

# FAMILY FAITH FORMATION – 2024/2025

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# THE PURPOSE OF FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

- To help you learn more about God so that you can deepen your own personal relationship with Him.
- To give you the confidence to speak about your Catholic faith with others.
- To help you as you guide your children in their own personal relationship with God.
- To provide you with an opportunity to spend more time with your immediate family and also with our parish family.
- To provide you with a short time for prayer and an opportunity to use the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

# THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

- Recall the Commandments are about love.
- Recall too that love between persons can be defined as "willing the good of the other."

And ...

- Finally, recall that love for God can be defined as "willing what God wills."

# THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

- The commandments are divided into two groups:
  - The first three commandments have to do with our relationship with God.
  - The last seven have to do with our relationships with our fellow man.

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- The Fourth Commandment is:

“Honor Your Father and Mother.”

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- The Fourth Commandment is the first that has to do with love of neighbor.
- It emphasizes the proper order of charity in that after God, we should honor our parents who gave us life.

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- This Fourth Commandment requires that children give honor and respect to their parents.
- Children should also have a sense of gratitude; they should be grateful for all their parents have done for them.

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- By extension, this Commandment also requires honor, respect and gratitude to all those whose roles are similar to our parents. This includes members of our extended family (grandparents, uncles and aunts) and our ancestors who laid the foundations for our family.

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- The Fourth Commandment also has to do with our relationship toward those who are in positions of authority over us. This includes:
  - Students to teachers
  - Subordinates to leaders
  - Citizens to their country and its leaders.

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- God has given certain duties and responsibilities to those in authority.
- Parents, teachers, and leaders will be held accountable for how well they have fulfilled their duties and carried out their responsibilities

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- To help them fulfill their responsibilities, God has given to those in authority the right to direct and order those in their charge.
- This authority is both for the good of those in their charge as well as the common good (the good of all).

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- Those in charge do not have unlimited authority -- that would be power.
- Rather, those in charge can only use their authority justly and in a limited way. They are also accountable to God for how they use their authority.

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- To disobey the legitimate directive or command of someone in authority is to disobey God who gave them that authority and in whose place they stand.
- That said, we do not have to obey unjust commands, orders or laws.

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- The family is defined as “A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children.”
- Families are established when a man and a woman marry.



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- The institution of the family is prior to any man-made law and does not depend on the recognition of the state for its legitimacy.
- For the above reason, the state does not have the authority to take over the family's rights nor to interfere in its life.

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- The family is the basic cell of social life. It is where husband and wife give themselves in love and where they give the gift of life to their children.

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- To put it another way, the family's purpose is twofold:
  - For the good of the husband and wife (love).
  - For the procreation and education of children (life).

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- As defined above (the family composed of husband and wife united in marriage together with their children) is also the normal reference point for all other family relationships.

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- In the family, children learn to honor God, moral values, and to make good use of their freedom.
- Children also learn to care for others and take responsibility for things.

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- Because it is in the family that children learn about God and are socialized, the Christian family is called “the domestic church.”
- The family is where faith, hope and charity are lived out. It is a communion of persons and is an image of the Holy Trinity.

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- Parents and children both have duties.

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- The duties of parents go beyond having children (procreation which means creating with God). They also include the moral and spiritual education of their children.
- No society can substitute for parents!



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- The duties of children include:
  - Respect for their parents because their parents have given them life and care and love.
  - Obedience to their parents because parents are responsible for their children and their families. This obedience continues as long as a child lives in its parent's home.
  - Support for elderly parents out of gratitude and justice for what their parents did for them.

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- Duties to civil authorities also fall under this commandment.
- Civil authorities are at the service of the common good.
- Citizens are responsible to assist them in bring this about.

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# HOMework

- **Parents at Home:**
- Watch the videos on the Fourth Commandment.
- Discuss with your children the importance of following rules and laws.
- Have your children memorize the Fourth Commandment.

# HOMework

- Ask your children if and when they are saying their prayers.
- See that your children complete any homework assignments they have.