FAMILY+FAITH

LIVING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter defines evangelization and explains how the Eucharist nourishes us to announce the Good News.

Scripture



Read 1 Peter 2:21 to find out what Jesus commissioned the disciples to do.

Catholics Believe

- The mission of the Church is to announce the Good News of God's Kingdom.
- Through the Sacraments of Initiation, Catholics are given new life and are called to spread the Good News.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #849–856, 1212–1213, 1285 at **usccb.org**.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, who was called "woman who prays always" by the Potawatomi tribe she served.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Mission Many children this age have not considered themselves "missionaries," but the Church teaches that all baptized persons are called to spread the Gospel to others. Your child will most often do this by example, but may at other times need the words to articulate what he or she believes and why. Developing these skills and connecting them with the Sacraments of Initiation is a way to strengthen the positive identity of your child at a time when identity development is becoming more important.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

How do you feel when you witness your child doing something loving?

Perhaps a parent's greatest reward is seeing our children live what we have been trying to teach them or model for them. As Catholics, we know that "God's people also share in Christ's role as prophet. This means both teaching and witnessing God's Word in the world. A real prophet, by teaching and good example, leads others to faith. St. Francis of Assisi once wrote, 'Preach always. Sometimes use words" (USCCA, p. 117).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to tell you how the Sacraments give us a mission and how they help us accomplish it.
- Share with your child a story from the day of their First Communion.

LET'S PRAY >>>

Saint Rose, pray for us that we may be courageous in living out our mission to share the Good News of Jesus with others. Amen.



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