



### GOD'S SAVING LOVE FOR US: LITURGY AND THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

#### TOPIC: MARY, OUR MOTHER AND OUR QUEEN!

#### MAIN CONCEPTS:

Reviewing this year's theme, the Seven Sacraments as God's saving love poured out for us, and Mary as Our Mother and Our Queen!

#### *Family At-Home Mission Activity:*

Your Family At-Home Mission is to review the resources below, watch the videos to review what we learned this year about the Seven Sacraments as well as the videos about Mary. Place your Mary, Our Mother and Queen Crown on your home altar, gather around and pray a decade of the Rosary asking Mary to pray for your family. Lastly, please complete the [Families Forming Disciples Family Survey](#) (if you haven't already).

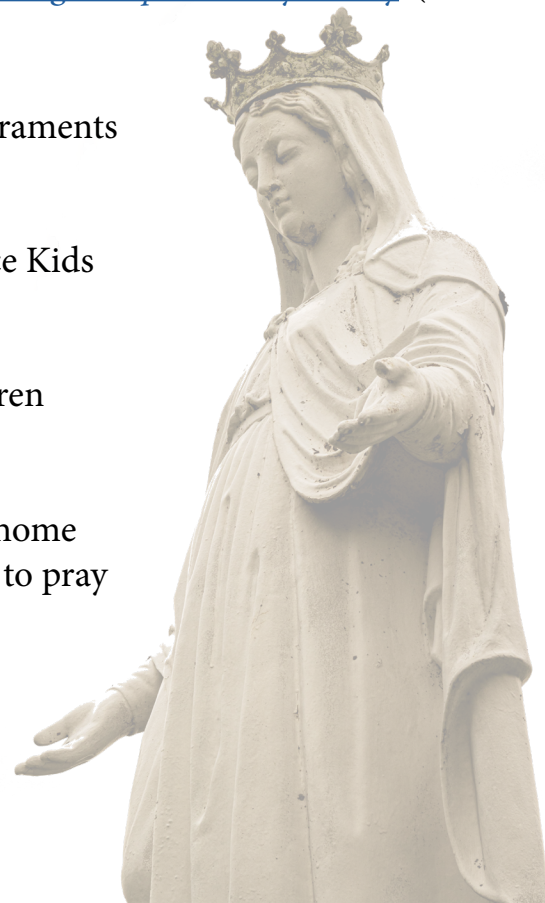
**Step 1:** Together as a family watch the videos about the Seven Sacraments and Mary:

- [The Seven Sacraments for KIDS!](#), Spirit Juice Kids
- [Who Is Mary?](#) | Stories of our Blessed Mother Mary, Spirit Juice Kids
- [Why Catholics Call Mary Their Mother](#), Ascension Presents

**Step 2:** Review [Ideas for Parents to Honor Mary](#) with their Children during the month of May!

**Step 3:** Place your *Mary, Our Mother and Queen Crown* on your home altar, gather around and pray a decade of the Rosary asking Mary to pray for your family.

**Step 4:** Complete the [Families Forming Disciples Family Survey](#) (if you haven't already).





# DID YOU KNOW

## Marian Devotion:

All of our recent popes have shown a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother. For example, Pope St. John Paul II entrusted his ministry as bishop and as pope to Mary under the motto *Totus Tuus (All Yours, Totally Yours)*, having an “M” under the cross on his episcopal shield (Mary at the foot of the Cross), and instituting the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Pope Benedict XVI offered many words to and about Mary in teaching as well as in previous scholarship, including these from his book, *Daughter Zion* (Ignatius Press, 1983, pp. 80-81): “She [i.e., Mary] who is wholly baptized, as the personal reality of the true Church, is at the same time not merely the Church’s *promised* certitude of salvation but its *bodily* certitude also. The Church is already saved in her: the new Israel is no more to be rejected. It has already ascended into heaven.” Pope Francis has also shown in many ways his love and devotion for Mary, including under the title Our Lady Undoer of Knots and looking to Mary as the star and mother of evangelization (see *Evangelii Gaudium*).

How is the Lord calling you and your family to grow in devotion to Mary – to grow in entrusting yourself and your family more to Mary – so that she in turn can help by her intercession to entrust you all more completely to her Son?