

4 EASY STEPS TO CONNECTING WITH PARENTS

1

Check on how the parents are doing.

- How are they doing in this “new normal”?
- What are their greatest needs right now? What are their worries and challenges? Make the appropriate connections to any parish-wide or local services that could be helpful to the families.
- What have been the greatest blessings during this time?
- What grace has God provided them, as a family?
- If the parish could provide them with something, what might that be?

2

To support them in forming their children in the faith at home, ask and offer the following:

- How are the materials working for you?
- Has anything been confusing or burdensome?
- Offer practical and manageable suggestions on how they could better use the options provided them. Use the three review questions from the Home Guide at the end of each chapter at the dinner table for a family discussion, on a family walk, or in the car. Make the “unpacking” work within their family life!

3

To increase engagement, offer options to connect based on their needs.

- Begin each video call with a community-building activity and end each one with a meaningful prayer experience (ideas include a regular meeting for young mothers to connect and share, a series of video calls for parents of teens to discuss and learn skills for navigating through parenting teenagers, etc.).

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End each call with a meaningful prayer experience.



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