

Ideas for Use at Home



Prayer Focus

DVD/Video Viewing

Groundhog Day (rated PG; 103 minutes) starring Bill Murray and Andie McDowell (USA 1993 SONY) will lead to a wonderful discussion regarding "bargaining" with God versus praying with perseverance. Change of heart, acceptance, self-reflection, and redemption themes run strong throughout this charming comedy and provide additional topics for family discussions.

Cool Hand Luke (rated PG, 126 minutes) starring Paul Newman and George Kennedy (USA 1967 WARNER) famous for the pop culture phrase, "What we have here is a failure to communicate." Newman, nominated for an Academy Award as Luke, plays a repentant petty criminal who takes on suffering for others. A moving sequence in a church featuring Luke's bargaining prayer and confession is an example of the need for prayer even as one might doubt or question the existence of God.

For Parents/Grandparents

At Home with Our Faith is a ten month publication designed to nurture the prayer life and spirituality of Catholic families. Uncomplicated, straightforward spiritual help designed for at-home use. Subscriptions are \$12.00 per year. To order call 1-800-328-6515.

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Quick-N-Easy Resources

· **Praying in Public:** 7 tips for Catholics helps everyone learn to pray publicly with confidence based on a simple method borrowed from our Catholic liturgical tradition.

· **Raising Your Children with Faith:** features 50 plus ideas for parents, grandparents, and guardians compiled by an experienced director of religious ed, parish musician, and most importantly-as a parent!

Both resources available for \$1.00 each, shipping and handling extra, from the National Pastoral Life Center. Find them on the web at www.nplc.org



Read More About "Prayer"

- & **Bless This House: Prayers for Families and Children** by Suzanne/Gregory Wolfe (ISBN 0787972975; hardcover; Wiley & Sons; '04; \$19.95). Wonderful foundation for any and all families with a desire to begin, renew, refresh or deepen their prayer lives together.
- & **Nurturing Your Teenager's Soul: A Practical Guide to Raising a Kind, Honorable Teen** by Mimi Doe (ISBN 0399530282; paperback; Penguin Books, '04; \$15.95) will help parents give teens the spiritual gifts & resources needed to become a safe and happy adult.
- & **Real Kids, Real Faith: Practices for Nurturing Children's Spiritual Lives** by Karen Marie Yust (ISBN 0787964077; hardcover; Wiley & Sons; '04, \$19.95). Practical advice on how-to engage children in authentic practice of faith.
- & **Living in the Mystery of God: Reflections for Lent 2006** Based on the lectionary readings of the day, Mary Carter Warren invites us to enter into the complex and joyous mystery that is God and God's creation. Photographs by James Crafton. (Pax Christi USA, 531-045; '06; \$2.50) Based on the lectionary readings of the day. www.paxchristiusa.org or call 1-814-453-4955.