



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

Environment in which Faith is Transmitted

From a young age, children enter into the spiritual life. This life is built on prayer, hearing the Word of God, and receiving Holy Communion. As they grow to maturity, with the assistance of their parents, children grow in the grace of the Mystery of Baptism. They learn to overcome evil and do what is good. For children, the inheritance of faith received from their parents is a token of assurance of eternal life. The godly life of godparents and extended family members also plays an important role in a child's maturing in the faith. Christian family customs established in children a Christian perspective on human birth and death, the formation of families and familial relationships, and they develop a sense of belonging within the church community and ones people. (# 68)