

VOCATION – A SEED

Christian husbands and wives are co-operators in grace and witnesses of faith on behalf of each other, their children and all others in their household. Upon reflecting on this thought we come to realize that the home is where the Vocation of life begins.

A home where Christ is the centre of the family
A home where the love of Christ grows each day as each member comes together to share, to listen and to try and understand the joys, sorrows, hopes and experiences of one another.
A home where participating in family prayer, family celebrations and attending Mass is a loving and thanksgiving experience for all of God's graces.
A home where husband and wife share their faith and love with each other, and with their family and friends
A home where mother and dad and the children come together in daily prayer as children of God, Our Father in peace and confidence in Him

The water in Baptism gives new life to the soul, just as water gives life to the seed in the germination state. In order for a seed to grow it needs nutrients.

Each child as he grows in the love of Christ also needs nutrients. The nutrients of love, understanding, guidance, kindness and trust. These nutrients enrich the child trust in God, as he meets the many challenges, influences, ideas and opinions in the world today.

This love for God teaches each family member to open their hearts and minds and hands to serve Him.

It is much like the seed that has sprouted underground and begins to rise from the dark soil into the light and warmth of the sun.

Experiences, short term commitments in each child's daily life helps him to accept the challenges of Christ, in offering his time, energy and God-given talents as he becomes a service to others. Our positive attitude helps him to accept these challenges and commitments.

Just as a seed continues to grow until it reaches its fruition stage, the child's inner awareness and the voice of God continues to grow too, starting with the smaller daily responses, then with time the larger ones.

Vocation is one's love response to God. In many families listening to god's voices is not really nourished and therefore the awareness of our Lord's voice, "Come Follow Me" is not realized until later in life.

Many of our youth today are searching to become aware to God's Call and for this deep knowledge of Christ, of Faith and Love to Him.

Today, you and I as parents must accept this responsibility to create a home where there is faith and love in the family and in which Christ is the centre of that love.

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