



DIOCESE OF CLOYNE

WMOF18 NEWSLETTER

January 2018



Catholic Schools Week 2018

Catholic Schools: Called to be a Family of Families

28th January to 3rd February

The World Meeting of Families presents a special opportunity for school families to not only celebrate the fact that parents are the primary educators of their children, but also the vital role that Catholic schools play in assisting parents in their duty to raise their children. In partnership with World Meeting of Families 2018, the Catholic Schools Week Steering Committee has developed a one-year catechetical programme for Catholic primary and post-primary schools. The theme for this programme is Catholic Schools: *'Called to be a Family of Families.'* The programme invites Catholic schools to reflect on and to celebrate the relationship that exists between home, school and parish through participation in four sub themed catechetical moments. Catholic Schools Week 2018 will run in the same format as previous years but there is one important distinction. In 2018, Catholic Schools Week will be the high point of the primary and post-primary school catechetical programme. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2018 is Catholic Schools: *'Families of Faith.'*

For further information see www.catholic

SUGGESTED JANUARY EVENTS

Family New Years Resolutions

We are asking families to consider making family new years resolutions as part of your preparations for the world Meeting of Families, the following are some suggestions but no doubt families will know what is appropriate for their own family situation.

Family Prayer

You might consider a resolution to have some form of family prayer. Maybe begin with the simple but important prayers, the 'Sign of the Cross', 'Grace Before Meals' or saying the 'Angelus' together.

Family Meals

Plan to have a number of meals during each week where the whole family will gather around the family table for a meal, with all devices turned off.

Attending Mass as a family

What a gift for the family and the parish community to have families join in the parish celebration of the Eucharist.

Time to Act

Check the WMOF18 website

www.worldmeeting2018.ie



To book your Tickets to attend WMOF18, or If you will need accommodation in Dublin, you should make enquiries now.

Transport

Parish groups should consider approaching a local bus operator now, as demand for transport will increase if Pope Francis' attendance is confirmed around the end of February.



Volunteers Wanted



If you are in a position to volunteer to help at the WMOF18 next August '18, please log on now to -

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteers

Over 5000 volunteers are required.

The World Meeting of Families comes to Ireland!

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families in August 2018. Started by Saint John Paul II, and held every three years, this major world event celebrates family as the cornerstone of our lives, and the fundamental building block of society and the Church. Families and others from all over the world will gather in Dublin From 21-26 August 2018 to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for WMOF2018 is The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World. The WMOF2018 Logo, launched in December 2016, reflects on this theme and our journey towards August 2018.

Programme for WMOF18

Tuesday 21st August 2018

Opening Ceremonies

Wed 22nd to Fri 24th August

Three day congress

Saturday 25th August

Festival of Families

Sunday 26th August

Eucharistic Celebration

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How can I get involved?

Volunteer - If you would like to volunteer to assist in the running of the WMOF18 events in August 2018 you can register on www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer

Pray for the success of the World Meeting of Families 2018.

Prepare spiritually with the pastoral programme available to parishes in Spring 2018.

Register now to attend the World Meeting events in 2018, see worldmeeting2018.ie for details of registration and accommodation.

World Meeting of Families website

www.worldmeeting2018.ie



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