

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



## Focus on Faith

### Jesus Calls Us

He was a personable young man with an excellent singing voice. In preparation for a career in show business, he was taking a fine arts degree in college. One day he was present when a priest gave a presentation to his class. He noticed that, unlike most of the people he dealt with in show business, the priest was very happy with himself and with his vocation. The young man asked himself what he really wanted out of life. In response, he left college, entered the seminary, and has faithfully served as a diocesan priest for many years. Our children are presently in the process of preparing for their future. What values are they learning from us, their parents, that will help them discern where God is calling them?

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Challenge your son or daughter to consider a life dedicated to God as a priest or a member of a religious order. Discuss what such a vocation would involve. With your family consider adding a prayer for vocations to your mealtime prayer.

## Our Catholic Heritage

Francis Borgia (1510–1572) was born into a noble Spanish family. He became one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in Spain. Francis's life changed drastically when a good friend died in 1546. He under-



*The Conversion of the Duke of Gandia, Francis Borgia, Carbonero*

went an emotional and spiritual transformation; he gave up all of his possessions and joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). After being ordained a priest in 1551, Francis Borgia began a busy life

establishing schools and novitiates across Europe. Francis Borgia died in 1572 and was canonized in 1671.

## Hints for at Home

Encourage your child to begin exploring career ideas. Show that no matter what he or she chooses to do, your child can live a life of holiness. Begin by having your child make a simple list of his or her favorite hobbies and activities. Talk about how these ideas could become careers later in life. Ask how he or she might be able to serve people through a chosen career.



## Focus on Prayer

Pray with your child this week, asking God to help you live out your holy calling as a parent.

Allow your child to hear you ask for God's help to be the mother or father you are called to be.



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