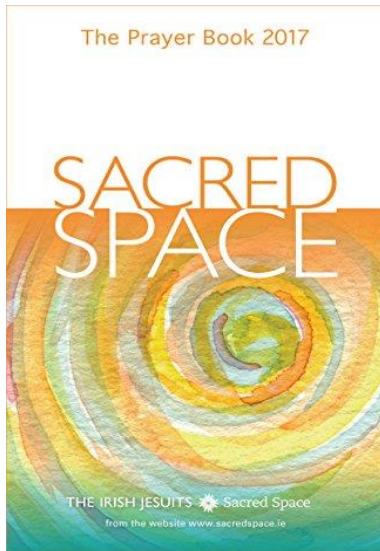


You and your family members are encouraged to use this new parish spiritual growth resource throughout 2017!



**Mom:** Look what we got at Church this Christmas!

**Dad:** Neat Book...what can we do with it?

**Mom:** I heard it's to help guide us in prayer as a family and grow in God's love each day this year...

**Dad:** How is the best way to use it?

Thank you for asking, Dad... As you know, Prayer is the raising of our hearts and minds to God. It is a holy and sacred experience available every day to each member of our church and available to everyone! We do not need to be experts in prayer to enjoy the opportunity to grow in prayerful awareness of our friendship with God. Sacred Space: The Prayer Book will lead you and your family members in your prayer and, in doing so, can inspire new expressions and growth in faith every day. Keep it in a place that is easily available to you whenever and wherever the family gathers in your home!

The Scripture, prayers, and reflections in Sacred Space: The Prayer Book will guide and support you in accessing rich daily spiritual experiences throughout the liturgical (prayer) year 2017 and invites you to develop a closer relationship with God and with one another in your household, **Your domestic church!**

Each day of Sacred Space: The Prayer Book includes a Scripture reading and points of reflection for your thoughtful prayer by yourself and discussion with others in your household. It also provides a weekly topic enhanced by six steps of prayer and contemplation: The Presence of God, Freedom, Consciousness, The Word, Conversation, and Conclusion.

Sacred Space: The Prayer Book is designed to help you stay faithful in deepening your spiritual journey. It is a gift that Msgr. O'Connor and the church staff wanted to share with you as an invitation to continuing prayer, sharing with those close to you and growth in the Lord for all in your household for each day throughout 2017.

If you wish other ideas for using the book as a spiritual guide and resource for your entire family please contact Dr. Little at [tlittle@olfparish.com](mailto:tlittle@olfparish.com), call 420-923-7025 or speak to any of the Evangelization and Faith Formation staff members. We welcome your questions and ideas to serve you and your growth in the Lord throughout 2017.