

Building domestic church this summer

Summertime is finally here! My kindergartner and my teacher husband are done. We are ALL looking forward to more family time during the lazy (yeah, right) days of June and July. With more together time, there comes a chance to explore what it means to have a domestic church. Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle has a comprehensive guide over on our sister site, [Our Sunday Visitor](#). I'm trying to embrace this from the Catechism:

"It is here that the father of the family, the mother, children, and all members of the family exercise the priesthood of the baptized in a privileged way 'by the reception of the sacraments, prayer and thanksgiving, the witness of a holy life, and self-denial and active charity.' Thus the home is the first school of Christian life and 'a school for human enrichment.' Here one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous – even repeated – forgiveness, and above all divine worship in prayer and the offering of one's life" (No. 1657).

Need more family advice? Check out Mike and Alicia Hernon's [podcast](#) over at The Messy Family Project. The Hernons draw on their experience raising their 10 kids to give you insight into how they make it all work. They will entertain AND give you valuable advice for living the faith with your kids.

Looking for something to do with your kids this summer? Check out all the options in this [post](#). It's a little overwhelming looking at the list but remember, you don't have to do them all! Pick a few and if you complete them, pick a few more.

Happy summer!

