

FAMILY: A COMMUNITY OF LOVE

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OVERVIEW

The family is called to be an image of love and self-sacrifice. The husband and wife give everything to each other and out of this boundless love new life is created just as in Christ’s own self-sacrifice, there is new life and redemption.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- For you, what were the main points of the video, “Family: A Community of Love”?
- How is Family a sign of God’s presence?
- How do Families model Christ’s love for us?
- How does your Family reflect Christ’s love?
- How did your Family of Origin reflect Christ’s love?
- Why are Families important to society?
- Name some ways that Marriage benefits all of society.
- What do you do in your Family to create a community of love?
- Share your understanding of Family as the Domestic Church.
- Recall one or more instances where you experienced as a Family being the Domestic Church, either in the home or outside of it. What was the outcome?
- As the Church teaches, Family is like the Eucharist in the selfless, loving sacrifice of daily life. Share a time when you witnessed Family as Eucharist.
- Did the video, “Family: A Community of Love”, affirm your thoughts on Family?
- Was there anything presented that surprised you about how the Church sees Family? How you see Family?
- Reflect for a moment on your life as a Family. Do you recall a time when you felt God's presence in your midst?
- What image, feeling, or memory comes to mind when you think about your family? What does it tell you about your life as a Family?
- Why is family life the foundation of any society? Why do we consider the family the “domestic church?”

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Questions for Families

- How can our Faith sustain our Family in difficult times?
- What are some of the joyful things about our Family? What are our challenges?
- Does our Family share what it treasures with other Families?
- As a Family, do we show respect for one another? How can we strengthen this virtue?

Questions for Groups – about Family

- How could a Catholic Christian respond when a Family from the neighborhood or from the church community is experiencing difficulties or struggling spiritually, financially or emotionally? How we could respond as a community?, as a ministry?, as a church?

“Strong families are built on the foundation of strong marriages. Strong societies are built on the foundation of strong families. Indeed all civic communities should do what they can to promote economic and social policies that aid young married couples and facilitate their desire to raise a family.”

- Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI

