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Dear Parents:

As we mentioned in the E-Newsletter, we are excited to embark on our 2nd annual **Home for the Holidays**. Last year's feedback was really encouraging – so many families commented how nice it was to have this opportunity to share time and faith with their family. Of course, we can and should do this anytime, but this initiative seemed to give people more space to do so.

You may remember from last year. Instead of meeting up here for regular class, we are sending home materials (see back side) for you and your family to share faith with each other during the Advent season. No more having to juggle schedules and drive up here. You will be able to do the activities when you want, where you want in the comfy confines of your home without having to travel up here. ***Not only will this save time, but more importantly it will provide a great opportunity to share your thoughts, feelings and faith with one another.***

Find a time that works best for you (perhaps it is the time they are normally in their faith formation group). **Do the activities together as a family and then turn in the Completion Form to the Children's or Youth Ministry Office when you return in January.** You only need to turn in one Completion Form per family (not matter how many kids you may have).

Please let us know if you have any questions at all. We pray that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Season! ***God Bless and we will see you at Mass!***

-Seton Faith Formation Staff

Home For the Holidays – Middle School/CREW

What we want you to do is pretty simple. The focus this year for all of the grade levels is **The power of prayer – our dynamic relationship with God**. Your task will be to **watch** a short video, **share** faith and **pray** with one another

Gather around the laptop and **watch** this short video from Fr. Mike Schmitz
<http://ascensionpresents.com/video/tips-for-praying/>

Share

- 1) How has your prayer life changed and evolved since you were a young child?
- 2) Describe a moment or time in your life when you felt really close to God. Are there times when you felt like God seemed distant?
- 3) On a scale of 1 to 10 with one being non-existent and 10 being super strong, where would you put your relationship with God right now? Why did you rate this the way you did?
- 4) Where do you think your faith will be five years from now?
- 5) What kind of prayer tends to work better for you? (examples: praying the rosary, informal conversation with God, reading the Bible, meditation, etc.)
- 6) What kind of prayer is more challenging for you?
- 7) Does God always answer our prayers the way we want? Why or why not?
- 8) What is your favorite part of Mass and why?
- 9) What advice would you give to a friend who is struggling with their prayer life?
- 10) What is one thing that you would like to do right now to improve your prayer life?

Pray

Our challenge to you is to do some form of family prayer each day during Advent. It could be praying the Rosary or reading scripture or going to a daily Mass. Maybe try a variety – whatever works for you and your family!

Have a Blessed Advent and Christmas Season!!!

Completion Form

We, as a family, have shared faith and completed the Home for the Holidays activities.

Student Names (please list all of your kids in the Faith Formation/CREW Program)

What we learned...

Feedback/Input (positive or negative) on the process or activities...

Parent Signature

Please turn this page in (one per family) to the Faith Formation Offices when you return in January. Thank you and God Bless!