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From the Team

Dear Catechists and parents,

We have approached the middle of the year and so much has been crammed into the past six months. With much excitement we have been able to recognise and celebrate the event of World Meeting of Families with the theme *"Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness."*

In celebrating this we were able to gift each family with a small prayer booklet to parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Adelaide Our team have been thrilled to know that you find the booklet just as special as we do.

In saying this, we acknowledge all the hard work you put into this ministry of supporting families whether it is through providing resources that nourish their faith life, to providing a listening ear. As always, we thank you for your continued work within the church as missionary disciples.

Love and prayers,

Amanda & Sr. Jenny fdnsc



Amoris Laetitia Family
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WORLD MEETING



WMOF is the acronym for World Meeting of Families, founded by Pope John Paul II in 1994. The United Nations declared the “International Year of the Family” in 1994 and as a response, Pope John Paul II incorporated this celebration of family within our Church by creating the first World Meeting of Families in Rome that October. It has since been held every 3 years in different places around the world.

WMOF was first promoted by the Pontifical Council for the Family, which later merged with the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life. The event has always started and concluded with an international Theological-Pastoral Congress, in the presence of the Pope, along with a Vigil and Festival of Families and a great final Eucharistic celebration.

For more information on WMOF visit:
<https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/wmof/>

OF FAMILIES

Kathleen N. Hattrup– *Aleteia*

The World Meeting of families concluded with a prayer from Pope Francis' for all families as the event concluded in Rome on 26th June, 2022.

Dear families,

I invite you to continue the journey, listening to the Father who calls you.

Be missionaries along the highways and byways of the world.

Do not walk alone.

You young families, be guided by those who know the way.

You who are farther along, be companions on the way for others.

You who are lost because of difficulties, do not be overcome by sadness.

Trust in the love that God has placed in you.

Plead daily with the Spirit to revive that love.

Joyfully proclaim the beauty of being family.

Proclaim to children and young people the grace of Christian matrimony.

Give hope to those who have none.

Act as if everything depended on you, knowing that everything must be entrusted to God.

Be the ones to sew the fabric of a synodal society and Church, creating relationships, multiplying love and life.

Be signs of the living Christ.

Do not be afraid of what the Lord asks of you, nor of being generous with him.

Open yourselves to Christ.

Listen to him in the silence of prayer.

Accompany those who are more fragile.

Carry those who are alone: refugees, abandoned.

Be the seed of a more fraternal world.

Be families with large hearts.

Be the welcoming face of the Church.

May Mary Our Mother come to your aid when there is no more wine.

May she be a companion in the moments of silence and trial.

May she help you to walk together with her risen Son. Amen.



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WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Today, family life no matter what shape or form plays an integral part of our lives. We have recently celebrated the World Meeting of Families as mentioned but we are also looking to commemorate the important role of grandparents.

Access resources through this [link](#) or by scanning the QR code



Pope Francis has announced July 24 as a day to celebrate the importance of grandparents to family life, and how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for church communities.

This falls just before the Feast of St Anne & St Joachim, grandparents of Jesus July 26.

For more information visit the following link or scan the QR code
<https://www.catholic.org.au/grandparents>



A PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS *BLESS MY GRANDPARENTS*

-Loyola Press

Dear Lord,

I pray that you watch over my grandparents.

Please bless them with your love.

May you keep them safe and guard their path
and protect them from above.

I pray that they will always know,
and I can help them see,
just how much I love them
and what they mean to me.



Dicastery for Laity Family Life, 2017

WHAT PARENTS WANT CATECHETICAL LEADERS TO KNOW



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BY DAVID AND MERCEDES RIZZO- LOYOLA PRESS

Tips on how we can better nourish the faith of children with disabilities or special needs.

“ In school, our kids with special needs often have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), which seeks to build on the child’s strengths and likewise to minimize those parts of the educational process that make learning difficult. Why not do the same when teaching our children about God and preparing them for their sacraments? “ [read more](#)

FAMILY & FAITH RESOURCES



For the [resources pictured](#) scan the QR code



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The Family Faith Formation Team is a ministry of the Archdiocese and is located within the structure of Catholic Education, South Australia.

The team consists of Sr Jenny Seal fdnsc and Amanda Razon who both work part time. The Office is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and alternate Fridays. However, the team can be contacted via email anytime. We are available at times other than this on weeknights or weekends for workshops or training at a mutually convenient time.

The Team supports those engaged in the Religious Education and Catechesis of Catholic children and their families within the parishes and Catholic schools in the Adelaide Archdiocese.

We promote the partnerships between family, parish and Catholic school. Also, we support the ministry to families and children who attend non-Catholic schools.

We provide resources, consultation, workshops, mentoring and ongoing formation that support parish and school communities in the main areas of Family Catechesis, Sacramental Catechesis, Children's Liturgy of the Word and Parents' Faith Formation.

Please know that the team are here to support you in the best way forward for yourself, your ministry with the children and your parish community.