

OUR FAMILIES

Now, one may ask, How do we protect and preserve and strengthen our families in a world pulling so hard in opposite directions? Let me make three simple suggestions:

1. Be consistent in holding daily family prayer and weekly family home evenings. Both of these invite the Lord's Spirit, which provides the help and power we need as parents and family leaders.
2. Teach the gospel and basic values in your home. Establish a love for reading the scriptures together. Too many of our parents are abdicating this responsibility to the Church.
3. Create meaningful family bonds that give your children an identity stronger than what they can find with their peer group or at school or anyplace else. This can be done through family traditions for birthdays, for holidays, for dinnertime, and for Sundays

OUR FATHERS

"My father would put his arm around me at church and let me lay my head on his shoulder."

"When my father was facing being transferred at work, he purposely took another job so that I could finish my senior year in high school at the same school."

"When I wrecked my parent's car, my father's first reaction was to hug me and let me cry instead of yelling at me."

"When I was thirteen, my dad trusted me to use his favorite hunting rifle when I was invited to go hunting with a friend and his father."

"My father went with me when I had to take back an ugly dress a saleswoman had talked me into buying."

"My father would let me practice pitching to him for a long time when he got home from work." "Even though I had never seen him cry before, my father cried during my wedding because he was going to miss me no longer being at home."

MY FATHER

I really had two fathers: my father and my grandfather. We moved into my grandfather's house when my grandmother passed away and my mother began to care for her nine brothers and two sisters. My dad worked on US Postal trains Boston to New York which took him to be often away from home. I left my father and mother at the age of 13 and began my seminary studies. Such was my upbringing. Would not have wanted it to be otherwise. Mom, dad, uncles, aunts, neighbors and church, all carried me to become what I am. My prayers of thanksgiving to all those no longer with me.

SUMMER TIME AT SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

I wrote last week that at this time so very much is competing with your attendance at Mass at Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. I also added that it did not have to be that way since our church is bigger than one parish. What we have to do, now and until Labor Day is enjoy it all and find time and place where you can worship on Sunday. This week I also need to remind you to continue supporting our parish. Whether you are here or not there are bills to be paid. Thank you for all you do and have a fun filled and safe summer.

BIBLE SHARING

Monday at 9:00

NEXT WEEK: 6: 16-17

BAKING

Sat. Mary Armen, Rose Pichette

Sun. Lu-Anne Cox, Barabara Grossi

FAMILY INTENTIONS

Sat. King and Hobin

Sun. Hogan and Benchat

COLLECTION

\$ 1,060.00 Thank you