

Prospective parents

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Mrs. Vasiloff was fortunate enough to find a part-time job in her field as an occupational therapy assistant at a nearby hospital. Although her job was a good one, the time away from Kristen took a good deal of adjustment for the young mother.

"I was a basket case when I first went back to work," she said. "I worried all the time about Kristen."

The Vasiloffs said finding the right

day care was harder than finding the right job. "We went through two private homes and three day-care centers in less than a year," said Mrs. Vasiloff.

The turmoil of returning to work and finding a healthy environment for their daughter has subsided for the most part. It has now been more than a year since Mrs. Vasiloff went back to work and Kristen was placed in day care.

"Kristen certainly hasn't suffered," said Mr. Vasiloff. "She's learned so

much in her playschool."

The Vasiloffs said that talking out their frustrations and feelings about raising a family and working has paid off. By sharing their emotions, they are better able to cope with them, they added. Sharing the household chores is also an important aspect of a smoothly running home.

Another vital step they've taken is getting involved in outside activities as a couple. The Vasiloffs have been involved in their diocesan Engaged Encounter program for the past few years. They said they enjoy helping other

young couples prepare for marriage. No doubt they have much to say about raising children in a two-career family.

Above all else, the Vasiloffs said the best way they handle their family decisions is to trust God.

"We believe that God has a plan for us. There's a reason for everything. Our faith is knowing that things will work out," said Mr. Vasiloff.

"Our faith is being tested more now than it ever has," said Mrs. Vasiloff. "We have to remind ourselves to relax and put things in God's hands."

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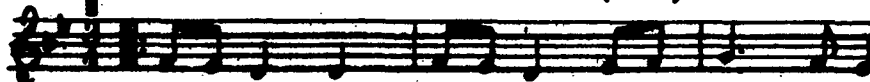
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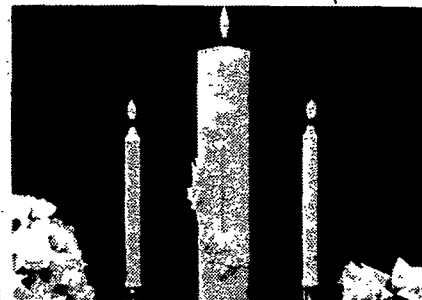
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