

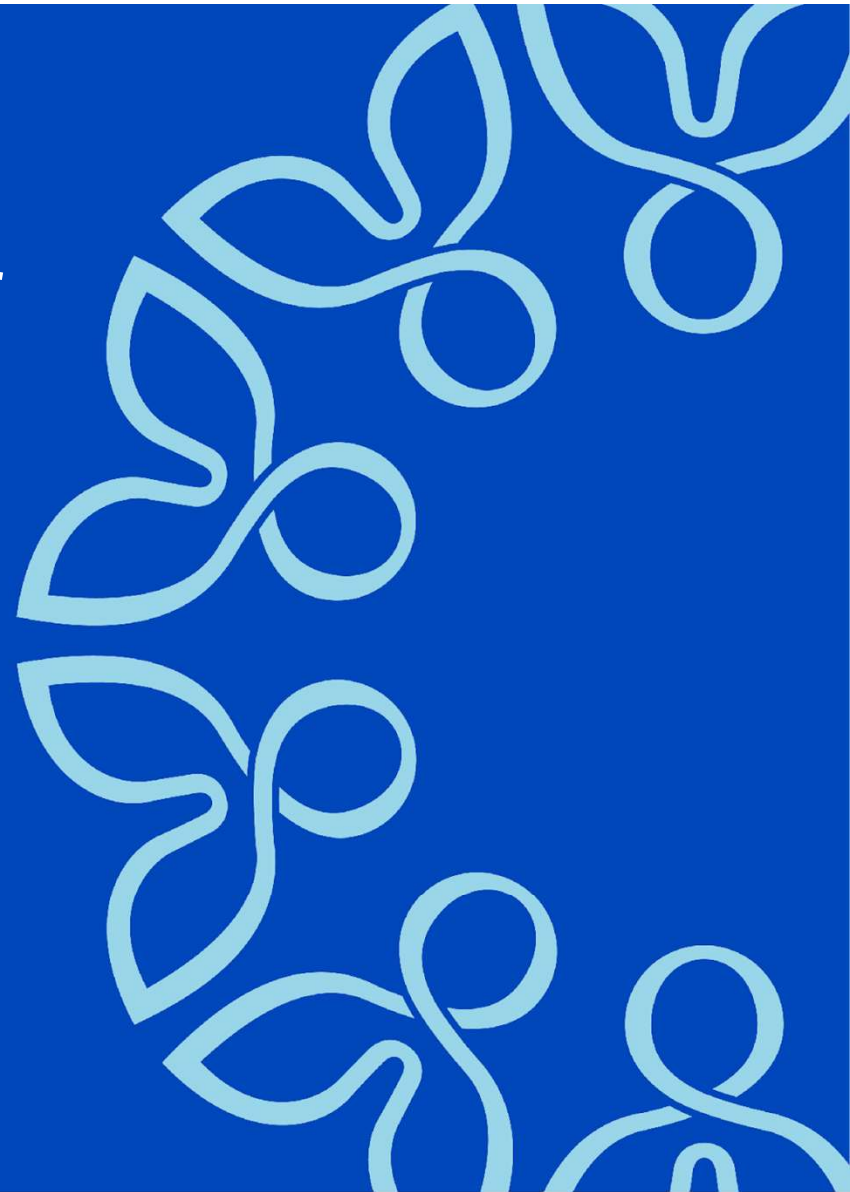
# Rediscovering the Power of the Rosary in Family Life

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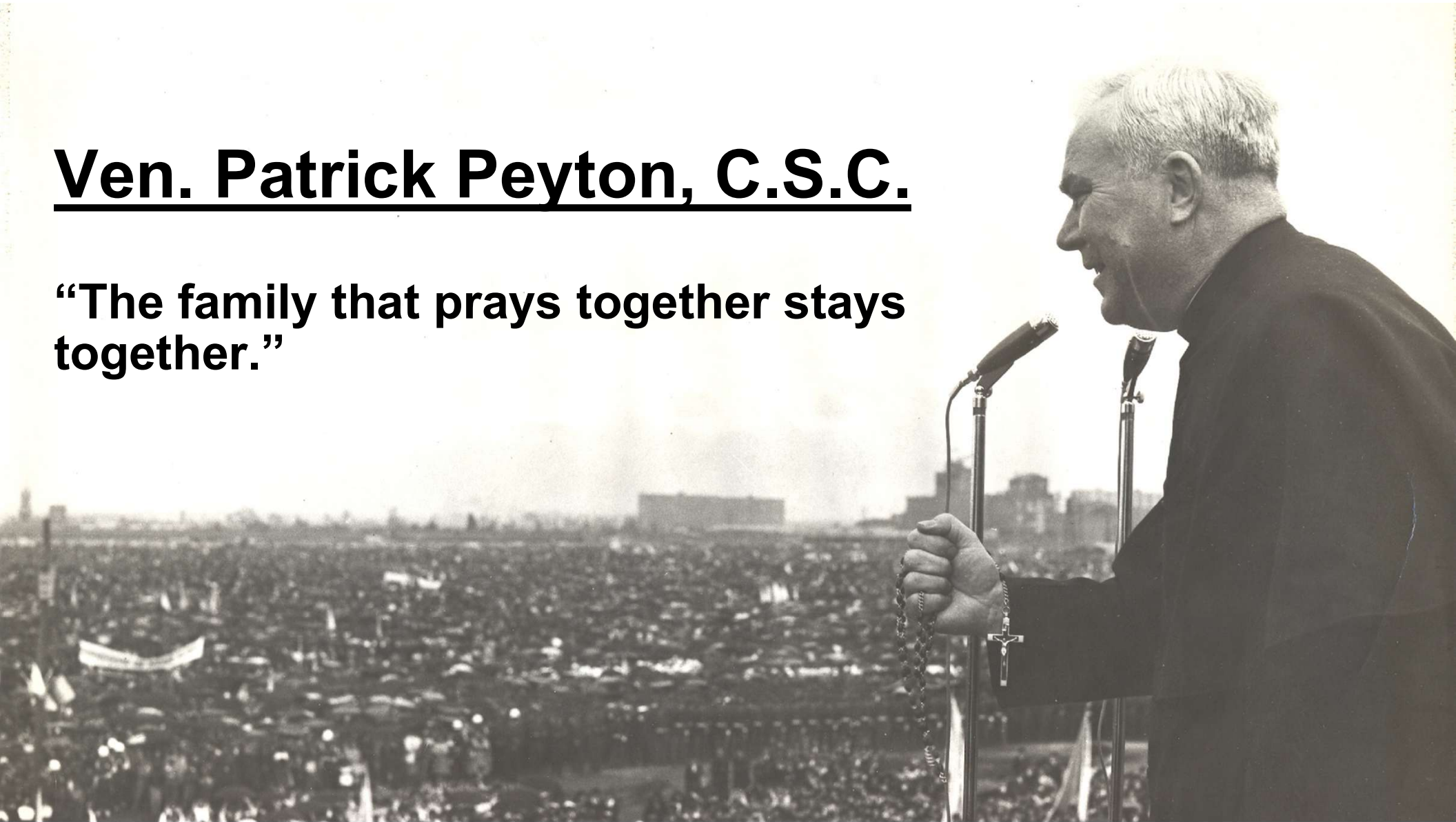


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# **Ven. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.**

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# The Family: Design, Reality & Mission



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- *Familiaris Consortio*, 17



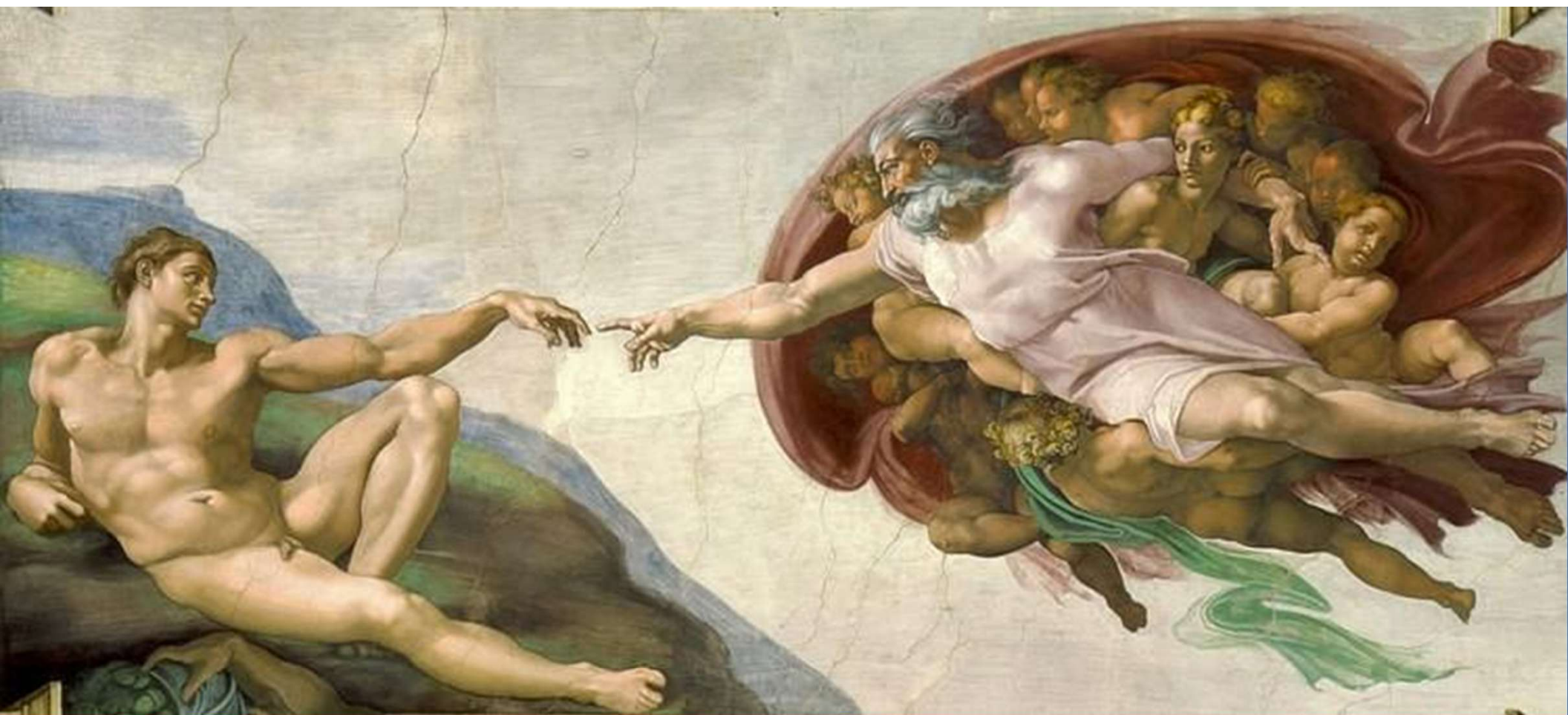
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## Family: Where are we now?

- Bright Spots:
  - Aware of Personal Freedom
  - Attentive to relationships
  - Promote the dignity of women
  - In tune w/ responsible parenting
  - Motivated to form children
  - Open to dialogue

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## Family: Where are we now?

- Shadows:
  - Excessive independence
  - Confusion on parental authority
  - Increase in divorce
  - Contraceptive mentality
  - Influence of media

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# Mission: What can the family do?



**“Family, become what you are!”**  
**–*Familiaris Consortio*, 17**





**Mission: To Guard, Reveal & Communicate Love**





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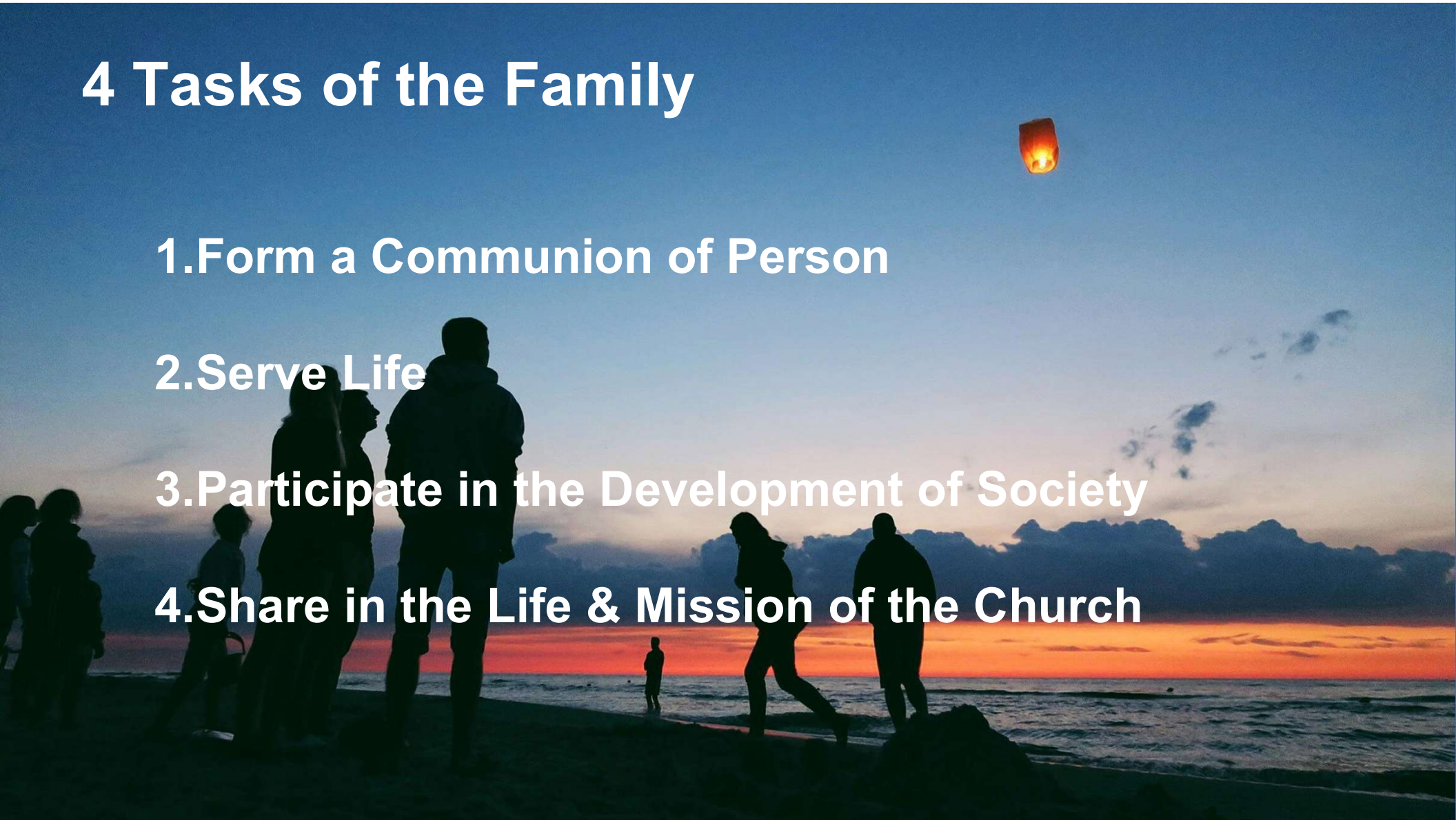
# 4 Tasks of the Family

1. Form a Communion of Person

2. Serve Life

3. Participate in the Development of Society

4. Share in the Life & Mission of the Church







# The Domestic Church: Radiating God's Love

- The family, like the Church, is the place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates.
- The family evangelizes itself and other families.
- Family catechesis is essential as secularization increases. (FC 52)

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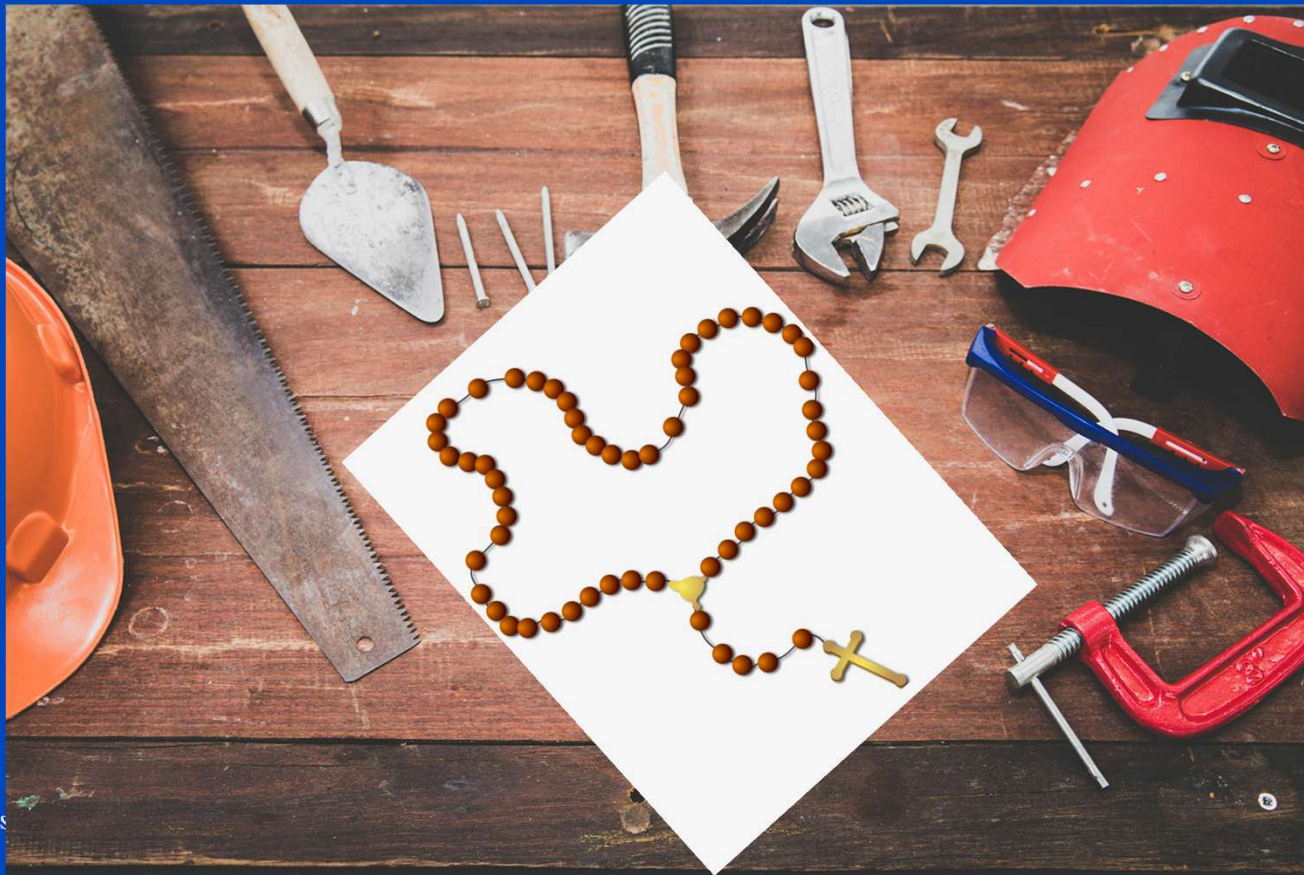


# The Family: Reflection Questions

1. What challenging realities do the families of our parish community face? How can we meet their felt needs?
2. In which moments of a family's journey are they most open to the Gospel? How can we make the most of these moments to share the beauty of family life?
3. What are some specific ways we can help families become on mission?



# The Rosary: A Tool for Contemplation, Catechesis & Communion



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# A Path of Contemplation – RVM 5



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# ***Rosarium Virginis Mariae (2002 Apostolic Letter)***



- Ushered in the Year of the Rosary
- Emphasized its Christocentricity
- A Compendium of the Gospel
- Promulgated the Luminous Mysteries
- Taught a contemplative approach
- Encouraged the Church to promote its efficacy especially to families

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# Revival of the Rosary for 2 Urgent Needs

## Peace



## Family





# Compendium of the Gospel

Sitting at the  
“School of Mary”  
we encounter  
Jesus through her  
eyes & heart.



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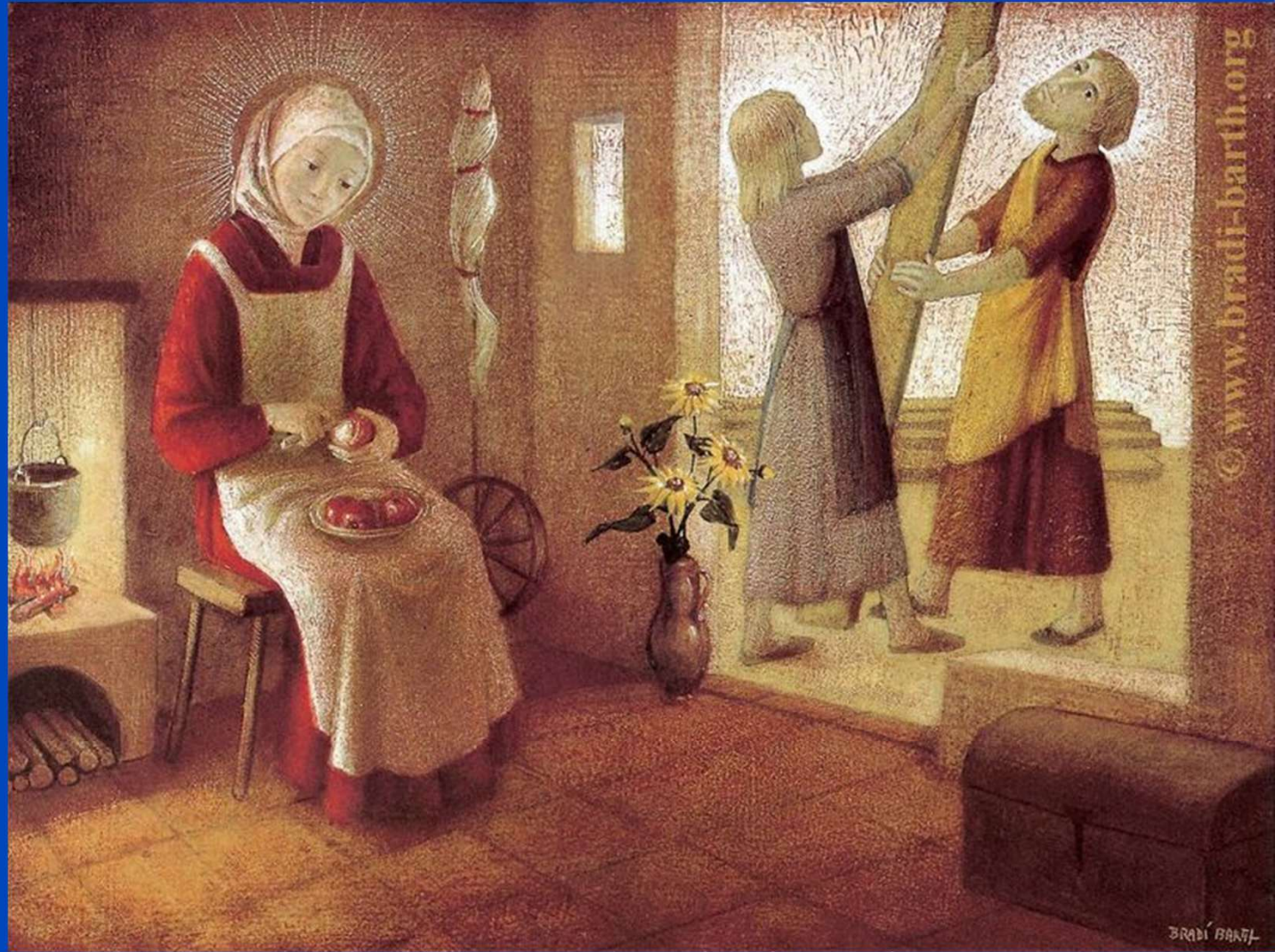


# Compendium of the Gospel

Silence & prayer allow for the growth and development of a true, faithful and consistent knowledge of the mysteries.



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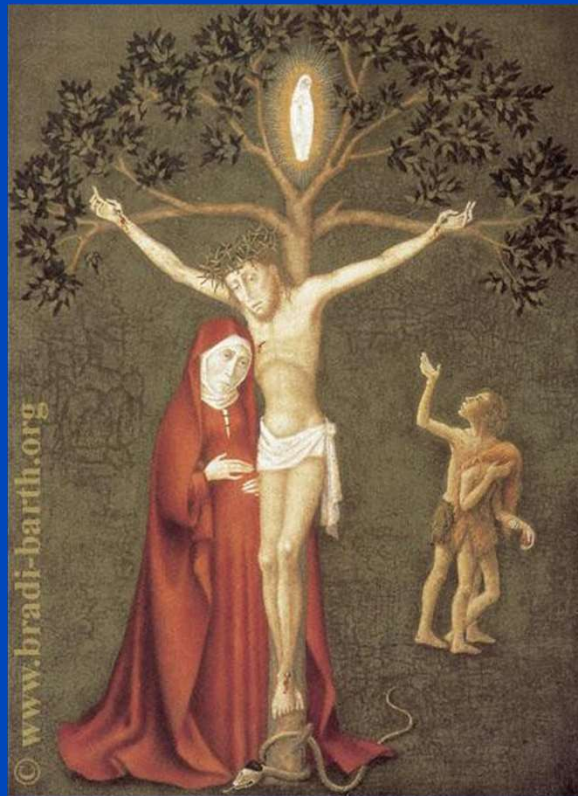
# The Rosary Marks the Rhythm of Human Life -RVM 25



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# Guidance from Pope St. John Paul II – RVM 29-38

1. Announce each mystery
2. Use an icon or sacred image
3. Listen to the Word of God
4. Employ silence
5. Deepen awareness of the prayers
6. Pray it over time



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**“A prayer so easy and yet so rich truly deserves to be rediscovered by the Christian community.” – RVM 43**



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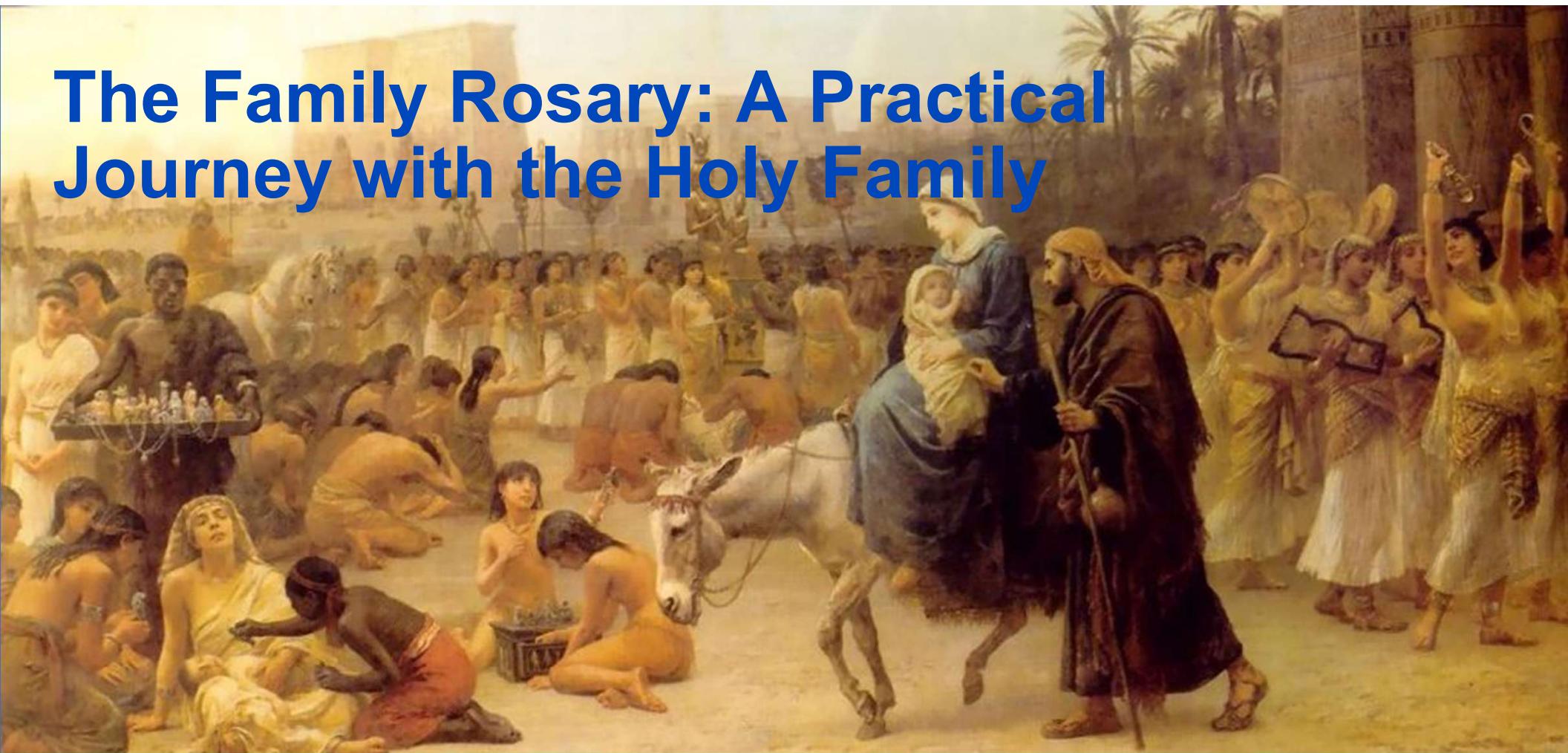
A close-up photograph of a dark wooden rosary with a silver-toned crucifix. The rosary is draped over an open book, which appears to be a Psalter or a book of Psalms. The text in the book is in English, with some verses clearly visible, such as Psalm 123 and Psalm 124. The lighting is soft, and the background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the rosary and the text.

# The Rosary: Reflection Questions

1. What is your personal journey with the Rosary?
2. How does teaching the art of prayer fit into faith formation?
3. What are the best age-appropriate ways to teach the Rosary?
4. How do/can parishes promote the Rosary as a rhythm of parish life? In our sphere of influence, how can we influence the practice of praying the Rosary?



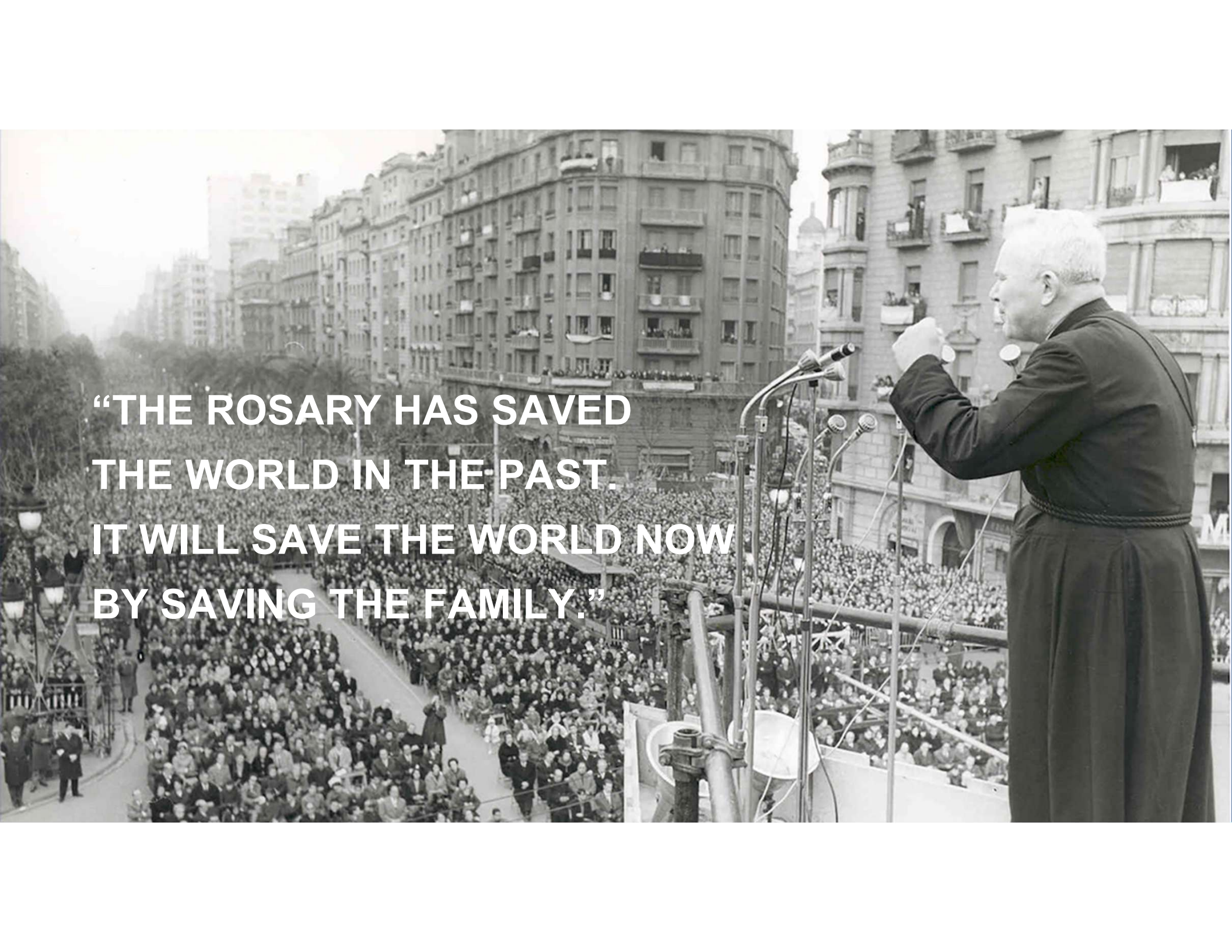
# The Family Rosary: A Practical Journey with the Holy Family



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A black and white photograph of Pope John XXIII speaking at a podium in St. Peter's Square. The Pope is on the right, wearing a dark cassock and a white zucchetto, gesturing with his right hand while speaking into a microphone. A large crowd of people fills the square, and the background shows the curved, multi-story buildings of the square. The text "THE ROSARY HAS SAVED THE WORLD IN THE PAST. IT WILL SAVE THE WORLD NOW BY SAVING THE FAMILY." is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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# The Family Rosary

- A prayer *of & for* families
- Encouraged by Family Ministry
- Strengthens family unity
- Refocuses attention to Jesus (RVM 41)



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# Praying the Rosary *For & With* Children -RVM 42



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# Challenges to Family Rosary



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# Teaching the Family Rosary

- Witness
- Visual
- Auditory
- Kinesthetic
- Resonation



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# Rosary Witness



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# Rosary Visuals: *Visio Divina*



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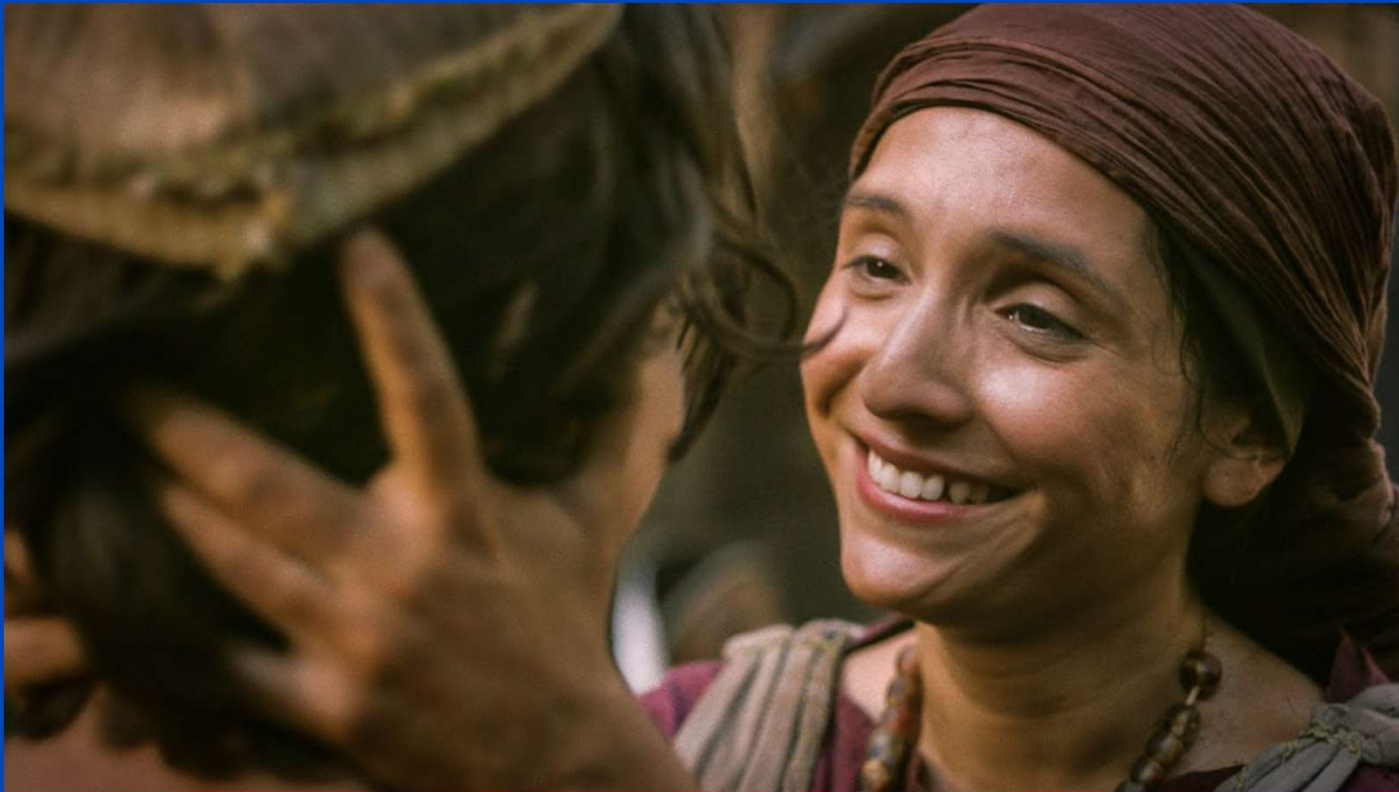


# Rosary Visuals: *Video Divina*





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Teaching with the Chosen: The Finding in the Temple



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# Rosary Auditory: Scripture & *Lectio Divina*





# Rosary Auditory: Music



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Lead Sheet  
(SAT)

## You Were On The Cross

Key: C

(based on the recording from the Matt Maher album "Alive Again")  
www.praisecharts.com/148

Matt Maher, Kenny Butler &  
Audrey Assad  
Arr. by Dave Iula

Moody Rock ♩ = 73

Am E Fma<sup>7</sup> F<sup>6</sup> C E

1 Verse

Am E Fma<sup>7</sup> F<sup>6</sup>

5 Lost, ev-ry-thing is lost. And ev-ry-thing I've loved be-fore is gone.

C E Am E

8 A - lone, like the com-ing of the frost, and a cold

2 Chorus

Fma<sup>7</sup> F<sup>6</sup> C E F

11 win-ter's chill in my sto - ny heart. And where were You when

C G F C G F

14 all that I've hoped for? Where were You when all that I've dreamed came crash-ing down in

C G F G F F

16 sham - bles a round me? You were on the cross.



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# Rosary Kinesthetics

- Beads
- Atmosphere
- Walk, Hike
- *Ora et Labora*
- Living Rosary



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# Resonating the Rhythm of Family Life with the Rosary



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A grayscale photograph of a family of five (mother, father, and three children) sitting around a wooden table, praying the Rosary. In the foreground, a large open book, a single lit candle, and a string of rosary beads are on the table. The background features a crucifix and framed religious art on the wall.

# **The Family Rosary: Reflection Questions**

- 1. How can we introduce families to the Rosary?**
- 2. How could you help one family on the journey of discipleship begin to pray the Family Rosary?**
- 3. If a family adopts the Family Rosary, what impact do you think it could have on their spiritual journey?**