

For each question please tick the boxes that you agree with or write your response in the space provided

What helped you decide to have your baby baptised?

Because faith is important to me and I want my child to have faith

Faith isn't that important but I like the idea of the celebration

Having children has made me think again about what matters to me

Because of pressure from my family.

To get my child into a Catholic school

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Family is where your child's faith will begin – how do you feel about that?

My parents gave me faith and I want to pass that faith on to my child

It matters to me but I don't know where to begin

I'm not really interested

I feel confident and ready to help my child grow in faith

Other \_\_\_\_\_

What sacraments has your child/have your children celebrated?

Baptism

Reconciliation (Confession)

Eucharist (communion)

Confirmation

How involved have you felt in helping your child to understand what faith and the sacraments are about?

Not involved but I didn't want to be anyway

I would like to have felt more involved

Quite involved

Very involved

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Can you tell us a little about what helped you feel involved or made it difficult to be involved?

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What help and support do you need as a parent so that you can help your child grow in faith?

More experience of prayer

Deeper understanding of my Catholic faith

More experience and understanding of the bible

To feel part of a parish community

Support from other parents and the chance to talk about faith and to share ideas, questions and experience

Practical ideas and resources that I can use at home so that as a family we can pray and think about faith

More connection between our family, parish and school because we all have a role to play

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Who supports your faith and the faith of your family?**

We feel part of our local parish.

Our priest

Our wider family

Friends

I feel I have no support

We have no interest in or need of support

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**In what ways does faith make a difference to your life as a family?**

It shapes who we are and the decisions we make

It is important to us to go to mass every week

We go to mass sometimes

It is important to us to pray as a family

Our faith challenges us to treat people fairly

It does not make any difference at all

Other \_\_\_\_\_

What difference would you like faith to make in your child's life? Can you tell us a little about what you hope for?

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Have you any other comments or ideas to share with us?

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Thank you for your time and energy in filling this in. Your family is where faith begins and where faith grows strong. It is important for us as a diocese to listen to your experience and to learn from it so that we can support parents and families growing in faith.

When you have completed this questionnaire you can return it by:

- Posting it back to the Pastoral Centre
- Returning it in the sealed envelope to your child's school
- Returning it in the sealed envelope to your parish
- Downloading the questionnaire from the diocesan website and then emailing it back to me on [bairbre.raphoepastoralrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:bairbre.raphoepastoralrenewal@gmail.com)

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