

Family Memories Album—"Remember When..."

Level 1-6—Collect favorite family photos that tell a story about something family members like to remember: vacation trips, visits to grandma's house, cousins, special events, funny things that happened, etc. Put into a large scrapbook with the stories written by family members. You can also record on audio tapes, or videotape events or photos of events (add short captions next to photos to identify event or persons. You can also draw your own pictures of what your family looks like, or what each member looks like when you think about them.

Level 3—Make a "**Roots**" **Ancestors Map**. Get a very large map of the world and mount it on the wall (preferably on corkboard or homosote). Students will do **interviews** and **research** in their families to see where their grandparents, great-grandparents, or great-great grandparents came from. From the town where their family lives now, stretch colored strings to their ancestral homelands. Some students will have more strings going abroad, while others may stretch only to other places in North America. (Students who are not able to obtain their family history may wish to interview other older parishioners who do not have children, or whose children and grandchildren are not in your parish or living nearby.) Try to have as many parishioners (and their ancestors) as possible represented on the map.