



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK FORM

### TOPIC 5A: PARENTS AS PRIMARY EDUCATORS

Demographic information: Gender (circle one): [Male] [Female]  
 Age range (circle one): [<20] [20's] [30's] [40's] [50's] [60's] [70+]

### TABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the discussion, each person is invited to share on one or two of the following questions:

- What stood out for you in our time of prayer or in the teaching?
- Thinking back on your childhood, did you have an experience in your family that helped you know and love Jesus? Please share a little of your experience.
- How can our parish community support parents as they strive to help their children know and love Jesus? (Note: Topic 5B addresses what our parents or schools can do to help the young know and love Jesus.)

### IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION

These ideas are provided to help you get started in your discussion and to provide a framework to give feedback.

- A) **Parents as Primary Educators:** Equip parents with age-appropriate resources to fulfill their responsibility as primary educators of their children in the faith.
- B) **Build a Catholic Identity and Culture in the Home:** Help parents intentionally live the faith, integrating it into daily life and relationships.
- C) **Modeling and Experiencing Daily Prayer in the Family:** Encourage parents to pray individually, together as a couple, and with their children.
- D) **Faith & Culture:** Help parents connect the faith with our current culture (e.g., sanctity of life, sexuality, addictions, media).
- E) **Important Life Decisions:** Support parents as they help their children navigate important life decisions (e.g., vocation, career, relationships).
- F) **Parenting Groups:** Offer groups for parents focused on their faith life and passing on the faith to their children.
- G) **Engage Families in Parish Life:** Draw families into parish life, making the parish their spiritual home.
- H) **Accessibility:** Make Mass and faith formation accessible and welcoming to all families, including those with active children or special circumstances.
- I) **Leaving the Home:** Help parents prepare their teens for continuing in the faith after they leave the home (for college or otherwise).

### FEEDBACK FORM

Consider the question: How can our parish community support parents as they strive to help their children know and love Jesus?

I. Top 3 things that have worked for me:

(To answer, please write up to three letters representing ideas from the list above.)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

II. Top 3 things the parish or Archdiocese should prioritize in the future:

(To answer, please write up to three letters representing ideas from the list above. Your responses may be the same or different from those in section I.)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

III. My best idea: \_\_\_\_\_

(Up to 20 words)