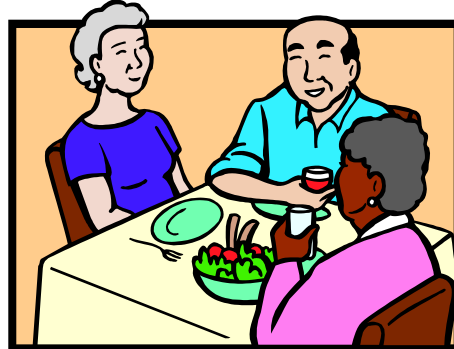


## Your Family and Hospitality

A young student went to his rabbi with a question. "Rabbi," he asked, "how can we tell exactly the moment when night has ended and day has begun? Is it when it's so light that we can no longer see the stars in the sky?" "No, my son," said the rabbi. "That is not how we tell that night is ended and the day has begun." "Then how can we tell?" asked the boy. The rabbi spoke softly. "We know that night has ended and day has begun when we look into the face of the stranger next to us and recognize he is our brother."





Hospitality is a genuine concern for others. Hospitality seeks to serve. Hospitality means we offer ourselves, our tables, and our homes freely and warmly without making others feel indebted. We see Christ in all who we meet.

### **Thinking it through:**

- 1 What ways does our family currently share what it treasures with other families?
- 2 How do you, as an individual or family, offer hospitality to others?
- 3 What are some additional ways we could share with others, in our home, in our Church, in our community?

### **Act**

As individuals - Try taking a week and do “random acts of kindness.” Random acts of kindness show care and concern for others – even those you don’t know. It is not what we can get from others, but what we can do for others. At the end of the week, report some of the things you did to your family, but more importantly, share how you felt while doing them.

### **Scripture**

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (MT 25:40)

### **Resources**

Web-Sites: <http://www.actsofkindness.org/> [www.catholicworker.org](http://www.catholicworker.org)

Videos: Good movies to watch as a family and discuss:

The Fourth Wise Man    Entertaining Angels: The Dorothy Day Story

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