more about each member of our family. With a grateful heart, we come together again this week, to pause and reflect about our family's true identity in the eyes of heaven.

St. John Paul II says, "Christians don't leave home to "go to Church"", because we ARE the Church. We ask your Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and continue to mold us today, so we can truly be your domestic church.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we entrust our family to you.  
Amen.





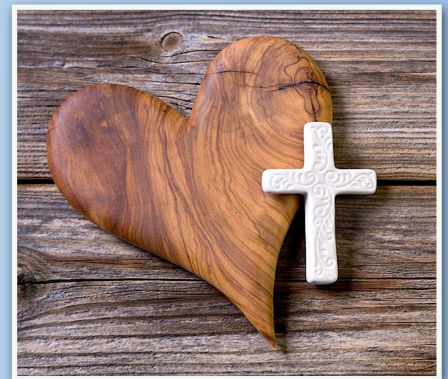
# QUICK REVIEW

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Last week, we were reminded that being a family does not only mean being Christ to each other. We are called to love others and be generous with what we have. More so, we give not out of guilt but because of real gratitude for the many blessings the Lord has given us. We asked the Lord to inspire and move us to live our lives with a little less, so others may have a little more.

One of the real graces of last week was the deep joy we surely have experienced as we saw the eyes of Christ in the people who were at the receiving end of our generosity as a family.

It is our prayer that our being generous to those in need becomes one of the prized traditions and identity of our family.



# REFLECTION.

St. John Paul II says, "Christians don't leave home to "go to Church"", because we ARE the Church. He says, the family is the "Church in miniature!". Pope Francis calls the family the "Domestic Church".

To further drive home the point, Let us watch this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVhcaEEmDHo>

For those of you who, for some reason, does not have time or bandwidth to watch this video, or just was not able to take down notes, following is the summary:

**FAMILY LIFE IS SACRED** - Imagine that as you step into your home, it is as if you are stepping into the Church. How may you speak and treat each other... seek and offer forgiveness?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY IS HOLY**- Just as family life is sacred, the activities that we do inside and outside the home is holy. Knowing this, how may it transform what and how we say or do things everyday?

**FAMILIES HAVE A UNIQUE MINISTRY**- Consider the many Gifts of each member of the family. Put all these together and you can serve God in a manner unique to your family. How can you use this to be "Church" in the World?

**FAMILIES ARE AN EVANGELIZING COMMUNITY**- "In what might be regarded as the Domestic Church, the parents are to be the first preachers of the faith for their children by word and example" - Pope Paul VI. We are called to nurture our faith inside the home so we can share it outside the home.



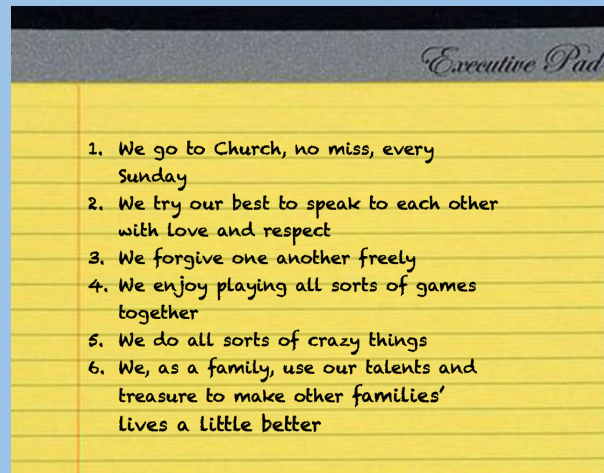
# FAMILY ACTIVITY

## LETS TAKE STOCK...

### *How much of a domestic church my family already is...*

Recalling activities of the recent weeks in this consecration and your current family life, discuss and make a list of things you do as a family that you think the Lord appreciates... seeing you as His Domestic Church!

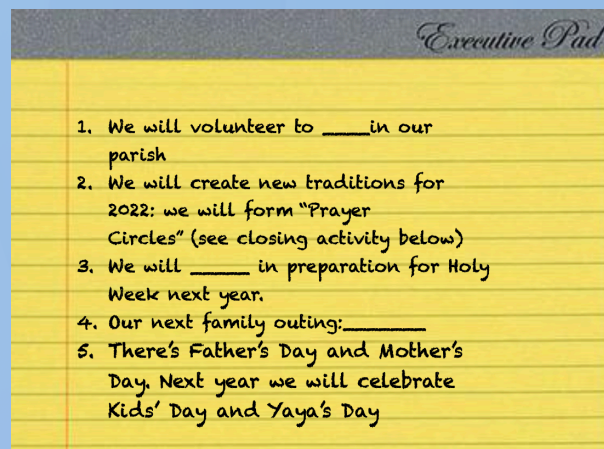
Your list may look like:



### *Looking ahead to 2022, how can we be a better "domestic church"...our gift to God as a family*

Magis...more...what more can we give the Lord as family? Think of this as a Family New Year's Resolution of sorts.

Your list may look like:





**PRAYER CIRCLE** End activity with a prayer circle. Each one praying for the intentions of the one beside you (ex. The one to your right) until everyone is prayed for. Each one shares what they would like to be prayed for, if any, and then proceed by praying over the person next to you. Say the closing prayer together after everyone has been prayed over.



## CLOSING PRAYER

Father in heaven, you have called each of our families to be a unique gift to the world. May our hearts, minds and souls be open to this calling. May you give us the grace to know, in practical terms, how we are to be Church to one another within our homes and to the families and communities around us.

In so doing, may each of us in this family experience the joy that is reserved for your servants here on earth.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, lead us to be truly a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. We entrust our family to you. Amen.

