

AFFIRMS the gift of Children, the vocation of Parenthood, and helps build a Culture of Life SUPPORTS parents and families in their role as a domestic church.



RATE THE FOLLOWING:

3 = Yes! We do that 2 = We do it, but it needs improvement 1 = No, we don't do that

CREATING A Culture of Life

- ___ 1. Our parish fosters awareness of marriage between one man and one woman as the fundamental institution for life, including effective catechesis and education on the gift of children, the unique and indispensable place of mothers and fathers, and the inseparability of the unitive and procreative meanings of married love.
- ___ 2. Baptisms are periodically conducted during the weekend liturgy to affirm the gift of children.
- ___ 3. In all aspects of ministry, our parish considers the role of family and the gift of children.
- ___ 4. Opportunities are available for mothers, fathers and children to learn about fertility awareness and appreciation together.
- ___ 5. Our parish sponsors opportunities to pray for mothers and their unborn children.
- ___ 6. Our parish fosters awareness of the need to restore legal protection to the lives of unborn children and to safeguard in law the lives of those who are chronically ill, disabled, or dying.
- ___ 7. A Spiritual Adoption program is in place that encourages families to pray for the unborn.
- ___ 8. Natural Family Planning Instruction is available and promoted to parents, especially at times of transitions, i.e. baptismal preparation.
- ___ 9. Parents are publicly honored for their dedication and commitment to their children, especially in conjunction with Mother's Day, Father's Day, First Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, Catechetical Sunday, etc.

- ___ 10. Faith formation programs and catechetical curriculum include components that address the dignity of the human person from conception to a natural death.

PARENTING in the Domestic Church

- ___ 11. Mothers and fathers are given resources and encouragement to model healthy relations for their children.
- ___ 12. Parenting classes are periodically offered.
- ___ 13. Contact information is published for mothers and father who are tempted to abuse their child(ren).
- ___ 14. Sacramental Preparation is utilized as a time to teach parenting skills and the understanding of their role as primary educators of children. (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation)
- ___ 15. Mothers and fathers are invited to be actively involved in their children's religious education.
- ___ 16. Non-Catholic and/or non-custodial mothers and fathers are included in parent mailings and invitations.
- ___ 17. Our parish provides opportunities for parents to properly form their children and teens for marriage.
- ___ 18. Parish has bulletin inserts that offer help and ideas for evangelization in the family.
- ___ 19. A family perspective has been adopted by the parish considering the needs of the family whenever new programs are initiated.

“Children are a gift in a myriad of ways. They bring joy even in the midst of heartaches; they give added direction to the lives of their parents. Children, who are the fruit of love and meaningful commitment, are a cause of love and meaning.

“The procreative meaning of marriage involves not only the conception of children, but also their upbringing and education, including spiritual formation in the life of love. This formation can take place only within a human community formed in love. The loving communion of the spouses is the primary context in which children are both conceived and brought up in love.”

From Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan

Top three priorities for CREATING a Culture of Life :

Item No.	Action (Improve/Begin)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

Total Score

out of possible 57