



*St. Madeleine Sophie Church*

**CELEBRATING CHILDREN**

**TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG  
CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...**

- \* Relax! God put the wiggle in children, don't feel you have to suppress in God's house. All are welcome!
- \* Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear.
- \* Quietly explain the parts of the Mass.
- \* Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- \* If you have to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said: "Let the children come to me."
- \* Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- \* Please let your child use the reverse side of this card to draw, doodle or as a Children's Worship Aid!

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

*A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small active children.*

*The presence of children is a gift to the Church. They give us "A future full of hope."*



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