



DO I NEED MY FAMILY & WHY DO THEY NEED ME?



#369 WHY ARE FAMILIES IRREPLACEABLE? Every child is descended from one father and one mother and longs for the warmth and safety of a family so that he may grow up secure and happy. The family is the basic cell of human society. The values and principles that are lived out in the small circle of the family are what make solidarity in the life of larger society possible in the first place.

#371 HOW DOES A CHILD RESPECT HIS PARENTS? A child respects and honors his parents by showing them love and gratitude. Especially in times of need, sickness, and old age, children should lovingly be there for their parents and care for them faithfully.

#372 HOW DO PARENTS RESPECT THEIR CHILDREN? God entrusted children to parents so that they might be steady, righteous examples for those children, that they might love and respect them and do everything possible so that their children can develop physically and spiritually.

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ST CLELIA BARBERI

St Clelia Barberi was born in Italy in 1847. When father died when she was just eight years old, she worked alongside her mother spinning hemp to support the family. She and her family were very religious and at the age of 21, she was the youngest person in history to start a congregation in the Catholic Church, Our Lady of Sorrows, which continues to serve the sick and needy to this day with over 35 centers in the world. She died of tuberculosis in 1870.



GWEN CONIKER

Gwen is a good example of how God and her family took top priority in her life and she wanted to share that conviction with others by starting the apostolates that she did. Her dedication to God was an example for her children and their families. Our lives can have that ripple effect too.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

JESUS WENT DOWN WITH THEM AND CAME TO NAZARETH, AND WAS OBEDIENT TO THEM; AND HIS MOTHER KEPT ALL THESE THINGS IN HER HEART. AND JESUS ADVANCED IN WISDOM AND AGE AND FAVOR BEFORE GOD AND MAN. - LUKE 2: 41-52

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:
