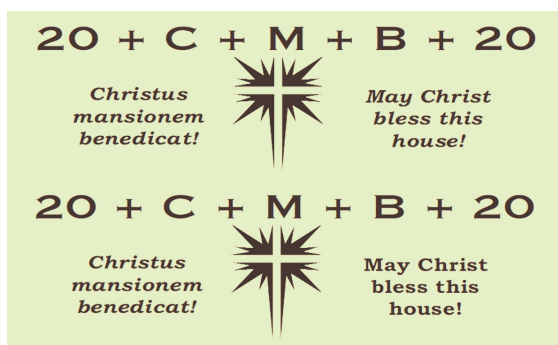




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A NEW YEAR TRADITION!



There is a wonderful Epiphany/New Year tradition that reminds us to "see" ourselves on mission each time we leave our homes. The tradition is called "The Chalking of the Door." Perhaps your family already participates in this tradition or perhaps you have seen such chalking above the door of a friend or family member. Maybe you are not familiar with this tradition at all. Below we give an example of

how to chalk your door-- although there are many cultural variations, here is one simple formula you might use-- along with some reasons why.

Using ordinary chalk--or blessed chalk, if available--print these numbers, letters, and symbols on the top inside front door frame of your home: 20 + C M B + 20. The beginning and ending "20's" stand for the current year. The letters "C M B" represent the initials of the Magi's assumed first names: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The "C M B" also means "Christus mansionem benedicat" (Latin for "May Christ bless the house"). The plus sign "+" symbolizes the Cross of Christ, the sign of our salvation.

Just as the Magi traveled, bringing gifts to the Newborn King, let us go on mission-*dramatic mission*, using our God-given gifts to make the Lord better known, loved, and served-by ourselves and others. This year, 2020, let us ask the Lord to give us greater insight to see how we might be more faithful stewards of God's gifts to us, and to help us build up the stewardship pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation, and Service inside and outside our homes.

Attached is a printable "20+CMB+20" for those who would like to take part of the tradition in a different way! [CLICK HERE](#)



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