

# Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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## Our Lady of the Snows Church

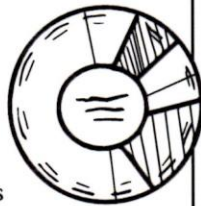
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### Thoughtful Moments

#### The rhythm of our faith

To help us learn about God and his family, the Church crafted the liturgical year. By observing the seasons of our faith, we follow the rhythm that God has created for us. "A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance" (Ecclesiastes 3:4).



#### As God forgives

When we pray the "Our Father," we say, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." True forgiveness is hard but God wants us to forgive the way He forgives us. We can't obtain true forgiveness unless we give it.

#### Celebrate parenthood

Parents deserve lots of praise but don't often get it. Someday your children may look back and appreciate you. While they are young, remember that every kiss, hug and smile you get is a celebration of how important you are every day, all year long.



### Share what you love about our Catholic Faith

As parents, we want our children to be Catholic because we know the Church provides the surest way to a strong and loving relationship with God. To help children find Catholic joy, share what you love about our Catholic Faith.

"My grandmother prayed the Rosary every day of her life," said Lisa. "When I was old enough, she gave me one and taught me how to pray it. The prayers remind me of everything we believe as Catholics. The Rosary has helped me through many tough times in my life and I pray it often with my own children."

"We moved a lot when I was young,"

said Art. "Moving was hard but no matter where we lived, the Mass felt like home. Jesus was always there waiting for me. Now I love taking my children to Mass because I want it to be their home, too."

"I don't know what I would do without Confession," said Brooke. "It's not easy admitting the things I do wrong. I'm embarrassed that I commit the same sins repeatedly. Still, no matter

how often I go, it is such a thrill to hear the words of absolution and know that Jesus really does forgive me. Now, we take our children and celebrate God's mercy together."



### Why Do Catholics Do That?

We don't really know what Heaven looks like. "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," (1 Corinthians 2:9). Heaven is the fulfillment of our

### What do we believe about Heaven?



deepest desire of union with God. We know that God has prepared a place for us in His home. All who enter must be in His friendship. Nothing should keep us from our place in the house of our Lord.