



# OUR CATHOLIC *Heritage*

Dear Parent,

Now that your child has met Jesus through the Gospel stories in The Life of Jesus section, he or she will learn more about the teachings of Jesus and his Church. The next section, The Faith of the Church, is built around what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the “Four Pillars” (CCC 13). These pillars are: the profession of faith (the Creed); the sacraments of faith (Liturgy and Sacraments); the life of faith (Christian Morality); and the prayer of the believer (Christian Prayer).

The ten chapters in The Faith of the Church are arranged in the following order:

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| Chapters 1-4  | The Creed              |
| Chapters 5-8  | Liturgy and Sacraments |
| Chapters 9-10 | Christian Morality     |

Christian Prayer, the fourth pillar of faith, is an integral element of the whole program, including each of these ten chapters.

The Faith of the Church section introduces your child to many truths of the Catholic faith. Your child will have the opportunity to learn about, reflect on, and discuss the Church’s teachings. In each chapter, the teachings are related to your child’s life so that what is being learned can be applied to daily living by making a faith choice.

A special section, called “With My Family,” is found at the end of each chapter. This page provides a chapter overview and offers suggestions for activities, discussion, and prayer. Using the “With My Family” page for each chapter as a family will help your youngster and the whole family deepen their faith. Most importantly, affirm the growing signs of faith you see in your child with positive words and affection.

Sincerely,