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*Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis said: “The first and most important place for passing on the faith is the home” (25 August 2018). This is something the Second Vatican Council referred to as the “domestic church” (*Lumen Gentium* 11). In order to support our growth in holiness and the virtues of faith, hope, and charity, we must strive to make our homes places of prayer, learning about the faith, and actively living out the faith.

Maybe you’re wondering how to get started? Or, would like ideas on how to grow your own domestic church? A group of parishioners, led by our parish Devotional Prayer Committee, has developed “The MQP Domestic Church Website”. This is a place to learn about and share ideas, advice, and videos to help you grow your own domestic church. It will be updated regularly, so I encourage you to check back often:

[mqpevents.weebly.com/domestic-church.html](http://mqpevents.weebly.com/domestic-church.html)

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This week, Archbishop Etienne wrote a reflection on “The Essential Role of the Laity in the Church.” I encourage you to read it and reflect on how God is calling you to live out your vocation of loving and serving in the Church and in the world:

[www.archbishopetienne.com/the-essential-role-of-laity-in-the-church](http://www.archbishopetienne.com/the-essential-role-of-laity-in-the-church)

Furthermore, please take a look at our newly-published *2019-2020 MQP Annual Report*. In addition to reflecting back on the past year, it also includes my own expression of gratitude for all the ways that you all contribute to parish life here at MQP:

<https://bit.ly/31bhboE>

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Let’s keep praying for peace and unity, and let’s keep on making personal decisions each day with our own thoughts, words, and actions that contribute to peace and unity in our world!

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Chad Green