

Splendor In the Ordinary

Action Questions to Consider

THE DOOR

- Is your front door welcoming?
 - Are there practical items you could provide to communicate a sense of welcome?
 - Are there practical chores to attend to just outside your front door that would go further to extend an avenue of welcome up to your front door?
- Is the inside of your home distinct from the outside culture?
- Use three words to describe the atmosphere of your home?

- Do you have some concrete (visual & audible) reminders throughout your home to help reveal and remind of the splendor within the ordinary?
- Is there a particular room or chore that needs a beautiful reminder of the task's hallowed purpose?
- Do you mark and celebrate days within your home?
 - A morning offering?
 - What kind of things do you do to consecrate a day and acknowledge it as holy?
 - What is the role of praise in your home? Gratitude?
 - If you have children, do you model this for the children to see?
- Do you follow the rhythm of the liturgical year and mark those Feast days?
 - Do you find this practice overwhelming? If so, why?
 - Are you seeking out ways of marking the day that are most intuitive to you, and allow you to bring your specific gifts to the celebration?
 - Do you identify - perhaps at the beginning of each month - a list of Feast days you will mark and celebrate? Are you realistic about your list in light of your season of life and your chosen obligations?
 - Do you make a list and assemble needed materials for these celebrations?
 - Do you have a way of displaying some small tokens/reminders for a special Feast day? A basket? A shelf? A small table?
- What are the tools that are most intuitive to you in marking Feast days?
 - Mass for a Feast day? OTHERS:
 - Cooking? -----
 - Crafting? -----
 - Reading? -----
 - Playing games? -----
 - Singing? -----

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- Identify every single digital door in your home. Include phones, tablets, or computers that have internet access.

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- Do you see these as doors that open and close?
- Have you and your husband discussed the dangers and potential good in these doors?
- Have you formulated a family policy for the use of these doors? (Plan to revisit your policy with each new season as children grow and technology expands.)
- Do you have a digital doorkeeper to assist you in monitoring these doors?
- Have you studied the virtue of prudence?
- Do you regularly seek the virtue of prudence as a couple in making good prudential decisions for your family in a given season?