

Celebrating Family Love

A group of stylized human figures in blue, orange, and red, representing a diverse family with a person in a wheelchair, a man, a woman, and a child.

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A small version of the stylized family icons from the top of the page, in blue, orange, and red.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES
JUNE 22-26, 2022

Welcome!

This resource pack, which is to accompany the **Celebrating Family Love** school assembly, has been designed to help you to prepare your pupils for the World Meeting of Families celebration taking place on the 22-26 June, 2022.

This world meeting promises to be different this year, as Pope Francis asks us to celebrate **Rome at Home!** This means that we can all do something to celebrate this family event in our schools, homes and parishes.

To help with this, we have included a range of ideas and resources in this pack to get you started with your family celebrations. Remember, to include everyone in your celebration!

We all have different experiences of family life.

Some of those experiences can be very positive, while others may experience a negative or more complex family upbringing. This celebration of family life is not to hide away from this fact, but to celebrate *all* families and support them as much as we can.

Pope Francis reminds us that there is no perfect family, but rather families make up a "mosaic of different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems" (*Amoris Laetitia*, 57).

In your school community you will be presented with this 'mosaic of different realities', and we hope that this resource will help you to sensitively explore family life with your pupils, whilst also recognising the many challenges and diverse experiences your pupils may have of family life.

We hope this assembly resource can help your pupils to think about and celebrate what they love about their family, despite all the messiness and imperfections of family life.

In the assembly we will be exploring how families are the perfect place where we learn how to grow in love, despite all the arguments, tantrums and falling outs!



Watch the primary and secondary assemblies at catholiceducation.org.uk

Below is an outline of the resources available in this pack. Please feel free to utilise these resources in any way that works for your school community.

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Suggested ideas.

Page 4

Picture template.

Page 5

Card template, with prayer at the back.

Pages 6-9

Display materials for your Celebrating Family Love school display.

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World Meeting of Families Hymn, *We believe in love*.

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World Meeting of Families prayer.

Page 14

Create a prayer box.

Page 15

Primary assembly suggestion.

Remember to share with us what you do! Take a picture and use the following hashtag:

#RomeAtHome



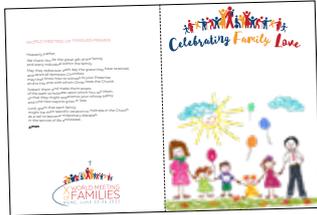
The most beautiful thing God made - so the bible tells us - was the family.

Pope Francis,
Amoris Laetitia, 53

Suggested Ideas

1. Draw a picture

Use the template on page 4 for your pupils to write a short message on why they love their family along with a picture of their family. This can be used as part of your school display.



2. Create a card

Use the template on page 5 to create a Celebrating Family Love card which the pupils can create to send to someone in their family, along with the World Meeting of Families prayer on the back.

3. Write a poem

Write a poem about why your family is so important to you. Display these on your Celebrating Family Love display.

4. Write a story

Get creative, write a short story about why you think your family is so fantastic!

5. Hold a Celebrating Family Love assembly

Create a school assembly, and invite the pupil's families along to share what they love about their family. You can use the display materials and resources in this pack as part of the assembly. See page 15 for an outline example of an assembly.

6. Make a family pledge

Write a family pledge to show how much we love our families. We can pledge to help with housework, or to spend less time on our screens to spend quality time with our family!

7. Family hero

Draw a picture of your family hero which is a composition of all your favourite family bits. The hero may have the hugging arms of your grandmother, the smile of your mother, the listening ears of your father, etc.



8. Create a paper chain

As part of your display, create a paper chain and write on each link a message of why you think your family is fantastic. Link these all together to display how your school is part of one big family. Or make a people paper chain, where pupils can make their own family members. These can be used as part of the assembly suggestions on page 15.



9. Fundraiser

There are likely to be many organisations which have supported your school families during a particularly challenging time, why not hold a non-uniform day or similar fundraising event to support their work. If you're stuck for organisations, contact flc@rcadc.org and we will help you.

10. Prayer box

Use the prayer box sheet on page 14 to cover a box into which everyone is invited to post a private prayer for their family. This box can be taken/given to the parish priest to place on the Sanctuary during the WMOF, so that all families are remembered during all Masses.

I love my family because...

*Celebrating
Family Love*



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the great gift of families.

Help us to love each other, just as Christ loves us,
so that we keep on the path to holiness,
and continue to grow in love together.

Lord, help each family
to know that they are special members
of the Church
called to be disciples,
in service of life and peace
and to love one another.

Amen





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ROME, JUNE 22-26 2022

WE BELIEVE IN LOVE

Testo e musica: MARCO FRISINA

italiano

$\text{♩} = 70$

F B \flat /F F B \flat /F F Gm C F Gm F

1. Fa - mi - gia via di san - ti - tà, sei

B \flat F Gsus G C F/A B \flat F B \flat /D Dm Gm/B \flat C F

se - gno del - l'a - mo - re, tu do - ni la spe - ran - za, la gio - ia, al - le - lu - ia. We be -

B \flat F B \flat F A B \flat Gm C F

lieve in love, we be - lie - ve in life, we will come with you, al - le - lu - ia. We be -

B \flat F B \flat F A Dm Gm C F *inglese*

lieve in love, we be - lie - ve in life, we will come with you, al - le - lu - ia. 2. You

F Gm F B \flat F Gsus G B \flat

are in Christ the way of truth and bring the Gos - pel to the world, you

F/A B \flat F B \flat /D Dm Gm/B \flat C F

tes - ti - fy the beau - ty of the Word, al - le - lu - ia. We be -

spagnolo

Gm C F F Gm F B \flat F Gsus G C

lu - ia. 3. Se - re - mos fuer - tes en el do - lor, con - stan - tes en la prue - ba, y

F/A B \flat F B \flat /D Dm Gm/B \flat C F

a no - so - tros su Es - pi - ri - tu, siem - pre nos a - ni - ma - rà. We be -

italiano

Gm C F F Gm F B \flat F Gsus G C

lu - ia. 4. Fa - mi - gia via di gio - ia, ri - splen - de in te la gra - zia, sei

F/A B \flat F B \flat /D Dm Gm/B \flat C F

lu - ce, sei spe - ran - za per il mon - do, al - le - lu - ia. We be -

francese

Gm C F F Gm F B \flat F

lu - ia. 5. Fa - mil - le voie de cha - ri - té, vi - vant — té - moi -

Gsus G C F/A B \flat F B \flat /D Dm Gm/B \flat C F

gna - ge, l'a - mour de Dieu est ta lu - mière, et — ta vrai ri - ches - se. We be -



portoghese

Gm C F F Gm F B \flat F Gsus G C

lu - ia. 6. Fa - mi - lia ti re - so - a a voz for - te de Je - sus, nos

F/A B \flat F B \flat /D Dm Gm/B \flat C F

cha - ma a se - guir - lo, tes - te - mu - nhas de ca - ri - da - de. We be -

Dal $\frac{3}{4}$ al \ominus

polacco

Gm C F F Gm F B \flat F Gsus G C

lu - ia. 7. Rod - zi - na sil - na jest słu - żbą, wya - jem - mzm pre - ba - cye - niem, przy -

F/A B \flat F B \flat /D Dm Gm/B \flat C F

gar - nie cię w mi - łoś - ci swej, tam ra - dość i świę - tość — jest. We be -

Dal $\frac{3}{4}$ al \ominus

tedesco

Gm C F F Gm F B \flat F Gsus F C

lu - ia. 8. Fa - mi - lie. Weg der Hei - lig - keit und Zei - chen der Lie - be, —

F/A B \flat F B \flat /D Dm Gm/B \flat C F

du — schenkst Hof - fnung und Freu - de. Hal - le - lu - ja. We be

Dal $\frac{3}{4}$ al \ominus

swaili

Gm C F F Gm F B \flat F

lu - ia. 9. Dja - ma, ni dji - ya mu - ta - ka - ti - fu u - ko ki - pa ji

Gsus G C F/A B \flat F B \flat /D Dm Gm/B \flat C F

ya ma - pen - do, u - na pa - na - ka tu - ma - yi - ni na fu rah. Hal - le - lu - ia. We be -

Dal $\frac{3}{4}$ al \ominus

cinese

Gm C F F Gm F B \flat F Gsus G C

lu - ia. 10. A jia shi sheng jie zhi — di a jia shi ai di xiang zheng, ni —

F/A B \flat F B \flat /D Dm Gm/B \flat C F B \flat F

ci yu wo — men xi wang, xi le, hal - li - lu - ya. We be lieve in love, we be -

B \flat F A B \flat Gm C F B \flat F

lie - ve in life, we will come with you, al - le - lu - ia. We be - lieve in love, we be -

B \flat F A Dm Gm C F

lie - ve in life, we will come with you, al - le - lu - ia.



WE BELIEVE IN LOVE

Testo: Marco Frisina

1. Famiglia via di santità,
sei segno dell'amore,
tu doni la speranza,
la gioia, alleluia.

*We believe in love
We believe in life,
we will come with you,
alleluia. (bis)*

2. You are in Christ the way of truth
and bring the Gospel tu the world,
you testify the beauty
of the Word, alleluia.

*We believe in love
We believe in life,
we will come with you,
alleluia. (bis)*

3. Seremos fuertes en el dolor
constantes en la prueba,
y a nosotros su Espiritu,
siempre nos animará.

*We believe in love
We believe in life,
we will come with you,
alleluia. (bis)*

4. Famiglia, via di gioia,
risplende in te la grazia
sei luce, sei speranza
per il mondo, alleluia.

*We believe in love
We believe in life,
we will come with you,
alleluia. (bis)*

5. Famille voie de charité,
vivant témoignage,
l'amour de Dieu est ta lumière,
et ta vrai richesse.

*We believe in love,
we believe in life,
we come on with you,
alleluia. (bis)*

6. Familia ti resoa
a voz forte de Jesus,
nos chama a seguirlo,
testemunhas da caridade.

*We believe in love,
we believe in life,
we come on with you,
alleluia. (bis) ^*

7. Rodzina silna jest służbą,
wzajemnym przebaczeniem,
przygarnie cię w miłości swej,
tam radość i świętość jest.

*We believe in love,
we believe in life,
we come on with you,
alleluia. (bis)*

8. Familie, Weg der Heiligkeit
und Zeichen der Liebe,
du schenkst Hoffnung
und Freude. Halleluja.

*We believe in love,
we believe in life,
we come on with you,
alleluia. (bis)*

9. Djama, ni djiya mutakatifu
uko kipa ji ya mapendo,
u-na panaka tumayini na fu rah.
Halleluia.

*We believe in love,
we believe in life,
we come on with you,
alleluia. (bis)*

10. A jia shi sheng jie zhi di
a jia shi ai di xiang zheng,
ni ci yu wo men xi wang,
xi le, halliluya.

*We believe in love,
we believe in life,
we come on with you,
alleluia. (bis)*





Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the
great gift of families.

Help us to love each other,
just as Christ loves us,
so that we keep on the path to holiness,
and continue to grow in love together.

Lord, help each family
to know that they are special
members of the Church
called to be disciples,
in service of life and peace
and to love one another.

Amen.



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Please use this logo cover to stick onto any box and place it on the Sanctuary in the weeks leading up to the World Meeting of Families.

When you give out the prayer cards to your parishioners, please explain that one is for them to keep to pray together regularly at home, the other is for them to take away and to complete with the names of their families. These can be placed in the box at a convenient time - perhaps it can become part of the offertory that a basket, which is at the back of church to receive the cards, is brought up with the gifts. Or families are invited to come and place their card in the box at the beginning or end of Mass.

It is very tempting to think of family as those with two parents and small children but it is important to realise, and to reassure people, that **we are all part of a family, thus this is something in which everyone can participate.**

School Assembly: Toolkit

We recommend some preliminary work to be done to bring to the Assembly. Each child to draw and write on a heart about why they think their family is special. These could then be used as a display in the school or your local church. Or you can use the paper chain idea, where everyone brings up part of a paper chain, which are then all joined together to form one family, or pupils bring up a people chain to represent their family.

Introduction:

Please use the images in the presentation provided. Use slides 2-4 for this section.

- Reader 1:** Pope Francis is the leader of the Catholic Church. He is inviting us all, this year, to celebrate our families.
- Reader 2:** He is holding a special celebration called The World Meeting of Families, which is taking place in Rome this year.
- Reader 3:** This is a chance for all families, from around the world to come together, and to take time to celebrate how important families are.
- Reader 4:** Our families are important to us, but we might not always take time to stop and think about just how special they are.
- Reader 5:** This is why we are joining in with the World Meeting of Families celebration, to take time to pray and thank God for our families.
- Reader 6:** But we can't all go to Rome, so Pope Francis is asking us to celebrate the World Meeting of Families at home. So we are celebrating Rome at Home.

Pupil input:

For this section, invite pupils to come up to the front to share why they think their family is special to them. You may want to use children's drawings, paper/people chain, or cut out hearts to use as a prompt for the children to hold while they are reading their lines. These can then all be placed to make up a simple display. Use slide 5 in the presentation.

- Pupil:** I think my family is special because...

Outro:

For this section, use the display that you have made to make the point visually that together our families make up one bigger family. Use slide 6 and 7 in the presentation.

- Reader 7:** All our families are different, and that is what makes them so special to us.
- Reader 8:** But we also have to remember, that we all belong to one big family, everyone is part of God's family!
- Reader 9:** Together we all make up a family of families!
- Reader 10:** Let us pray the World Meeting of Families prayer together:

Heavenly Father, We thank you for the great gift of families. Help us to love each other, just as Christ loves us, so that we keep on the path to holiness, and continue to grow in love together. Lord, help each family to know that they are special members of the Church called to be disciples, in service of life and peace and to love one another. Amen.

- Reader 11:** Thank you for listening to our assembly, let us all promise to do one thing to show our families how much we care for them.

You may want to encourage an activity for pupils to take as a way of showing how much they love and appreciate their family. Use the resources in this pack for ideas, including writing a poem or story, creating a poster, writing a card or making a big display. Please remember to tag any images you upload to social media with #RomeAtHome.