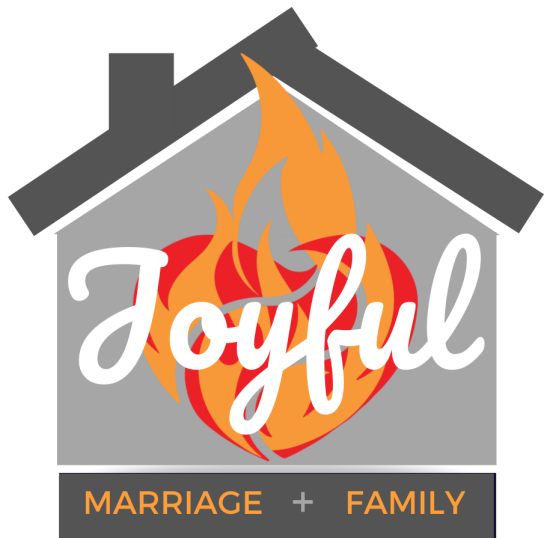# JOYFUL HOMES AREN'T PERFECT
They're unrepeatable.

Each of us is uniquely created by God, so it follows that our families are also unique and **unrepeatable**! When we lose sight of this fact, we can let comparison, wishful thinking or regret steal our joy and keep us from living out our mission to one another and the world. Let's ask God to heal our regrets, to use our flaws for our growth, and to see the great gifts He has given us to pour out on others!

As a family, discuss:

- What are some unique qualities about our family?
- What do you love about our family?
- What challenges have we overcome together?
- Have you ever been jealous of another family? Why?
- What gift does our family have to give the world?

Joyful
MARRIAGE + FAMILY

Pick one practice this month!

One small, attainable goal sets us up for success.

- On birthdays, take turns affirming the unique and wonderful qualities of the person celebrating.
- Ask the parents and grandparents in your life to tell you stories from their experience.
- Parents: take one regular practice in your faith (prayer, Mass, confession, Bible study, etc.) and share with your children why it's important to you. Invite them to join you one time.
- Decide together one way you can use your family gifts to bless others and do it! It can be as simple as bringing a meal, writing letters or praying for others.

NO BACKUP PLAN

When you leave a job, school, team or club, they replace you. But not your family!

As spouses, parents, or grandparents, it's easy to feel inadequate. We are surrounded by "experts" who give conflicting advice that we can never seem to live up to.

Take comfort in this truth: God gave you each member of your family because **you** are the best person to care for them.

Grow in virtue, but be at peace. Your family doesn't need an expert. They need the gift of your love, attention and heart!

Scripture of the month: Psalm 139:14
I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

What are some practical ways that our family can live this truth?

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