

The Domestic Church

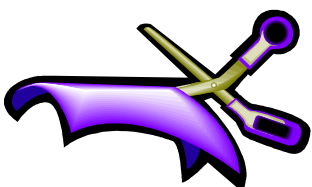
“It is here that the father of the family, the mother, children, and all members of the family exercise the *priesthood of the baptized* in a privileged way ‘by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity.’¹⁷⁰ Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and ‘a school for human enrichment.’¹⁷¹ Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous - even repeated - forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life. *Catechism of the Catholic Church #1657*

"To decorate the houses with religious pictures is a custom as old as Christianity itself, for the true Christian has always considered his home as nothing less than a Temple of God, and the religious pictures as means to extend and preserve the spirit of Christianity in the home."

~St. John Vianney

Create your own religious artwork. Choose one of these or come up with your own activity to decorate your Domestic Church. May all who enter your home know that you believe in Jesus! Share your artwork with Fr. Von and the other families the next time you are together.

- * **Draw or color a picture of the Holy Family with St. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.**
- * **Paint a picture of a Bible Story as someone reads it to you.**
- * **Use clay to make a statue of your favorite person from the history of our faith.**
- * **Using religious goods catalogs that can be cut-up, find lots of pictures of holy people, places and things and make a giant collage of the Catholic Faith.**
- * **Use felt to make a banner that will express a word from our faith, PEACE, JOY, LOVE, JESUS.**



All grades