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Dear Rev. Monsignor,
Dear Rev. Father,

Pleased find attached both the marriage and parenting tips for the month of March. I am hoping the tips will be a reminder to couples and parents of the importance of their actions in all their relationships.

Thank you in advance for publishing the tips as a means of support for your parishioners!

With thanks,

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Announcement for Bulletin:

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #68 – The great joy of Easter is the promise of eternal life, but the prominence of the Easter Bunny often draws children away from this understanding. Help your children appreciate the true meaning of the season by attending Mass as a family and discussing, in simple language, the readings heard that day. Explain that, like the disciples, we are called through our baptism to be friends and followers of Jesus. Help them understand that through prayer, works of charity and caring for all, even the youngest child can bring hope to the hearts of others.

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MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Tip #48 – Called to Forgive

The Easter season is a perfect time to remember that our faith calls us to forgiveness. Jesus' rising from the dead provides us with an understanding that even in the darkest moments there is hope. Stepping beyond our hurt to calmly explain how we are feeling and offer forgiveness brings healing and peace to both our hearts and relationship. Holding on to anger and hurt damages our bond of love and deprives us of joy as a couple. Forgiveness – you will never regret giving or receiving it!

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