

FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter explains how the Pope, bishops, and pastors lead and guide the Church and describes the Pope and bishops as successors of the Apostles.

God's Word



Read **Matthew 10:5–10** and learn how Jesus sent the Apostles to announce the Good News.

Catholics Believe

- The bishops are the successors of the Apostles who teach, lead, and make the Church holy.
- The Pope is the successor of Peter, the bishop of Rome, and the head of the entire Church.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #816–939 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child met Saint Gregory the Great, one of our past Popes. The Gregorian chant is named after him.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Leaders in the Church The adults in the parish that interact most with children, such as the catechists and sometimes the parish priests, are usually the Church leaders of whom children are most aware. They do not yet have much exposure to the Pope or even the local bishop. However, learning more about the larger Church and her leaders can help your child feel more connected to the worldwide community of faith.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How difficult is it to keep your whole family on the same page?

There are so many competing values and obligations in our lives. It may tend to pull the family in many directions. That is why it is important that each member of the family knows that faith is the priority in your family life. "When a family becomes a school of virtue and a community of love, it is an image of the loving communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is then an icon of the Trinity" (*USCCA, p. 377*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to name some of the responsibilities of a bishop.
- Take turns sharing what you think would be the most interesting thing about being the Pope.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Gregory, pray for us that we may use our talents to serve others. Amen.



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