

# *Eight Beatitudes of Parenting*

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1. Blessed are the parents who are committed to life long faith formation; they will nurture their children with the faith they have grown.
2. Blessed are the parents who teach by loving, by forgiving, and by encouragement; their children will know who God is.
3. Blessed are the parents who tell the stories of the bible, the stories of the saints, and the stories of their own family; their children will know who and whose they are.
4. Blessed are the parents who do not over-schedule themselves and their children; they will have time to play and enjoy their families.
5. Blessed are the parents who pray daily for and with their children; God will be one of the family.
6. Blessed are the parents who give priority to the family meal; their children will understand the importance of gathering at the Lord's Table.
7. Blessed are the parents who teach social justice and works of mercy through example; their children will experience what it means to be Body of Christ.
8. Blessed are the parents who suffer because they resist the values of a secular culture; their children will know the way of Jesus.