

Chapter 10

Your Catholic Heritage

What we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us.

1 John 1:3

For the Parents:

In chapter 10 your child learned to:

- Explain how customs and traditions keep people united
- Identify people in his or her family and parish who are passing on the Catholic faith
- State some truths he or she believes as a Catholics
- See him or herself handing on the Faith

Many of the Americans held hostage in Iran from 1979 to 1981 later said they were sustained during their captivity by their memories of family Christmas traditions and other holiday customs.

Like gold and silver threads woven through our lives, traditions bind us together, maintain continuity, and add sparkle to the pattern of our lives. Your family's traditions may have originated before you were born. They may be emerging as you raise your children. They can revolve around holidays, Sundays, or birthdays.

The Sacred Tradition of the Church is more than a golden thread. It is the treasure chest of the Church, filled with the glittering jewels of our faith. It is the teaching, the worship, and the life handed on through the generations from the time of the Apostles.

With Your Child:

1. Take time to talk about the special objects, foods, and activities associated with your family's favorite religious and holiday customs. Where did these come from? Who passed them on to you? What customs does your family most want to pass on to a new generation?
2. Read about Saint Lawrence on the Review and Explore page.