

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

## Focus on Faith

### Jesus Calls Us to Serve

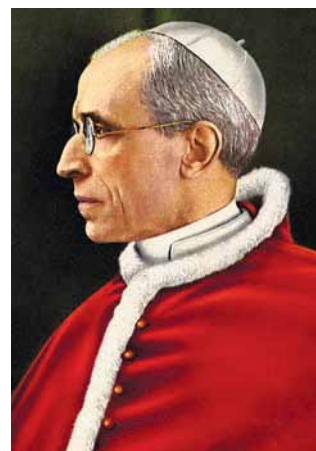
As a family sat down to dinner, the parents looked at each of their children. One was not very good in math but had a big heart and took great responsibility for his younger brothers and sisters. Another could be a bit severe but was determined to learn and even taught herself to read at a young age. One of the boys had wonderful religious insights, but sometimes his parents wondered whether his head would ever leave the clouds. The parents inwardly sighed with joy but with some concern. Just as God called Mary to her vocation as the Mother of Jesus, God would call each of these children to serve in some unique way. How can you best nurture each of your children so that the talents God has given each one will flourish?

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Give your children opportunities to dream out loud about their goals. Listen to their dreams in a nonjudgmental way to discover their talents and brainstorm about ways to nurture them.



## Our Catholic Heritage



Upon the end of her life on earth, Mary was assumed into heaven. The Church celebrates the feast of Mary's Assumption on August 15. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Assumption was proclaimed a doctrine of the Church in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

## Spirituality in Action

As your child thinks of ways to use his or her talents for service, think of one way that you can give service and put it into action as an example to your child. An example of something you might do is help a community organization put out its monthly newsletter.



## Focus on Prayer

In this session your child learned about how Mary accepted God's call and how she will pray for us and help us listen and act on God's call. As a family, pray the Rosary or pray one decade of the Rosary a day for five days to ask for help in understanding and following God's call. The Mysteries of the Rosary can be found at [www.FindingGod.org](http://www.FindingGod.org).

