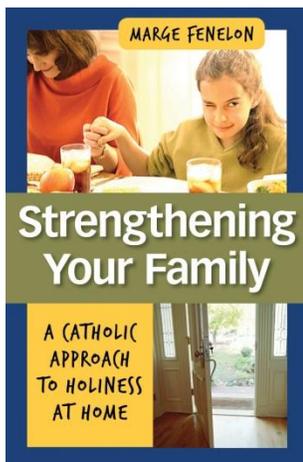


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Fighting for impermeable family strength yields generations of rewards

HUNTINGTON, Indiana, November 2011 -- Just about every modern family feels weather-worn from the winds of the world on its precious ‘fabric.’ With kids over-committed to outside activities, relationships often shallow and ‘virtual,’ parents frazzled and overburdened, discipline bowing to trends and convenience – the serenity and security of a family’s home life can seem like a distant illusion.

One of the greatest challenges to the contemporary Catholic family is whether it can maintain effective strongholds to withstand the external onslaught. Many have relinquished the fight – but an experienced mother of four shows how it’s a battle worth waging, now and for generations to come.

Renowned author and speaker Marge Fenelon serves up a simple menu for fostering a healthy and holy home atmosphere – from which everything else can flourish, and which future generations can uphold as their guide. Fenelon’s new book maps out how to insulate the family against the damaging storms of life, and help keep it on course in the rough and directionless waters of secular influence.

Strengthening Your Family: A Catholic Approach to Holiness at Home (Our Sunday Visitor, 2011) shows how to set family priorities, form ideals, and keep a family grounded with a workable spiritual schedule. Families will learn how to live in the world without being “worldly” as they guide their children in developing the skills and attitudes that will serve them well lifelong. Parents will rediscover their role as primary educators, how to optimize suffering and stewardship, incorporate a healthy leisure component, maintain a daily awareness of what God wants – and ultimately, how everyday sanctity at home leads to unending joy with God.

“Marge gets it right as she relates how focusing on encouraging and expecting growth in virtue and character will lead to the only real, true, ultimate goal – holiness of life.” – From the Foreword by Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York

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