



# Building Faith@HOME

**1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**  
**Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4**  
**Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10**  
**Gospel: Jn 15:9-17**

**May 9, 2021**



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today Jesus tells us to love one another as He loved us. Wow! That is quite a mandate! Is Jesus telling us to “give our all” as He did? Jesus loved us so deeply that He was willing to die for us! What a tremendous gift He gave us. The question for us is: are we willing to “die” for one another?

Jesus asks us to “die” for one another. Jesus does not literally mean we are to “die.” Yet, when we give fully and freely of ourselves to the people in our lives, in a sense, we are dying to ourselves. We are putting others first, rather than ourselves. We freely give of our time, attention, care and love. Is there a better gift we can give to the people we love and cherish? What better gift can we give to our world?

Take a moment and ask yourself: who are the people who “die” for you? What are the gifts you receive from them: love, attention, care, a phone call, interest or help when you need it? Could there be any better gifts to receive? Yet, we often take these seemingly “small” gifts for granted. I invite you to take a few moments this evening and consciously remember the “gifts” you received today. Then remember the people who gifted you! Give thanks to God (and perhaps to them) for their presence in your life!

Jesus also has appointed each of us to “go and bear fruit.” Today and every day, may we follow in Jesus’ footsteps!  
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### Faith Sharing Questions:

**Question for Youth:** How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

**Question for Adults:** What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?

### Family Activities

**- Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another.**

Make a sign for the refrigerator with the message Love One Another on it. Let each member of the family help decorate the sign.

Work together to make a collage with the theme “Love is...” Look through magazines to find pictures that illustrate Christian love.

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## Links for More Ideas, Activities & Resources FYI

[Loyolapress.com](http://Loyolapress.com) - 3 Minute Retreat: Love as I have Loved you (Teens & Adult Faith Builders)

[Youtube.com](http://Youtube.com) - Alleluia! Love is Alive! (Teens & Adult Faith Builder)

[Catholiccuisine.blogspot.com](http://Catholiccuisine.blogspot.com) Nothing says “I love you” than Banana Split Ice Cream Cake (Family Faith Builder)

[VibrantFaith.com](http://VibrantFaith.com) - Give and Grow - Love one another through service (Family Faith Builder)

**ADOPT A SEMINARIAN DURING THE EASTERTIDE! Contact [egarn@syrdio.org](mailto:egarn@syrdio.org) for more information!**

## The ABCs for Fostering Vocations

**O**pen your heart to loving your friends. Ask God to help you give the gifts of love, attention, care, interest or help when my friends need it.



6th  
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Easter

[Youtube.com - CatholicKidsMedia](http://Youtube.com - CatholicKidsMedia)



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**A GOOGLE EARTH ACTIVITY**

**May 8- May 15.**



[Catholicicing.com](http://Catholicicing.com) - Love One Another

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*"In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity." — Pope Francis*

**Act of Love**

**LINK**



Our website [RCfaithquest.syrdio.org](http://RCfaithquest.syrdio.org) has many ideas during this Easter Season!

