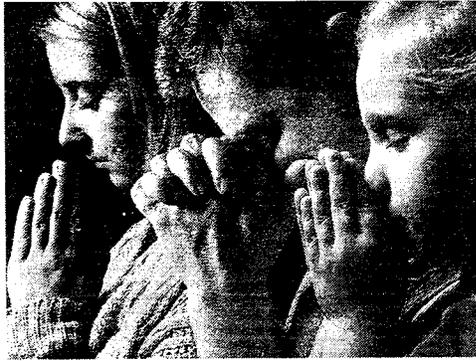


How to Be the Perfect Christian Family



So you're looking for a way to be the "perfect Christian family", right? Well, I've got news for you – this side of heaven, it's not going to happen. Boy . . . this could turn out to be a pretty short feature then. I mean, I'm not perfect. So what makes me think that I have something to say on the topic? Well, I don't – but Scripture does. So let's look to see what God's Word says about perfection. You don't have to go much further than the Book of Proverbs to find this gem:

"Where there is no counsel, a people fall; but in the multitude of counselors, there is safety." (Proverbs 11:14)

Now, I know what you might be thinking – "Wait a minute. Are you suggesting that we let all of our friends, our family, and our in-laws tell us what's best for our family? Whatever happened to, 'Too many chefs spoil the broth'?" Well, there's a certain measure of credibility to that sentiment. But don't get too hung up on the multitude part of that verse. Read it again . . . only this time, substitute the word marriage for the word people.

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Get the picture? I'm not of the mind that everyone should be telling you what's best for your marriage. But, in all honesty, if you don't at least listen to someone on the outside, you're headed for trouble. A true friend will tell you the truth about yourself . . . even when it hurts. I wonder – is there someone in your life who can speak to you openly and honestly about the condition of your marriage? Can you do the same for someone else? Too many couples in the Church today spend a lot of needless time and energy trying to keep up appearances with their Christian friends in spite of the fact their marriage needs major surgery.

Now, I know that counseling can be a big help. But it's not always easy to open up to a therapist . . . even a good Christian counselor. That's why I'd recommend that you and your spouse have a heart-to-heart conversation – just the two of you. Sit down and discuss your problems . . . even if it's hard identifying them at first. Then, agree to get a good book on marriage and read it together. Doing so allows you to tap into some pretty incredible "counsel" from men and women God has gifted in this area of helping marriages.

It's going to take time . . . and a lot of hard work. But, in the end, it'll be worth it! (Jim Burns - Contributing Writer)

THANK YOU

Msgr. Gerry, Betty and Sister Antoinette wish to thank each of you for your great generosity on our behalf. We pray that you will be abundantly blessed with good health, deep peace and lasting joy throughout year 2019.

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

No family is perfect. Every family needs help. God allowed it to be that way.

RESPONSORIAL PRAYERS

Is your family praying together? Have you prayed the prayers put in the pews during Advent.

FATHER RICHARD NACISCO

will celebrate the 5:30am Mass on Monday, December 31st.

NEW YEARS DAY

No 10:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday New Years Day.

Mass Monday at 5:30 followed by pork pies and pizza. Tuesday only at 7:30 a.m.

CCD MEETING FOR TEACHERS

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

CCD CLASSES

Next Sunday at 8:15

NEXT WEEK: 01/06

BAKING:

Sat. Rose Pichette, Dee LaBrie

Sun. Donna Mathews, Karen Fonfar

FAMILY INTENTIONS:

LaBrie and Roberts

Kingsley and Knowles

COLLECTION

Sunday and Christmas \$2,467.00

Thank you.