Faith of the Home

Introduction to our Reflection
“Song of the Body of Christ,” David Haas

Telling our Stories
Focus for our sharing: Considering our present and our past, our own home or the homes of extended family, how have we seen faith in the faces of our family - old, young and in-between? How have we experienced the “Body of Christ” in our homes?

The Church Speaks to Families
Adapted from Follow the Way of Love (NCCB) on the mission of the family.

Church of the home!
You believe in God and that God cares about you.

Church of the home!
You love and never give up believing in the value of another person.

Church of the home!
You foster intimacy, beginning with the physical and spiritual union of the spouses, and extending in appropriate ways to the whole family.

Church of the home!
You evangelize by professing faith in God, acting in accord with Gospel values and setting an example of Christian living for your children and for others.

Church of the home!
You educate. As the primary teachers of your children, you impart knowledge of the faith and help them to acquire values necessary for Christian living.

Church of the home!
You pray together, thanking God for blessing, reaching for strength, asking for guidance in crisis and doubt.

Church of the home!
You serve one another, often sacrificing your own wants for the other’s good.

Church of the home!
You forgive and seek reconciliation.
Church of the home!
You celebrate life - birthdays and weddings, births and deaths, a first day of school and graduation, rites of passage into adulthood, new jobs, old friends, family reunions, surprise visits, holy days and holidays. You come together when tragedy strikes and in joyful celebration of the sacraments. As you gather for a meal, you break bread and share stories, becoming more fully the community of love Jesus calls us to be.

Church of the home!
You welcome the stranger, the lonely one, the grieving person into your home. You give drink to the thirsty and food to the hungry. The Gospel assures us that when we do this, they are strangers no more, but Christ.

Church of the home!
You act justly in your community when you treat others with respect, stand against discrimination and racism, and work to overcome hunger, poverty, homelessness, illiteracy.

Church of the home!
You affirm life as a precious gift from God. You oppose whatever destroys life.

Our Prayers for Families Today
Response: For families today, we pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

Closing Song