



7 BUILDING BLOCKS TO A JOYFUL CATHOLIC HOME



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LOVE

A child's first relationships create an internal working for all her relationships later in life, including her relationship with God. A child shouldn't have to earn a parent's love; she should be able to take it for granted.



BALANCE

Our families need plenty of time to work, play, and pray together so we can forge our family identity, discover our unique family mission, and create a family history.



PLAY

Play is one of the most important ways our children connect with us, work through their fears and frustrations, and practice developmental skills.



MERCIFUL DISCIPLINE

Effective discipline focuses on bringing order to the chaos of our child's immaturity. We are like a strong but gentle shepherd, leading our child where he needs to go.



EMPATHY

Emotionally healthy children don't need to be taught how to care; it comes naturally to them. But we can coach them in perspective taking and problem solving in their relationships.



RADIANT FAITH

The beauty of our Faith is the best place to start in evangelizing our children. A warm, inviting Catholic home culture instills in children a natural affection for the Faith.



A STRONG MARRIAGE

God intends for spouses to be a safe harbor for one another, not the source of storms! Our family will only be as stable and healthy as our marriage, so it deserves our attention.



LEARN MORE!

See Kim's book *Discipleship Parenting: Planting the Seeds of Faith*
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