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Sacred Space

There has been a long tradition of creating sacred spaces in our Catholic homes. Often, we see pictures of family members on a table decorated with candles or rosaries or perhaps with some memorabilia of our beloved family members who have passed away. We remember! As we prepare to celebrate a prayer service in our homes, it is important to remember the sacred space. It should mimic the altar in the churches where we worship. A liturgical environment is a very important part of the Liturgy and the life of the church. Here are a few suggestions for preparing to have your prayer service in your home.

- Gather around a dining room table if you have one. If not, maybe the family can gather in a den or other suitable room.
- If you have a table, place candle(s) on it.
- If you have a crucifix, place it on the table with the candle(s).
- Flowers can be a nice touch but are not necessary.
- If you are sitting around a table, putting a nice white tablecloth on the table can also be a nice touch.
- A bible can also be used. It can be opened to the gospel that is being read.
- If you have holy water, a statue or prayer card of a favorite saint, place this on your table as well.

These are all suggestions. You can create as simple or as elaborate of a sacred space as you want for your family's prayer service. Gathering in our domestic churches, our homes, is a necessary action during this most extraordinary time. Please remember to silence all your electronic devices.

May God Bless your families and your homes.