

CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL



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OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - Noon; 1:00-5:00 p.m. (weekdays) CLOSED WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

MASSES: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Nursery offered during 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass. Age 35 mo. and under.

RECONCILIATION: Confession Saturday 3:30-5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (children): A series of 2 instructions with parents and godparents is necessary before Christian Baptism. Parents need to be registered members of Christ the King. These classes can be taken even before the baby is born.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Please do not make plans or finalize wedding date before visiting with Father Ben Kasteel or Deacon Randy Canale. Attendance at Pre-Cana Classes AND Engaged Encounter Weekend required.

ANOINTING of the SICK: Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Otherwise, please inform the parish office when someone in your family desires the anointing.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Meet the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Family Center.

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BULLETIN: DEADLINE MONDAY NOON

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCE/CCD): 792-6168

COORDINATOR: Sr. Evangeline C. Olarte, MSLT

9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

3 year old through Grade 12

YOUTH MINISTRY: 792-6198

COORDINATOR: Rose Donaldson - rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org

CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL:

PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Christine Wanjura - ext. 204

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GRADES: 3 year-old through 12th grade

PHONE: 795-6477 • **FAX Number:** 795-9715

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Chancel Choir

Celebration Choir

Organist

LIFE TEEN:

Sue Arnold, Director, 797-4367

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

9:15 a.m. Rite of Welcome (Church)

followed by reception (PFC)

11:00 a.m. CCE Classes: 3 year old-12 grade

11:00 a.m. Parent Reconciliation Class (Cafe)

11:00 a.m. Scripture Study (MC Room)

4:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass (Church)

5:30 p.m. Life Night (JPYC)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

(St. Francis Xavier)

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

6:00 p.m. Social Ministries (MC Room)

7:00 p.m. Neophyte #3 (PFC)

7:00 p.m. Spirituality for Women (Parlor)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 (St. John of Damascus)

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

5:15 p.m. School Board Meeting (Library)

6:45 p.m. DivorceCare (PFC)

6:45 p.m. DCK4-Kids (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Life Teen Core (JPYC)

7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal (Church)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

***** PARISH OFFICE CLOSED *****

9:00 a.m. Rosary (Parlor)

6:30 p.m. Youth Groups: 3-8th grade (JPYC)

6:00 p.m. Women's Org Christmas Party (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Men's Spirituality (MC Room)

7:00 p.m. Catechumenate #1 (PFC)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Church)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

(St. Nicholas)

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

7:00 p.m. Celebration of Belonging (PFC)

7:00 p.m. Cursillo Prayer Group (Parlor)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 FIRST FRIDAY (St. Ambrose)

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass: Feast of Immaculate Conception

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 Holy Day of Obligation

Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight

8:00 a.m. Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions (Church)

ADORERS NEEDED

Jesus is asking us, "Could you not watch ONE HOUR with me"?. We currently have hours in need of adorers and will have a great need for those who can be substitutes during the upcoming Christmas season. If you can help in any way, please contact or E-mail Lyle or Nancy Fetterly, 798-7158, or E-mail nanfett@sbcglobal.net

MASSES and SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, December 3, Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 8:5-11

6:55 a.m. +Eve Swenson by Keneal Swenson

8:15 a.m. + Mary Pennington by Arthur Cohen

Tuesday, December 4, Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24

6:55 a.m. Communion Service

8:15 a.m. Special Intention by Damien & Angel Rodriguez

Wednesday, Dec 5, Isaiah 25:6-10a, Matthew 15:29-37

6:55 a.m. + Robert Grosse by Metzler Family

8:15 a.m. Dec Prayer Line People by Wed AM Prayer Group

Thursday, December 6, Isaiah 26:1-6, Matthew 7:21, 24-27

6:55 a.m. + Betty Scruggs by Randy & Cindy Canale

8:15 a.m. + Mary Ann Mehta by Steve & Catherine Tjia

Friday, December 7, Isaiah 29:17-24, Matthew 9:27-31

6:35 a.m. Rosary for Vocations; 6:55 Vocations by Serra Club

8:15 a.m. + Ben & Sarah Halfmann by Bill & Jeanette Hardin

7:30 p.m. Vigil Mass: Immaculate Conception

Deceased Metzler Family by Metzler Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, GENESIS 3:9-15, 20

PSALM 98, EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 11-12, LUKE 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

+ Zenaida & Winston Whitt by Filipino-American Assoc.

5:30 p.m. + Dottie Paikowski by Pat Leach

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, ISAIAH 11:1-10,

PSALM 72, ROMANS 15:4-9, MATTHEW 3:1-12

8:00 a.m. + Muriel Beale by Randy & Cindy Canale

9:15 a.m. + Zenaida & Winston Whitt by James & Jane Chua-Tuan

11:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass by Council 3008

5:30 p.m. + Martha & Carlos Buraye by Amira & Sandra

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYERS for this week are:

Our Prayer Line has the complete list of prayer requests.

CELEBRATION of BELONGING:

Remember when you...

...began to think and wonder about God and the church?

...decided to ask questions?

...started to attend RCIA sessions?

...made a profession of faith and became a member of the Roman Catholic Church?

...were baptized, joining God's family, worshiping as a Roman Catholic?

Come share your memories and living faith experience at the **Celebration of Belonging, Thursday, December 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the PFC. Bring your spouse or a friend. Anyone who has gone through the RCIA Process is welcome. Please call 797-2210 or 792-7761 if child care is needed.

ANGEL TREE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Social Ministries and Knights of Columbus Council 3008 will be sponsoring the Angel Tree this Christmas. Volunteers are needed to help in making phone calls. If you are available to help with this rewarding ministry, please call Linda Markusen at 792-6746 after 7:00 p.m.

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

RETURN GIFTS & OFFERINGS

November 25, 2007

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| Envelopes | \$12,312.00 |
| † Gift-Direct | 295.00 |
| Children Envelopes + Cash | 60.06 |
| Plate | 1,165.02 |
| TOTAL | \$13,832.08 |
| Miscellaneous | 267.51 |
| TOTAL | \$14,099.59 |
| Black Bag | \$ 1,844.86 |
| 285 Identifiable Donors | |

Building Fund \$ 73.00

Average Needed Each Week: \$18,350.00

Please remember CTK in your Will.



Time

Talent

Treasure

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:



Eric & Margaret Heinrich
Gerald & Tricia Billingsley
James & Risalda Garza

In Memory of:

George Peng by The Peng Girls
George & Beryl D'Mello by Judy & John Stout
James Hegdal by Joan Hegdal
Anita Longoria by Jim & Jo Ann Lovering
John & Janet Scoggin by Steve & Ann Krier
Herman M. Johannsmeyer by Jerry & Sharon Grant
"Schu" Schumacher by Beryl Schumacher
John Trelford & Amy Duerksen by Mary Lou Trelford
Bill & Virginia Cirone, by Walt Abney
The Ben Haiduke Family by Gilbert & Glenna Haiduk
Kettely & Daniel Hyacinthe by Micheline Hyacinthe
Dorothy Mary Paikowski by Bob Paikowski
Louis & Margaret Mosser by Regina Mosser-Shelton
Alice & Kyle Scifres by Ethel Storrs

In Honor of:

St. Rita of Casia by Maria Apodaca

If you would like to offer the flowers in the sanctuary for the month of November place your offering in an envelope marked *November* or use the envelope in your offertory envelope packet and place it in the collection basket. ***Your offering will be printed in the month that your envelope is received, unless otherwise designated.. Donation is \$25.***



The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

How does the Bowerbird of Australia practice stewardship?

Find out at our Website: www.ctkcathedral.org!

VOCATION AWARENESS VIEW: Stay awake!
Be ready! God needs you to make known his imminent presence. (Romans 13:11-14) -Vocations Committee

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Parishioners attending the First Friday Mass at 6:55 a.m., are invited to join the Serrans in the Cathedral at 6:35 a.m. for recitation of the Rosary for Mary's intercessions for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.



MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS.....

- Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation: Masses Friday Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 8, 8:00 a.m.
- Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Masses: 5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass at 11:00 a.m.
- Feb. 1, 2008 Homecoming Basketball Game
- April 19, 2008 Super Auction
- June 20-21, 2008 All Class Alumni Reunion
- June 21, 2008 25th Anniversary Mass of Lubbock Diocese

MOM and ME

If you have small children (newborn to pre-school) you might be interested in joining the Mom & Me Group. We meet every Friday at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted with activities for all age groups. Call Kim Sipowicz 799-1824.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION BAKE SALE



So it's after Thanksgiving and you don't even want to start thinking about baking for Christmas. Don't worry! The Women's Organization is holding its annual Christmas Bake Sale on December 9 after the Masses in the gathering space. Dazzle your friends and family with home baked goods, just don't share the secret that you weren't the one who baked them. You could even just try a scrumptious desert that you haven't had the chance to attempt to bake yourself. What ever the reason, please don't forget to stop by and take a look at the large varieties of baked breads and desserts. See you there!

7 STEPS to BECOMING FINANCIALLY FREE

A Catholic Small-Group Study

If you would like to achieve balance between your faith and finances; deepen your relationship with the Lord; strengthen your marriage and family life; break free from the bondage of consumer debt and make a realistic faith-based plan for the future, come join us! Couples and/or singles welcome. Orientation call is Tuesday, January 8, in the PFC. The 6 (1½ hr) sessions will be scheduled at this meeting. If you can commit to the program, please call Donna Dement at 791-4749 after 5:00 p.m. to sign up and for information regarding program material cost.



Come Join Us In The
John-Paul Youth Center
For information about any of the following,
please call Rose Donaldson at

792-6198 or E-mail rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org

PARENTS: Drop off and pick up at the JPYC, unless otherwise noted.

Dogs & Frogs (3-4th) & EDGE (5-8th): Dec. 5 we will be making Christmas gifts for our Homebound Parish Family who cannot attend Mass.

Prayer for the week: *Heavenly Father, as we reflect on the Advent Season and prepare for your coming, help us to put You in this season. Touch our hearts so that we might keep our thoughts and actions all about life. May we watch our tongues and speak of only goodness. May the opportunities to gossip pass us by with no words spoken. Amen.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The season of Advent is all about getting prepared to be loved by God, to be open to His Son's Incarnation and to strive to change our hearts to receive the gift of our salvation. Will we be ready?

Reflection: "Holiness consists not in doing uncommon things, but in doing all common things with uncommon fervor."

-Cardinal Henry Manning

LIFE TEEN Band: Sanctuary is interested in sharing their talents at Parish and Diocesan events. If you know of any activities that the band can sing His Praises please let us know. Contact Rose, 792-6198, or Audrey, 785-2528, for additional information or to check the band's schedule.

LIFE TEEN MASS: TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 2, at 4:00 p.m. If you have committed to serve at Mass, please be here at 3:45 p.m.

LIFE NIGHT (9-12th): TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 2, "Playing in the Gutter" We will meet after Mass at Whitewood Lanes at 5:30 p.m. and learn how to **stay out of the gutter**. Please bring approximately \$10 for bowling and snacks. You will need written permission to attend this off-site event and permission as well if the core needs to transport you to and from bowling. Please bring the permission slip with you. If you need a ride to bowling we will leave from the JPYC at 5:20 p.m.

LIFE TEEN CORE: Must be 19 years and older to be considered for this ministry. Background check and Safe Environment Training required.

Youth Ministry Core: We have Wednesday night activities, retreats and relational ministry opportunities. Please consider helping the Dogs & Frogs and Edge Ministries. All current leaders will be moving up with their children. We need to start training leaders for next year's Ministry.

Parents for LIFE: Interested in getting involved with Parents for Life? This ministry is for the parents by the parents. Contact Rose for details.

CTK Website - Check it out: www.ctkcathedral.org

Seek and you shall find! The first student who finds the word "secret" within this bulletin will receive a prize.

Upcoming Events: Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m. Mass, sign up for your part in the Christmas Re-enactment of the Nativity.

Parent & Student Meeting for Edge and Life Teen: We will have a parent & student meeting on January 7 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for trip planning. We need to inform all parents about trip goals and make decisions for fundraising. Parents need to attend to approve trip plans and commitments for their student. We also need to make decisions about overall expenses and ways that we can alleviate some of those expenses.

Thank you Sanctuary Band for all that you do for the church, for your commitment to Youth Ministry and for all that you are willing to do for the good of His Church. We are blessed to have such wonderful people willing to work hard. May your music continue to move others to worship. We thank you for helping us all become a Sanctuary for Christ.

CUB SCOUTS PACK 513: CTK Cub Scout Pack 513 Pack is open to all members of the parish. You do not have to attend CTK school to be a member of Pack 513; we welcome all. If you are in 1-5th grade, call Scout Master Charles Leatherwood 795-2203 to find out when we have our next meeting.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 513: Do you like hiking, fishing, camping, bicycling, campfire cooking, rock climbing, rappelling, back packing? If you like any of these you need to join Boy Scout Troop 513. We are accepting new members. We meet every Monday at 7:15 in the school cafeteria. For information, please call Richard Scheppler at 790-0160 or Jim Ambrose, 780-7817.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3008



Serve your church, community, family, and youth by becoming a Brother Knight.

A Christmas Party at Council 3008 Hall will be Sunday, Dec. 16, 6:00 p.m. for all Council members and their families. The dinner will be Potluck. Knights will provide the entree, so bring your favorite side dish.

Memorial Mass at Christ the King Cathedral on December 9 at 11:00 a.m. to honor all deceased Knights of Columbus Brothers whose souls have passed from this life into God's loving kingdom. Please plan to attend this event with prayerful intent and proudly wearing your KofC vests. Contact Francisco Sotelo, 795-4710, for membership or more details on events.

2007 RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS

Pope John Paul II, by his steadfast example, focused our attention on the suffering that is often endured by those who are aging. With dignity and humility, he placed his own frailty in public view and reminded us that the suffering endured in old age is part of the parcel of the redemptive mystery. A special collection will be next weekend in all the parishes of the Diocese of Lubbock to help the Retirement Fund for Religious. Share in the care - your contribution benefits frail and elderly religious.

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Our thanks to All the
Bulletin Sponsors who make the
Sunday Bulletin possible.
May God Bless
each of you and your families.
Please support our Sponsors
and tell them, "Thank You!"

What is SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?

Spiritual direction has been part of the Christian tradition for centuries. It follows the pattern that Jesus established in mentoring his disciples, sharing his wisdom and mission on a uniquely personal level. In monastic communities a novice might have the abbot as his/her spiritual director. These kinds of prayer relationships have existed through the ages, helping the seeker to discern God's movement through the circumstances and events of one's life.

CHRIST THE KING COMMEMORATIVE WINE

Looking for an extra special Christmas gift? Why not give a gift that celebrates Christ the King's 50th Anniversary? CTK 50th Anniversary labeled Llano Estacado wine (white, red and blush) are available through the school development office for a donation of \$20 per bottle. Contact Christy Duran, 795-8283, to place your order.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

GENESIS TO JESUS - ALL IN ONE DAY

Through this Bible study you can better understand the mysteries of the Catholic Faith. Saturday, December 8, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Student Center Basement. Limited space-must call or email to confirm, 632-6594 or 239-0804, David@realtylubbock.com. \$10 fee and lunch included

SEASONS of ADVENT - THEN & NOW RETREAT

**Mary's Expectancy in the First Advent &
Our Expectancy in Today's Advent**

St. Francis Mission Sisters invite you to prepare for Christmas with a day of retreat. We will enter Mary's waiting experience and allow her to inspire us on our own efforts. The day will include talks, solitude, personal prayer, journaling and conclude with a light lunch on Saturday, December 15, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Convent, 8202 County Road 7700. Call 863-4904 to register or for directions. Suggested donation: \$10.

ABORTION AFTERCARE and HEALING

When we remember and mourn our losses, we free our souls to move beyond the pain. Come to Rachel's Vineyard Retreat February 1,2,3. Remember, mourn, and be set free. Call 577-5912 or lbb_rachelsvineyard@hotmail.com .

CONTRIBUTION GUIDELINES

*Please take this into consideration
as we near the end of the tax year.*

| Type of Contribution | Report 2007 | For 2008 |
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| checks written in December 2007 & deposited in church offering in January 2008 | | X |
| checks written & deposited in church offering in January 2008 but "backdated" to December 2007 | | X |
| checks written & deposited in church offering in December 2007 but "postdated to January 2008 | | X |
| checks written in December 2007 & deposited in the mail & postmarked in December 2007 but not received by the church until January 2008 | X | |
| checks written in December 2007 & deposited in the mail in December 2007 but not postmarked until January 2008 & not received by the church until January 2008 | | X |

IMPORTANT NOTICE: To insure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2007 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. - Finance Secretary

DIOCESAN FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

You are cordially invited to join the Diocesan Celebration at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 1120 52nd St, at 6:00 p.m. for Mass and Homily as follows:

Monday, Dec. 3, Fr. Raymundo Manriquez, *My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord*; Tuesday, Dec. 4, Fr. Heriberto Mercado, *The Lord Has Done Great Things for Me*; Wednesday, Dec. 5, Fr. Rene Perez, *He Fills the Hungry With Good Things*; Thursday, Dec. 6, Fr. Nelson Diaz, *Holy Is His Name*; Friday, Dec. 7, Fr. Ernesto Lopez, *All Generations Shall Call Me Blessed*; Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Relics of the Mexican Martyrs at the Catholic Renewal Center, 4th & Toledo.

Diocesan Procession Sunday Dec. 9, at 3:00 p.m. beginning at Ryon Martin ATC parking lot, 34th & Ave Q, to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1120, 52nd St. Mass at 5:00 p.m., main celebrant Most. Rev. Placido Rodriguez. For more information call 763-0710.

Welcome to Our Church House



It was a gathering of then, now and our future. The golden Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated last Sunday with the main celebrant and homilist Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan, Archbishop of Santa Fe and presider Most Rev. Plácido Rodríguez, Bishop of Lubbock. The vision of where our Church has come from was as vivid as looking into their eyes now, hearing their story of how a group of Catholics said yes...in the middle of this cotton field outside the city limits of Lubbock, just south of 50th Street, where we built a Catholic Church. Those who gathered for the Mass of Thanksgiving had their own story of why they chose Christ the King as their place of worship.

Each member of our parish, as we now begin the journey of our centennial celebration, brings with them the vision of the past, the determination of keeping the mission of serving Christ alive and the belief of knowing that Christ the King Cathedral will continue to serve those who come to worship, thus keeping the dream alive.

This weekend marks the first week of Advent where we hear the Scripture readings state "For you do not know on which day our Lord will come. So too, you also must be prepared for an hour you do not expect the Son of Man will come". As we wait for Christmas we can prepare ourselves in the following ways: take time for daily prayer time, read from the Daily Reflection for Advent and Christmas booklet, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, read the daily Scripture readings from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org/nab/today or spend an hour in prayer serving as a substitute for Adoration during the Advent and Christmas season.

-Latha Tucker, Communications, 783-0668

CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS: "Let Peace Begin with Me...."

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me..." How often we have sung these words in our churches and in our schools! Peace is certainly a value we seek. We see instances of armed conflict, suicide bombings and domestic violence in the media, and we long for a change, for a peace-filled world. Although simplistic, we can say that peace begins with each of us. Where can we begin? The *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity* (from Vatican II) states: "The family has received from God its mission to be the first and vital cell of society. It will fulfill this mission if it shows itself to be the domestic sanctuary of the Church through the mutual affection of its members and the common prayer they offer to God, if the whole family is caught up in the liturgical worship of the church, and if it provides active hospitality and promotes justice and other good works for the service of all the brethren in need". (#11; cf. CCC #2207) So peace begins with the family. In addition to daily prayers for peace, some very practical ways that a family can promote peace are outlined by Kathleen R. McGinnis, executive director of the Institute for Peace and Justice in St. Louis and co-founding coordinator for the Parenting for Peace and Justice Network. I will cite and paraphrase just a few suggestions, but the entire article, which appeared in the National Catholic Reporter, can be found at http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1141/is_25_38/ai_86047225/print. * In speaking with our children, we need to show the real face of war. Bombs kill people; they don't just fall on tanks or buildings. This means that we need to be aware of the play of young children and how much of it is war/terrorism/violence-related. As children get older and their toys change to video and computer games, it is even more important for parents to be aware of the violent images portrayed. * Our children should see us making efforts to build peace and justice in our own communities, in particular, addressing racial and economic divisions. Children need to hear us talk about these issues, challenge our government officials and be part of sustained activism around the work of justice. * The family should exhibit a deep sense of respect for diversity in our everyday lives. All of us, young and old, can ask ourselves these questions: do I ever take part in name-calling? Make fun of someone else? Label people because of some physical characteristic? Use stereotypes when referring to theirs? Stand up for someone who is being put down by others? * Artifacts in home can reflect the diversity in the human family We can stand in solidarity with people who are the victims of discrimination and injustice and not shy away from talking about and becoming activates in controversial issues like the naming of sport teams after Native Americans. * Modeling peacemaking behavior in the family is of utmost importance. Continuing to work on our communication skills and developing those skills in children is an essential part of peacemaking in the family. The family meeting is one good tool for encouraging listening, affirmation, articulation of feelings, forgiveness, mutuality in decision-making and problem-solving. Day-to-day family life can be a battleground of its own, but it can also be a marvelous opportunity to practice peacemaking. * A final and very simple practice is suggested, originating with Thich Nhat Hanh, the renowned Buddhist peacemaker. He says the most basic form of peacemaking we can do as individuals is to smile. Smiling may seem like an overly simple suggestion for a very complex question, but whatever other strategies and actions we decide on, the first step is to always "be" peace in our own hearts and our own families. If we are tempted to think "What impact can my family make?" remember the words of anthropologist Margaret Mead: "A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has".

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