



Essential Evangelization

Household of Faith

One of the very important tenets of the book, *Dreams and Visions* (the book that our parish staff and leadership is currently studying), is that we all need to build a “household of faith” starting with being a model of faith in our very own homes. If you are reading this article, chances are very good that you are the spiritual leader of your family. It is however sometimes hard to be a “witness” of faith in our own homes, when those closest to us see our daily struggles and weaknesses. Be of good courage however, because even Jesus was a prophet not wanted in his own home town. But that did not stop him from proclaiming the Good News. We too still need to be diligent faith leaders of our family starting with our own example of striving to follow Jesus on a daily basis.

Here are some ways or questions we can ask ourselves in order to be a better spiritual leader in our own homes:

- Do we encourage weekly mass attendance as a family?
- Do we have family meals where we start with grace and show genuine interest in the lives of our family members?
- Do we model faith leadership by volunteering in our parish ministries?
- Do we forgive one another when a wrong is done?
- Do we use worldly situations as “teachable moments” for our children and loved ones?

We can be the closest thing to Jesus our loved ones will ever know.

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