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Dear Parents:

As we mentioned in the E-Newsletter, we are excited to embark on our 3rd annual “**Home for the Holidays**” **Advent home packet**. In the last couple of years we have been really encouraged that so many families have commented how nice it was to have this opportunity to share time and faith with their family. Of course, we can and should do this anytime, but this initiative seems to give people more space to do so.

You may remember from previous years. Instead of meeting here for regular Faith Formation sessions, we are providing materials for you and your family to share faith with each other during the Advent season (see next page). No having to juggle schedules and physically come to Seton. You will be able to do the activities - when you want, where you want and in the comfy confines of your home. ***Not only will this save time, but more importantly it will provide a great opportunity to share your thoughts, feelings and faith with one another on a deeper level.***

Find a time that works best for your family... *perhaps it is the time they are normally in their faith formation group.* **Do the activities together as a family and then turn in the Completion Form** to the Children’s or Youth Ministry Office **when you return in January.** (You only need to turn in one Completion Form per family (not matter how many kids you may have)).

Please let us know if you have any questions. We pray that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Season!

Enjoy being “Home for the Holidays”
God Bless and we will see you at Mass!

-Seton Faith Formation Staff

1st Grade

Parents and child will read and complete the activities on pages 229 -240 on the pages provided (From the *Be My Disciple* book.) Return this page along with the completion form to the Children's Ministry office On Jan 6 or 9, 2019. Don't miss the Family Advent Activities in the Parish Hall on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018 after the 8:15 am and 10:00 am Masses.

Complete and Discuss

Read page 229 and complete the activity on 230.

Read The Immaculate Conception on page 231 and complete the activity on page 231. We learn about Mary and her love for God and His love for her. Who is Mary, why was she special? What are things that make your Mom Special?

Before we read Page 233 and 234, remember that God created all people from all nations. This is a story of one of God's children who lived in Mexico. Who is the Lady of Guadalupe? What did she tell Juan? Do you know our Cathedral in Diocese of Dallas is named after Our Lady of Guadalupe?

Read and complete the activities on pages 235 and 236. Act out the Las Posadas if you would like.

Read and complete the activities on pages 237 and 238. Mary was the Mother of Jesus, but the Church also calls her the Mother of God. Jesus was both divine and human, God and man. Through Jesus' love for his mother, we can call Mary our "Mother."

Complete pages 239 and 240. Discuss the Nativity, Who do we put in the Nativity (crèche), and why are they there?

Make your family Advent plans. Commit to family prayer and time together every day. Say the following prayer or choose a different one each day. You can use the prayers in the back of your child's *Be My Disciple* book.

Parent: Bless us, O Lord, and be with us during Advent.

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Parent: Bless us, O Lord, and shine your love on us.

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Parent: Bless us, O Lord, all the days of our lives.

All: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen

“Home for the Holidays” - Completion Form

We, as a family, have shared faith and completed the
“Home for the Holidays” activities.

Child(ren)’s Names

(please list all of your kids in the Faith Formation/CREW Program)

What we learned...

Feedback/Input *(positive or negative)* on the process or activities...

Parent Signature

Please turn this page in *(one per family)* to one of the Faith Formation Offices, when you return in January. **Thank you and God Bless!**