

## PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

Lord God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, you are Love and Life. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

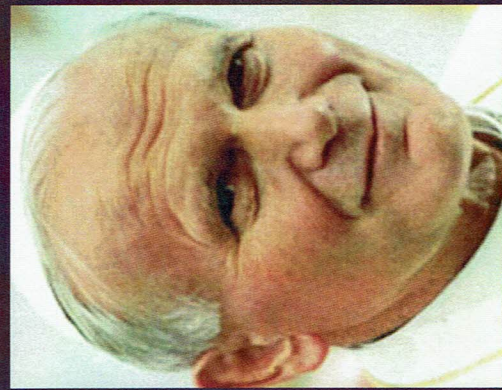
Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family and through the family.

Through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life forever and ever. **AMEN.**

“ *The new Evangelisation must bring a fuller appreciation of the family as the primary and most vital foundation of society...* ”

St. John Paul II, Pope of the Family



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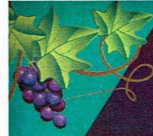
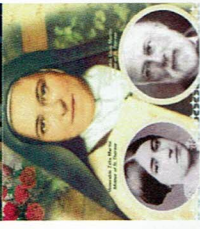
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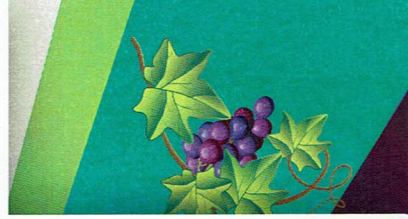
## BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF LIFE AND LOVE

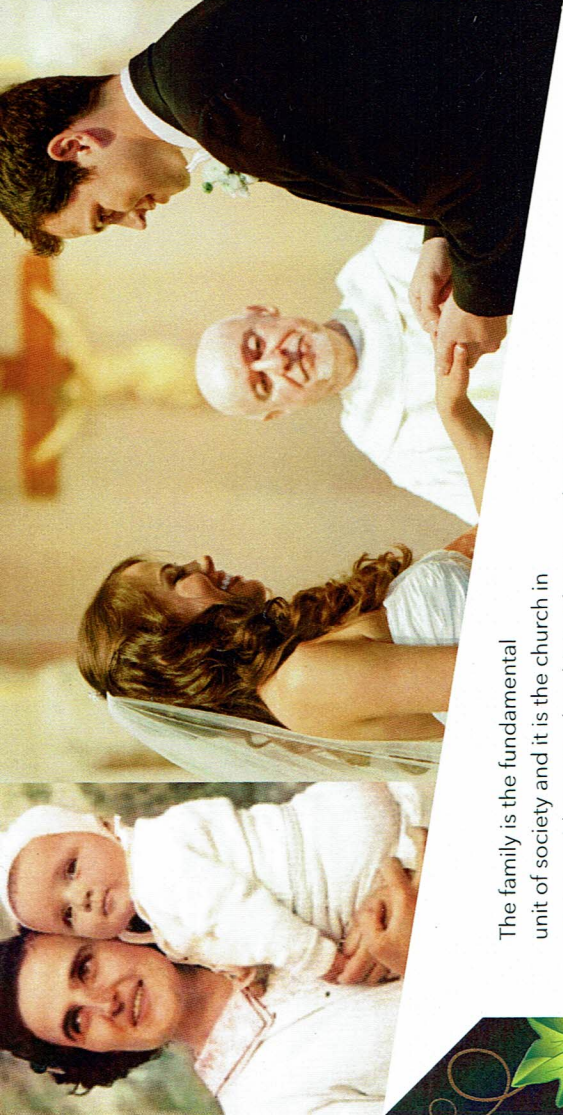
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“The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates itself naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world; it is the leaven of society.”  
Pope Francis, October 27, 2013



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The family is the fundamental unit of society and it is the church in miniature (domestic church). Its identity and mission is bound up in God's plan for marriage and for the family from the beginning of creation, and fulfilled in Jesus Christ to become "an intimate community of life and of love". The future of the Church and of humanity passes through the family.

## THE CMF

The Centre for Marriage and Family (CMF) is a non-profit Christian organization and apostolate for families that seeks to strengthen marriage and provide support for families to become communities of life and of love. The work of the Centre is based on Familiaris Consortio, the post-synodal exhortation of Pope John Paul II on the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World. It aims to provide resources to empower the family in the fulfilment of its Four General Tasks: (a) Forming a Community of Persons; (b) Serving Life; (c) Participating in the Development of Society; and (d) Sharing in the Life and Mission of the Church.

### VISION OF THE FAMILY

Created by God and redeemed by Christ, families becoming more of what they already are—an intimate community of life and love—through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### MISSION STATEMENT

To build up the Christian family as a community of life and of love so that it may share in the life and mission of the Church of making disciples of all nations.



## OBJECTIVES:

### HEART

**Humanitarian Aid (Family Based)** - Provide aid to families and children in crisis

**Education** - Form Christians in the faith in order for them to apply biblical principles to their family life. Educate on the cultural, social and legal dynamics affecting marriage, family stability, and children.

**Advocacy** - Promote programmes and public policies that strengthen families and serve the best interests of children.

**Research** - Encourage research into important family issues.

**Transform** - Transform society through prayer and action.



*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this:*

**LOVE one another as I have LOVED you.**

JOHN 15: 9-12



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