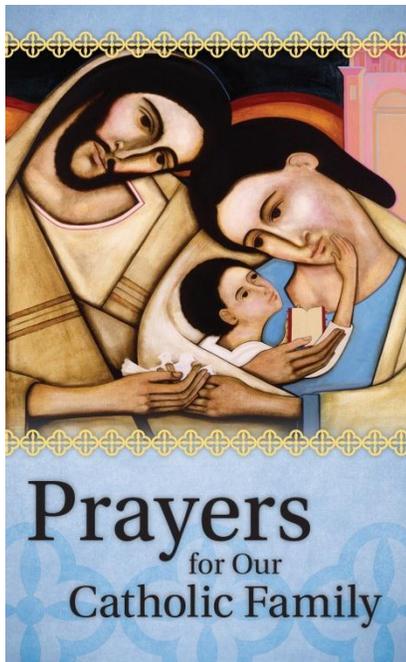


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## Family prayer book a key pastoral tool surrounding upcoming Synod

HUNTINGTON, Indiana, February 13, 2014 – Pope Francis has called for an upcoming Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October of this year, on The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization. In the preparatory document for the Synod, all bishops were given a series of inquiries which will be addressed, including: “How successful have you been in proposing a manner of praying within the family which can withstand life’s complexities and today’s culture?”

**Prayers for Our Catholic Family** (Our Sunday Visitor, 2014) is a new, simple, and cost-effective way for dioceses, pastors and parishes to engage this question positively. **Prayers for Our Catholic Family** was designed to give families a simple way to memorize many of the basic Catholic prayers – in a format that they can incorporate readily into their daily routines. The 32-page book is small enough to fit in purse, pocket, or bedside table. Key to the concept is teaching children to pray at an early age so they embody life-long prayer habits.

**Prayers for Our Catholic Family** includes foundational prayers like the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Apostles Creed, and the Glory Be. Daily prayers such as the Morning Prayer, the Guardian Angel Prayer, and the Jesus Prayer are included. Prayers from the Sacraments include the Gloria, the Act of Contrition, and the Eternal Rest Prayer. Prayers with the Saints are also included. Brief introductions and descriptions help families learn more about the prayers, what they mean, and why they are important to the Faith. The book will also be available in Spanish early 2014.

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