

Observing Spiritual Growth in Children

Is there a spirit of joy?

Is there an inner peace?

Is there a curiosity about God and the Mass?

Is there a desire to pray to God? To know Him more?

Is there an ability to pray? (Prayers of spontaneous thanksgiving, intercession, participation in family prayer, etc.)

Is there an ability to make good decisions?

Is there a care and concern for other's feelings?

Is there an attentiveness and participation at Mass?

Does he/she know who the Holy Bread and Wine (Eucharist) is?

Is there a desire to receive communion?

What is his/her attitude toward atrium and/or religion classes?

Is there an interest in the Holy Bible?

Is there an awareness of God's gifts? (In creation, in family life, in the Eucharist?)

Observing Spiritual Growth in Family Life

Is there regular attendance at Sunday Mass?

Is there a spiritual curiosity to learn more about the faith (at all ages in the family)?

Does God come first in your family life? Does attendance at Mass and catechism classes come before all other activities?

Is there a care and concern for other's feelings?

As parents, are your children able to see you model the faith through discussion, prayer, and receiving the sacraments?

As a family, do you pray together regularly?

As a family, do you pay attention to the liturgical year of the Church and participate in Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter activities and celebrations?

Does God come first in your family life? Does attendance at Mass and catechism classes come before all other activities?

Is there an interest in the Holy Bible? Is a Holy Bible present and accessible in the home?

Is there an awareness of God's gifts? (In creation, in family life, in the Eucharist?)