

THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY

Joy for the World

The World Meeting of Families started in 1994, when Pope St John Paul II asked the then Pontifical Council for the Family to establish an international event of prayer, catechesis and celebration that would draw participants from around the globe and that would help to strengthen the bonds between families and bear witness to the crucial importance of marriage and the family to all of society. The theme for each World Meeting of Families is chosen by the Pope. The World Meeting of Families 2018 will explore each of the following dimensions of theme the *Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World* and what it means for families and the Church today:

- The family, founded on the marriage of a man and woman, is part of God's plan from the beginning. It is an indispensable part of the joyful message of the Gospel that the Church proclaims.
- The family is the principal agent of evangelization of its own members, the first school of faith and love.
- The family proclaims the Gospel to the World. The Christian family, by its witness to the life and love of Jesus, is a principal agent of evangelization to the world.
- The Christian proclamation of the family is an indispensable part of the 'Good News' of the Gospel. God's plan for the family, revealed in Sacred Scripture from the beginning, is joy for the world!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS JUST FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THESE DAYS

AMORIS LAETITIA

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
one family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle, and generous,
welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,
especially those for whom we now pray:

*[We pause and remember family members
and others by name].*

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope,
keep us safe in your love,
make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*



SALESIAN FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND & WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

AUGUST 18-27, 2018



PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

Our Salesian Family Pilgrimage will include Daily Mass and praying the Rosary

August 18 – Depart John F Kennedy Airport, NYC

August 19 – Arrive Shannon Airport, Ireland

August 19 – 21 Pilgrimage and Sight-Seeing

B&B in County Mayo (private bath)

Our Lady of Knock

Croagh Patrick

Kylemore Abbey

Clonmacnoise

Connemara Region

Cong

August 21 – Panoramic Tour of Dublin; check-in at DCU lodgings (private bath)

August 22-26 World Meeting of Families Events: Congress, Festival of Families Concert, Closing Mass (Pope Francis presiding?) plus free day, and Irish dinner and entertainment one evening

August 27 – Depart for JFK and home to bring to our families, parishes, work place, and friends all the Lord and our Blessed Mother inspired in us, in response to Pope Francis' call to reach out to struggling families and young couples for ***“the family is good news indeed.”***

Come on your own, in a group, and/or with your spouse & family

TOTAL COSTS

ALL-INCLUSIVE PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE

LODGING, MOST MEALS, BUS TRAVEL

WMOF EVENTS

ROUND-TRIP AIR FARE FROM JFK

AND MORE

(PRICE GUARANTEED FOR 11 MORE PERSONS AS OF NOV. 4, 2017)

Adults: \$2110.00 (2/room)

Children 6-12 years of age: \$1500.*

Children 2-5 years of age: \$1200.*

Children up to 2 years of age: \$900.*

**Children must share a room with 2 adults to receive this reduction*

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT FR. TOM OR SR. DENISE

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If you would like to support a family or couple of modest means who wish to attend this pilgrimage, please contact Sr. Denise or Fr. Tom at the email addresses provided above.

The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. As the Synod Fathers noted, for all the many signs of crisis in the institution of marriage, “the desire to marry and form a family remains vibrant, especially among young people, and this is an inspiration to the Church”. As a response to that desire, “the Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed”. (Pope Francis, Introduction, AL)

ALL WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS PILGRIMAGE MUST TAKE PART IN MONTHLY SESSIONS IN WHICH POPE FRANCIS' APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, AMORIS LAETITIA, WILL BE READ AND DISCUSSED, EITHER IN PERSON OR VIA THE INTERNET.

WE MUST PREPARE OUR HEART, MIND, BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT TO RECEIVE THE GRACES THAT OUR LORD AND BLESSED MOTHER WILL SEND US THROUGH THIS EXPERIENCE.

“It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for “families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity”. (Pope Francis, Introduction, AL)

CATECHESIS * RESOURCES * MORE INFORMATION

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