

Online Sources: There are many online sights for Catholic families. Some are sights for adults to use as resources of information, and others are sights where parents can find faith related activities for children.

www.diometuchen.org: click on Links and checkout all of the interesting sites listed there
www.catholicapologetics.org: what does the Roman Catholic Church teach and why
www.newadvent.org: good source of Catholic links
www.Catholicmom.com: celebrating Catholic motherhood; great parental support site
www.sacredspace.ie: source of daily meditations, readings and prayers
www.recongress.org/resources/links: a list of Catholic resources on line
www.recongress.org/resources/games: a list and review of Catholic computer games for kids

Catholic Websites for Children's Activities:

www.cptryon.org/prayer/child/sign.html: site where children learn to pray
www.sacredspace.ie: at the bottom of the home page click on the kid link. Daily bible story activities for kids
www.sadlier.com/sacraments: great home activities for children
www.webelieve.web.com/home: activities and discussions
www.faithfirst.com: surf the site to find links

If we approach our Faith Work in a prayerful manner, God will bless our time with many graces to help deepen our faith.



St. Rose of Lima Church
Whole Parish Catechesis

Faith Work Handbook

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***“The family is, so to speak, the domestic Church. It is in the family that parents are, by their word and example, the first preachers of the faith to their children.”
CCC: 1656***

God invites us as parents to share the deepest part of ourselves with our children. The purpose of **Faith Work** is to share our faith with our children.

Faith Work is not homework. It is taking part in a spiritual journey with our children. **Faith Work** is new material that needs to be covered on the weeks that we do not meet as a WPC group. As parents or guardians, we are responsible for teaching this material. As a result, we can't just say, "Go and do your work and I'll check it when you are done". We are called to guide our children through **Faith Work**.

Time and Environment

It is good for us to set aside a certain time each week to get together as a family to work on **Faith Work** assignments. It might be a good idea to plan the evening on the same night and time frame that we would meet for WPC.

Decide on a place where we can all sit comfortably. The kitchen or dining room table always works well. Be sure the atmosphere is conducive to praying and learning. The **Faith Work** experience involves more than book material to be covered, it is an opportunity as individuals and as a family to grow in a relationship with the Lord.

Routine and Ritual

We follow the same format for both our **Faith Work** time and our WPC time.

- Begin with Prayer (a good way to practice prayers)
- Discuss the topic of the chapter to see what information is already known
- Read the chapter together, stopping to ask questions, opinions, and be sure that each child understands what they have read. Supply background information if possible
- Let each child answer the written work and go over it together to be sure it is correct.
- End with a closing prayer

Resources

When going over material, we might find ourselves forgetting what we once knew or coming upon things we never knew. Don't be afraid to tell our children that we don't know the answer or can't explain it. We can search for the answer together. This lets our children know that we are all on a faith journey together. It also shows children that it is OK when we don't know something. If we are unable to find the answer elsewhere in our child's textbook, below is a list of resources where we can go: (the texts are available in the WPC office)

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- The Catholic Youth Handbook
- The Catholic Youth Bible