

HOLIDAY WITH

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Welcome to **CELEBRATE at Home!** This resource is compiled to encourage and support you. We think that this is an opportunity to draw close to Jesus, and also build community together online. This edition is all about the power of storytelling as an integral part of our faith.

READ. WATCH. SHARE.

The power of stories about people's lives, especially when God is front and centre, can be so encouraging for us in our own stories. This summer, open yourself to be inspired by these great men and women. Through their example of faith, courage and hope, reflect on how you too can fan into flames the gift of God within you.

FAMILY TIME

WAYS TO CONNECT

Everything in this pack is designed to help you connect with God, your family and others. We have suggested ways to engage with the activities but it's completely up to you to use them however works best for you. **All the accompanying links to online resources are found on our website.**

Sometimes we have suggested resources that may be more or less appropriate for different age groups. Look out for the **depthometer** to get a gauge on how suitable the activity will be for the members of your family.

You will notice that we have ideas for things you can do as individuals, or with your whole family. You could also connect with other Celebrators and families online, using zoom, to discuss the theme, or something you have watched or read.

Mother Teresa: The Smile of Calcutta - Charlotte Grossetete

Mother Teresa (PG)

Courageous World Changers - Shirley Raye Redmond

10 Boys Who Used Their Talents - Irene Howat

Boy Who Became Pope - Fabiola Garza

Karol - A Man Who Became Pope (12)

50 Books for Life - Roy Peachey

Left to Tell - Immaculee Ilibagiza

Just Mercy - Bryan Stevenson

The Hiding Place - Corrie Ten Boom

Confessions of a Sinner - St Augustine of Hippo

Stories of the Saints - Carey Wallace
Recommended for 10+
Beautifully illustrated

The Story of Saint John Paul II: A Boy Who Became Pope

50 TRUE STORIES DARING WOMEN & GOD

THE CHOSEN

Just Mercy (12A)

ADD TO WATCHLIST

The Story Keepers - A classic series for small children about a Christian leader and his family's adventures living in Ancient Rome. Their mission is to keep Jesus's stories alive during the 1st century.

Friends & Heroes - Animated children's Bible stories following the 1st century adventures of Macky and friends.

The Chosen is a new kickstarter-funded series and is a powerful retelling of the life of Jesus. CELEBRATE recommends this for 14+, but the director suggests that children can watch series 1 episode 3: 'Jesus Loves the Little Children'.

Harriet (12) - The life of the abolitionist, **Harriet Tubman**, known for her courage and faith; her nickname was 'Moses'.

Canon Andrew White, known as the Vicar of Baghdad, has published several books about his call to work for reconciliation in the Middle East. You can see an amazing interview with him in the resource pack on the website.

Dead Man Walking (15)
The poignant and inspiring story of **Sister Helen Prejean**



All resource links can be found on the **CELEBRATE website** in the download page for this pack.



Make Connections

While the stories of the saints are inspiring they can often feel very distant from our own lives, not just because they are extraordinary but also because many of them lived in very different times and places to us. Here's some ways to connect with them: Research the saint(s) that share your name, or that celebrate their feast day on your birthday or your baptism day. Mark their **feast day** in the calendar and find a way to celebrate them.

Saint of the Day – learn more about the saints and ask for their intercession each day using the saint of day link in the accompanying resources on the website.

Hall of Faith – The Church has a beautiful tradition of creating icons, or holy pictures, which are images of religious figures and scenes. While this is a particular art form we can also have a go at creating our own depictions of the saints that inspire us. Download the printables from the website or design your own.



Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.
Amen.

Prayer to St. Anthony for Lost Things

O Holy St. Anthony gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request).
O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms. The gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.
Amen.

The Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

WHAT IS
CELEBRATE ?



CELEBRATE runs Catholic Charismatic, faith-filled, fun events for all ages, combining good Christian teaching, inspirational speakers and celebration of the liturgy, all in the power of the Holy Spirit. Young and old alike join together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God.

You can find more information and resources like this on our website
www.celebrateconference.org

We'd love to hear from you! Join the CELEBRATE community on our **Facebook**, or get in touch via email: **info@celebrateconference.org**