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GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SYNOD PROCESS FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION
ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

The Church Convoked in Synod:
On Sunday October 10, Pope Francis convoked a world-wide synod with the theme: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.” The three dimensions of the theme are communion, participation, and mission. The calling of this synod is well aligned with the challenge Pope Francis offered his brother bishops to “dialogue fearlessly.” The Holy Father has made a request of the People of God to participate as fully and authentically as possible in the synodal process. The ask is accompanied by a desire for a quick response. This may appear a bit daunting; however, it allows room for the spirit of a synod – a lively, participative and inclusive ecclesial process.”

On October 18, 2021, Archbishop Wester invited parish communities throughout the Archdiocese to invoke the Holy Spirit as our guide in this process by reciting the prayer Adsumus Sancte Spiritus. Archbishop has also begun the Archdiocese efforts by naming a ASF Synod Committee to help guide the Synod process. Serving on the ASF Synodal Committee are Archbishop John Wester, Anne Avellone, Rocio Gonzalez, Allen Sanchez, Msgr. Lambert Luna, Fr. Simon Carrion, Karin Wrasmin, Leslie Radigan, Damaris Thillet, Arnold Cordova (co-leader) and Michelle Montez (co-leader).

The Archdiocesan Synodal Team has prepared a guidebook, in English and Spanish, with general information about the synod process. Throughout this process, materials will be distributed electronically from the Archbishop’s office to parishes and other ministry entities. Materials will be made available in Spanish and English. All materials will be posted on the Archdiocesan website: https://www.archdiosf.org/synod

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Mission.” The three dimensions of the theme are communion, participation, and mission. These three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are the vital pillars of a Synodal Church. There is no hierarchy between them. Rather, each one enriches and orient the other two. There is a dynamic relationship between the three that must be articulated with all three in mind.

**STEPS FOR THE SYNODAL PROCESS**

These steps are a general outline of the process as adapted from documents provided to the Archdiocesan offices from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the *Vademecum* (handbook) provided by the Holy See and the Synod of Bishops.

**Appoint the Parish Co-Leaders**

These individuals should work closely with the pastor to help lead the synodal team in the parish process.

**Invite and form a Parish Synodal Team**

A Parish Synodal Team will aide the pastor in conducting the process and gathering the information. This team could consist of members of your Parish Pastoral Council or other parish consultative bodies. For parishes that do not have a formed Parish Pastoral Council, your Parish Team may consist of active parish ministers/parishioners.

**Parishes are asked to submit the names of those who will serve as Parish Co-Leaders and/or the roster of the Parish Synodal Team to Denise Frias dfrias@archdiosf.org by November 22, 2021.**

**Commissioning of Parish Synodal Team** – The pastor is encouraged to publicly commission the parish co-leaders / Synodal team during mass on the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, the official beginning of the Synodal Process in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

**Prepare Parish Synodal Team for the consultation process** through attending an orientation / training workshop on the synodal process presented by the ASF Synodal Team**.

**Communicate** to current parishioners, those who no longer practice the Catholic faith and ecumenical partners the upcoming parish synodal consultation process to be held in the parish.

**Implement, monitor, and guide the parish synodal consultation process.**

Every parish is invited to conduct at least two synodal consultation gatherings. Attendance rosters of those who participate will need to be submitted with the Parish Synthesis.

**Consultations in parishes occur between January 9, 2022 - April 30, 2022.**

**Prepare and submit Parish Synthesis and attendance forms** to the Archdiocesan office by April 30, 2022. You can submit by email to dfrias@archdiosf.org or mail to Denise Frias, PMD Executive Assistant, 4000 St. Joseph Place NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120.

**Materials will be sent as soon as they are reviewed and approved for publication by the ASF Synodal Committee.** All materials will be distributed in English and Spanish.

**Facilitator’s training for the Synodal Process in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe** will be held on:

Via Zoom:
- English - Thursday, December 9 from 7-8:30pm
- Spanish - Tuesday, December 14 from 7-8:30pm
- English - Wednesday, December 15 from 7-8:30pm

In person: Seating will be limited due to COVID restrictions.
- English - Wednesday, January 12 from 7pm-8:30pm at Cristo Rey, Santa Fe
- English - Saturday, January 15 from 1-3pm at OL Guadalupe, Taos
- English - Wednesday, January 19 from 7pm-8:30pm at Catholic Center, Albuquerque

Facilitators are asked to attend only one training. Please submit your registration electronically using the link below:

English registration: [https://form.jotform.com/213344880543153](https://form.jotform.com/213344880543153)

Spanish registration: [https://form.jotform.com/213344871295157](https://form.jotform.com/213344871295157)

In preparation, all facilitators are asked to review the attached *ASF Synod Guidebook* before their session. If there are any questions, please contact Michelle at mmontez@archdiosf.org or Denise at dfrias@archdiosf.org.
UNA LUZ EN LA OSCURIDAD:
Reflexiones sobre nuestra formación en la fe en tiempos difíciles
(Presented in Spanish)
The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Hispanic Ministry invites you to reflect and pray together via the Zoom platform.

The final session in this series of reflections will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

To reserve your place and receive the Zoom link, please fill out the form available at the following link: https://form.jotform.com/212134770483150

QUINCEAÑERA FAMILY RETREATS
(Presented in Spanish with Bilingual Material Available)
Now that parishes can increase Mass capacity, there is growing interest in scheduling Quinceañera celebrations for young people.

Celebrating a Quinceañera Mass offers the opportunity as a family to learn and reflect on this cultural and religious celebration. For this reason, the Offices of Faith Formation and Hispanic Ministry will soon offer family Quinceañera retreats via the Zoom platform:

- **Saturday, January 22, 2022** from 8:45am-2:30pm. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Wednesday, January 12, 2022.
- **Saturday April 30, 2022** from 8:45am-2:30pm. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

Please register by calling Della at 505-831-8142 or email dmontano@archdiosf.org. For updated information on these retreats, please call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 505-831-8147.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT “NOS VAMOS A CASAR”
(presented in Spanish)
The Archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, in collaboration with the Office of Family Life, invite all Spanish speaking couples who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage to participate in a marriage preparation retreat “Nos Vamos a Casar”. This retreat is one of the approved programs in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Now that the capacity of the churches and the celebration of the sacraments is gradually expanding, there has been a great demand for Marriage Preparation Retreats. The next Retreat will take place **April 23-24, 2022**. (Normally these retreats are held only four times during the year.)

Couples interested in participating in an upcoming marriage preparation retreat are asked to contact the Hispanic Ministry Office directly for the most recent information (see box).

MASS IN SPANISH IS BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY ON CHANNEL 50(MY50TV-KASY)
In an effort to offer Sunday Mass in Spanish each week, not only during the time when parishioners are unable to attend Sunday Mass in their parishes due to the COVID 19 contingency, the Hispanic Ministry and Liturgy offices broadcast the Mass in Spanish on television each week. These Masses are broadcast every Sunday at 7:00am on My50TV (KASY) - channel 50 on regular television (check with your television signal provider for other channels). Please share this information with anyone who may benefit from this broadcast.

Recordings of these masses can also be viewed from 4:30pm on Saturday (pre-Sunday mass) via the Internet by visiting the following link: http://hispanicministryasf.org/tv-and-radio-programs/video-collection/

For any questions regarding the transmission of the Mass in Spanish, please call the Hispanic Ministry Office at 505-831-8147.

Holy Mass can also be heard on the radio every Sunday on KNMM 1150 AM and 102.1 FM in Albuquerque at 7:00am and KNMX 540 AM in Las Vegas, NM at 8:00am.
LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!
The Office of Social Justice and Respect Life has an active Facebook page and posts regularly with current events. We can be found @ASFSandRL.

GIVE BETTER, LIVE BETTER – STARTING NOW: PUT ETHICALLY PRODUCED GIFTS IN YOUR LIST
Purchase items certified as Fair Trade and add meaning to Christmas gifts by supporting the human life and dignity of workers around the world. Every partner is vetted for fair wages, safer working conditions and environmentally sustainable practices. Shop on line by visiting the SERRV Fair Trade website and purchase items on line at https://www.serrv.org/.

ADVENT: A JOURNEY TOWARD JOY AND FORGIVENESS
Advent is a season of hopeful expectation and joyful waiting. We are reminded that Mary said “yes,” and turned to God in trust with the mystery of her motherhood. But for the woman who has said “no” to motherhood and “yes” to abortion out of fear and mistrust, Advent can remind her of her sorrow and loss. For the one who feels unforgivable, watching and waiting for the birth of the savior can emphasize her perception that she has been excluded from God’s mercy. In truth, Advent is a season of hope for all, including those who regret their abortion. Jesus’s birth brings love, peace, mercy and the promise of forgiveness to all. If Advent reminds you of your sin and sorrow, remember instead that it is the very same season that culminates in the birth of Mercy Himself: Jesus. We can again say “yes!” and accept God’s invitation to cooperate with His plan of love for each of us. For help after abortion, call the Project Rachel confidential message line: 505-831-8238.

CSMG 2022: JANUARY 29 –FEBRUARY 1
The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) will be an online event Saturday, January 29 – Tuesday, February 1, 2022. The theme of the 2022 gathering is “Justice at the Margins,” and will focus on equipping participants with the knowledge, relationships, and skills to build communities of justice where all can thrive. This call is especially important as we come out of a pandemic that further pushed some communities to the margins. This virtual gathering of U.S. Catholic social ministry leaders is organized by the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, 10 USCCB departments, and 20 national Catholic organizations! For more than 30 years, the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) has brought together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to address pressing current domestic and global challenges affecting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters at home and around the world. This year’s virtual gathering will include:
- Inspiring speakers and grassroots voices in Church and society
- Workshops with policy experts and community leaders
- Intentional opportunities for best practice-sharing among participants
- Resources from dozens of Catholic social ministry organizations
- Virtual advocacy visits with elected officials and much more!

Registration is $50 for this multi-day virtual event. Financial assistance is available for leaders from under-represented ethnic, cultural, or disability communities. The program at CSMG 2022 will be bilingual (English and Spanish), with translation available for plenary sessions and unique Spanish-only workshops. Watch this page for registration details: https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/catholic-social-ministry-gathering

IS IT EVER TOO EARLY TO START PREPARING FOR LENT?
Many parishes and schools already placed their orders for 2022 CRS Rice Bowl materials. We want YOU to be part of the journey—order FREE formation resources today! Contact the office (see box) to place your order.

CIVILIZE IT: A BETTER KIND OF POLITICS
Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics is a nonpartisan initiative from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that seeks to assist Catholics to counter polarization and division in Church and society by following the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to “become neighbors to all” (Fratelli Tutti, no. 80). Learn more, and join the movement today: civilizeit.org #ABetterKindofPolitics #CivilizedIt

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PMD Express - Special Edition
**ACTION ALERTS**

1. Around the globe hundreds of millions of people struggle with mental health conditions. Communities in conflict-affected areas are particularly impacted: most will experience psychological distress at some point, and more than 1 in 5 have a mental health disorder. Mental health and psychosocial support are essential to the health and protection of all people. Urge Congress to support H.R. 3988, the Mental Health in International Development and Humanitarian Settings Act—the first-ever U.S. legislation that addresses mental health and psychosocial support in foreign assistance. The MINDS Act reaffirms best practices, lays the groundwork for a global mental health strategy and emphasizes the needs of vulnerable populations. *Act Now!*

2. USCCB is encouraged by many provisions being considered for the Build Back Better Act to support the common good, including family supports, housing, migration, and the environment. We also recognize how important child care and pre-kindergarten are for working families, and the Church has always affirmed that parents should choose the best environment for care and education of their children. However, the current child care and universal pre-kindergarten provisions in the Build Back Better Act could effectively exclude Catholic providers and many other faith-based providers, and this needs to be fixed. The USCCB has raised these concerns with Congress. The letter USCCB sent Congress that can be *accessed here.* But it is vital that Congress hear from you directly. *Take Action Now!*

**PRAY FOR DOBBS**

The Dobbs case addresses the constitutionality of a 15-week abortion ban passed into law in Mississippi, and it has the potential to overturn Roe v. Wade. Oral arguments will be held December 1, and a decision is expected in June 2022. *(Further explanation is provided in these memos of May 18 and of October 6)* Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization could help protect millions of pre-born babies and their moms! Use these *resources* to continue the Pray for Dobbs prayer and fasting campaign until the decision (likely in June 2022).

**PREPARE FOR POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH IN JANUARY**

Let’s challenge ourselves by participating in Poverty Awareness month this January. According to Poverty USA, more than 1.5 million children experience homelessness in a year and more than 38 million Americans live in poverty. Poverty is home to 1 in 10 families and 1 in 5 children. Our neighbors, elders, veterans, friends and children do not have enough income, resources, or assistance to meet their most basic needs. They struggle to afford food, housing, transportation, healthcare, utilities and childcare. Catholic Social Teaching teaches us about the ‘preferential option for the poor’, that in order to improve life for the poor, we should speak for the voiceless and defend the defenseless. Though many families are struggling, you can help magnify the voice of people who are poor or vulnerable.

There are countless ways in which we can learn about poverty and how to be proactive:

- View and download an online (en español) and print calendar which includes daily ways to: a) learn about poverty, b) get inspired by how communities are responding and c) take action with others.
- In addition to the calendar are longer daily reflections (en español).
- You can also sign up to receive the daily reflections by email.
- Share these materials with Catholics in your diocese and follow the action on Facebook and Twitter.

Start exploring Poverty USA today and learn how to awaken others to the struggles of people living in poverty and how to inspire yourself and others. As Catholics, we are called to respond to this immense human suffering! Learn how you can help at *www.povertyusa.org.* Download the daily reflection calendar (available in English and Spanish) for the month of January that has links to stories and prayers of how you can help! Get more resources at *https://povertyusa.org/teach* and be part of the solution!

You can also schedule a presentation for your religious education group in English or Spanish on poverty, Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and on how to fulfill our call to serve. Contact Yvette Galaviz – CCHD intern at ygalaviz@archdiosf.org.

**PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS; GIVING FIRST TO THOSE IN NEED**

The very best way of preparing for Christmas is to start giving gifts early—not so much the kind of gifts we usually give to relatives and friends on Christmas, but the life-saving and life-enhancing gifts of monetary donations and service to those most in need, especially those who are living on the edge of survival.

For countless individuals who dwell in the shadows of our nation and world, unseen and uncared for, such gifts are priceless. Allow me to suggest several ways you can make a difference in the lives of some of our suffering brothers and sisters.

You can consider volunteering at a homeless shelter or food bank. As you know, this time of year is the saddest time for lonely people, especially those who have recently lost a loved one. Think about contacting a lonely soul. If you don’t know of anyone, ask a friend or your parish. Perhaps you might be able to put together a Christmas basket for a family in need. Or think about stopping by a nursing home. Many nursing home residents never get a visitor. Consider donating to a local charity; from food distribution to public policy advocacy, charities will put your gift to good work.

The acts mentioned above are an important part of our faith as Catholic Social Teaching offers a way of thinking, being and seeing the world. It provides a vision for a just society in which the dignity of all people is recognized, and those who are vulnerable are cared for.

Please contact Yvette Galaviz to discuss educational opportunities such as presenting to your youth, young adult, adult formation or confirmation groups (in English or Spanish) on what Catholic Social Teaching says about poverty and how you can help. See box for more contact information.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM POPE FRANCIS**

“God’s answer to the poor is always a saving act that heals wounds of body and soul, restores justice and helps to live life anew in dignity. God’s answer is also a summons to those who believe in him to do likewise, within the limits of what is humanly possible.”

(Pope Francis, Second World Day of the Poor, 11/18/18, no. 3)
MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THESE DATES!

◊ World Day of Peace on January 1, 2022. Plan a Prayer Service for Your Parish! January 1 is the 55th World Day of Peace. This year, Pope Francis' theme for his annual message to the world is “Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace.” Join Pope Francis’ effort to promote world peace by planning a prayer service for World Peace Day. USCCB will have a two-page handout that can be shared with parishes, families, and schools, to encourage them to celebrate the World Day of Peace with Pope Francis. Go to https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace for resources, including the annual messages from all the popes back to 1968! The World Day of Peace is celebrated each year on the first day of January. The Holy Father’s Message is sent to all Foreign Ministers of the world, and also indicates the Holy See’s diplomatic line during the coming year. Read about other World Day of Peace messages here: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/peace/index_en.html. Read more about how to pray, learn, and act with this World Day of Peace handout.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Pray. Use one of these nine ways to pray at We Are Salt and Light to pray for all those in need of peace in your community and around the world.

2. Learn. As faithful citizens, we must seek to understand the political and social issues that lead to poverty and conflict which threatens the lives of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Learn about these issues and read stories of hope to learn how faith communities are answering the call to work for peace and justice.

3. Act. Join tens of thousands of Catholics to advocate for policies that seek justice and peace in the U.S. and around the world. Take action today by visiting CRS.org/LeadTheWay. Learn more about the annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering where Catholics gather to pray for God’s justice to be realized, learn about poverty in the U.S. and abroad, and advocate for the poor and vulnerable to our elected leaders.

◊ AACC Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass, January 16, 2022 at Noon. Please join the Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community for Mass on Sunday, January 16 at Noon. Most Rev. John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe will be the presider. Join us in person at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande. At this time, the church is fully open. All are required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. Note: This may change if restrictions are changed by the State of New Mexico. Or join us virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded. For more information call 505-401-8983.

◊ Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass - January 19, 2022 at The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis. This year due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will only be the annual Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass, no March or Rally. The Mass with the 3 Bishops of New Mexico will also be live-streamed at 12 noon, Wednesday, January 19, 2022 from the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis. Stay tuned for more information about this Mass.

◊ Pray to Protect Human Life: Join a Novena January 19-27, 2022! You’re invited to join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer for the respect of human life during a special novena called 9 Days for Life. Visit 9daysforlife.com to sign up to receive daily intentions from January 19th through the 27th. Stay tuned for more information on Archbishop Wester livestreaming the Novena on select days during the novena!
every advent
https://www.ncregister.com/blog/catholic
We ask this in His holy name. Amen.
May He come quickly and not delay.
Christ’s promise of salvation.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of
candle of this wreath.
two (purple) candles and the third (pink)
let your blessing come upon us as we light
O Lord,
He is the Savior of us all.
He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
all people.
Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of
Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son,
rejoice and
shout, O Israel! Rejoice and
daughter of Jerusalem!
10:30am via ZOOM.
Third Sunday of Advent:
Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel! Rejoice and
exult with all your heart, O
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https://www.ncregister.com/blog/catholic-advent-wreath-prayers-to-embrace-the-season-every-sunday-with-your-family
Third Sunday

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THE ECUMENICAL CORNER
Advent Blessings from the ASF Ecumenical Commission
By the way, does your parish have an Ecumenical Liaison? You should! If not, read below!
An ecumenical liaison is a representative of the ASF Ecumenical and Interreligious Commission who shares ecumenical information, activities, and events with members of the parish as well as they provide input back to the Commission as how best to help build the “body of Christ” by bringing ecumenical and interreligious awareness and participation to fellow parishioners.
To be an effective ecumenical liaison, one needs to be well prepared in the understanding of the fundamentals of our faith beliefs as well as those of our fellow Protestants and Orthodox. In this time of great social change and growing skepticism toward religion, Catholics need to better understand the breadth and depth of our own beliefs as well as those of our fellow Christians. The Nicene creed tells us that there is more that unites us than divides us and we, as Christians, need to come together prayerfully and take seriously Christ’s prayer, “that they may all be one, as you Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (Jn 17:21)
We look forward to sharing online presentations on church history, scripture, and theological topics from historical and contemporary perspectives as well as sharing regular updates on the many ecumenical and interreligious activities in the Archdiocese.
For more information, contact Jim Gilroy, Chair of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, at 575-776-8450; cell: 575-779-8142 or email at gilroy@unm.edu.

CATHOLIC ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS TO EMBRACE THE SEASON EVERY SUNDAY WITH YOUR FAMILY
"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.” - Pope Francis

Third Sunday of Advent:
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shout, O Israel! Rejoice and
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(Zephaniah 3:14)
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MONTHLY REFLECTION
“In his video message (https://youtube.com/A2LMlhajZGl), Pope Francis says, “The lay ministry of catechist is a vocation; it’s a mission... It’s an entire way of being.” He said the Church needs “good catechists who are both companions and teachers.” With this message, Pope Francis released his prayer intention for the month of December 2021, inviting everyone to pray for catechists:
Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace.
To the People of God of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe: May God give you a blessed Advent and happy Christmas Season! Be assured of our prayers throughout these Holy Seasons.
Sister Edna Pearl and Della, Office of Faith Formation

Office of Faith Formation Website: asfof.org
Office of Faith Formation Facebook:
https://facebook.com/ASFFaithFormation/
CELEBRATE THIS ADVENT SEASON AS A FAMILY

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk to your family about how you are doing in attending to your spiritual life as a family. Recommit yourselves to praying daily, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God’s commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again.

Advent Family Prayer
God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.

https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/prayers/advent-family-prayer/

The Pastoral Ministries Division wishes you all a happy and healthy Advent and Christmas Season.