



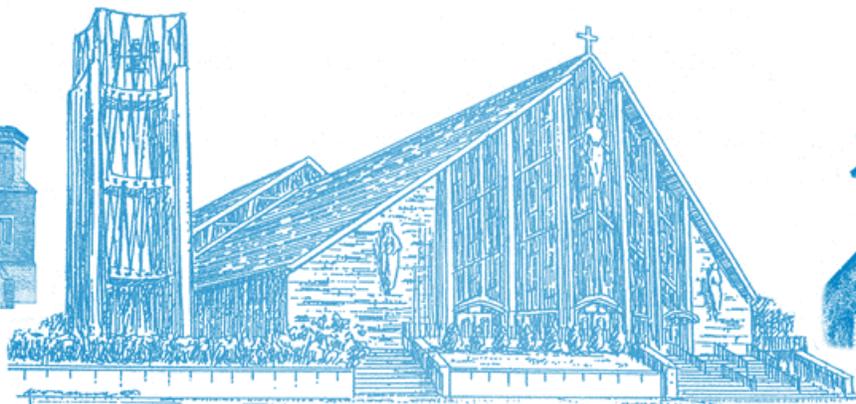
*Holy Family Church  
Nutley-Belleville*



## Our Journey Continues...



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July 19, 2015

**SERVED BY:**

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**MASSES**

Saturday evening: 5:30 PM (English),  
7:00 PM (Italian)

Neo-Catechumenate Liturgy: 8:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,  
12:00 Noon & 7:00 PM

Filipino Mass: 2nd Sunday of month, 5:00 PM

Daily: 7:00, 8:45 AM; Saturday 8:45 AM

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Daily: 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon  
1:00 - 4:00 PM  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The Rectory is closed 12:00 - 1:00 PM and  
4:00 - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The office is closed on Sunday.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday, 1:00 PM

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are scheduled once a month on Sunday afternoons except during Lent. Expectant parents are asked to contact the rectory to schedule an appointment at least three months before the desired date of Baptism. Parents must attend a special catechetical session prior to the Baptism.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples should contact the rectory one year in advance of the proposed wedding date in order to allow for the proper pre-marital preparation. At least one person must be a registered parishioner of Holy Family.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** This is a sacrament not only for those who are at the point of death. As soon as anyone begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, we encourage you to call for a priest in the rectory.

**MINISTRY OF THE SICK:** The Eucharist will be brought to the homebound. Please contact the Rectory with the names and addresses of parishioners who are ill or homebound.

**VOCATION:** Women and men who feel called to the religious life, and men called to Holy Orders, should contact the Vocations Office at 973-497-4365.

**EMERGENCY CALLS:** In case of an accident or sudden illness, call the rectory at any hour or reach us on the emergency phone, 973-715-3108. The priest on duty will return your call.

**SOCIAL SERVICE HOTLINE:** The Catholic Community Services is an office that serves all people in need. Please call 1-800-CCS-7413.

**PARISH PAY:** Have your weekly donation sent directly to the Church! Visit [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or call 1-866-PARISH1

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

- Holy Family Catholic Church is a spiritually and socially active parish. Rooted in the Word of God and nourished by the Eucharist, we celebrate the life of our Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Good News and providing spiritual growth, support and service with love. Founded by Italian immigrants a century ago, today our parish continues the tradition of extending a loving, caring and affirming welcome to all who join us as we Continue Our Journey of Faith.
- La Chiesa Cattolica Santa Famiglia e' una parrocchia socialmente e spiritualmente attiva. Radicata nella Parola di Dio e nutrita dall'eucarestia, celebriamo la vita del nostro Signore Gesu' Cristo proclamando la buona novella e provvedendo crescita spirituale, supporto e servizio con amore. Fondata un secolo fa' da immigranti italiani, oggi, la nostra parrocchia continua la tradizione di estendere un amorevole, caro e riconoscente benvenuto a tutti coloro che con noi continuano e condividono il nostro cammino di fede.
- Ang simbahang katoliko ng banal na pamilya ay isang masiglang parokya sa espirituwal at ugnayang panlipunan. Nakaugat sa salita ng diyos at pinalusog ng eukaristiya, ipanagdiriwant namin ang buhay ng ating panginoong hesukristo sa pagpapahayag ng mabuting balita at paguudulot ng paglago sa kabanalan, paggabay, at mapagmahal na paglilingkod. Itinatag ng mga dayuhang italiano may isang-daan taon na ang nakakalipas, ngayon ang aming parokya ay patuloy sa pag-ugit ng tradisyon ng mapag-aruga, mapagkalinga, at mapagkilang pagtanggap sa mga sumapi saamin habang patuloy sa paglalakbay sa panaampalataya.

*From the Pastor*



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time B-2015**

My brothers & sisters in the Lord;

In today's readings, we can draw a lesson from the open-hearted behavior of Jesus in placing the needs of others before His own. If there is no rest in Jesus, there can be no rest for His followers either. By virtue of our baptismal calling, all of us have Christian responsibilities and a certain amount of shepherding to do. At times there seems to be no let-up, especially in family life. If growing children are not cared for and given proper direction, they are going to be lost and wonder aimlessly through life with no purpose. Being the Good Shepherd that Jesus wants us to be is a hard line of business. The pathway

He wishes us to follow is the straight and narrow one of the Ten Commandments. Unless we are continually linked to Jesus through prayer, we run the danger of wandering off and finding other pathways more attractive.

The Gospel today speaks of finding a quiet spot in our lives where we can be alone with Jesus in prayer. Like Jesus, we need to get away from the constant calls of daily life and from the pressures that bear down on us to listen to the healing voice of God and refresh ourselves spiritually. God's voice is best heard in moments of stillness. If we would only allow Jesus to make His home in our hearts, there is an open power and the strength of God to assist our living. Silent prayer alone with God is one of our greatest needs. Alone in His presence, we should ask ourselves where we are going and what we are trying to achieve. If we don't make space for God in our lives, we are wasting time and not seeing beyond our present activities. All of our life is sacred but we will never understand this unless we accept the Lord's loving invitation to come apart and rest awhile with Him.

Peace,  
Fr. Joe



We are happy to congratulate ELIZABETH CONTE, winner of June's 50/50. Elizabeth won \$797.50!

The raffles for July-August-September were mailed late last week. They should be arriving shortly. Please be sure to take your tickets to picnics and barbecues and try to sell as many as possible! Especially for the September raffle which is drawn the last night of our Italian Feast. If you are not presently on our mailing list and would like to receive your raffles in the mail, please call the rectory: 973-667-0026.



The Sassy Seniors of Holy Family are planning two trips during the fall and winter Months.

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Platzl Brauhaus, "Oktoberfest" ❖ Cost \$60

Friday, December 18, 2015

Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show ❖ Cost \$75

For more information, call Sr. Eileen: 973-667-0026. After July 22, please call Kay Palitto: 973-661-1598



Applebee's

**Enjoy a short stack  
for a tall cause.**

Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast  
To Support  
The Women's Auxiliary of  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Nutley

Saturday, September 26, 8:00-10:00 A.M.  
Applebee's®, 375 Rt. 3 East, Clifton  
\$10

Meal Includes: Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,  
Beverage (coffee, orange juice, soda or tea)  
For tickets, contact Linda: 973-661-0090 or  
LKR160@aol.com



*Behold,  
the days are coming,  
Says the Lord,  
when I will  
raise up  
a righteous shoot  
to David.*

- Jeremiah 23:5a

**Saturday, July 18**

5:30 PM Theresa M. Cucinello...Dominick Cucinello

7:00 PM People of the Parish

**Sunday, July 19**

8:00 AM John & Felicia Cantagallo and Son, John

10:00 AM Tony & Theresa DiMeo...Jerry & Anna Volpe

12:00 PM Frances Corso...Laraine Gilroy

3:30 PM Wedding: Matthew Puccio & Carolina Galindo

7:00 PM Santo Domingo...Julian & Aster Loleng

**Monday, July 20**

7:00 AM Joseph Cancelliere...The Hui Family

8:45 AM Marvin Millstein, Jr...Dad & Camille

**Tuesday, July 21**

7:00 AM Marc DiNardo...Olga Lavelle

8:45 AM Carmella Echo...Jane & Domenic Melito

**Wednesday, July 22**

7:00 AM Marc DiNardo...Olga Lavelle

8:45 AM Gina Llewellyn...Zielinski Family

**Thursday, July 23**

7:00 AM Joseph Hui...His Family

8:45 AM James Tirone, 1st Anniversary...Patricia Little

4:00 PM Wedding: John Losardo & Krista Reilly

**Friday, July 24**

7:00 AM Joseph Hui...His Family

8:45 AM Mario DiMaggio...Rose & Val Frattaroli

4:00 PM Wedding: Matthew Ianco & Nicole Bernabe

**Saturday, July 25**

8:45 AM Special Remembrance Mass

Gemma Arguelles

John & Eleanor Arthur

Donna Maria Blauvelt

Antonio Ciapina

Rodolfo Clavecilla

Matthew Stephen DeFrance

Rosaria Faragasso

Gasparina Giglio

Steve Perger

Elmer & Hattie Walsh

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 25**

5:30 PM Deceased of the Parigi Family

...Catherine & Vinnie Parigi

7:00 PM Deceased of Mancuso & Cullari Families

...Grandchildren

**Sunday, July 26**

8:00 AM Mary Terruso...Madeline & Charles Brown

10:00 AM James Fusaro...Christine Fusaro

12:00 PM Elvira Lopes...Daughter, Maria, & Family

7:00 PM People of the Parish



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Do you spend time listening for  
God? Most of the  
time, He speaks  
in soft whispers.

Open your heart and hear the Lord. Take time in silence every day and ask God what it is He wants you to do. Consider making a retreat this year.

**For Sunday, July 12, 2015,**

The actual collection was \$10,333.00;

\$1,582.00 of which came from Parish Pay.

The 2nd Collection for Church Steps Repair was \$3,840.00.

Mass Attendance was 1,430.

***God Bless You For Your Continued Generosity!***

**For Sunday, July 13, 2014,**

The actual collection was \$10,129.00

\$1,667.00 of which came from Parish Pay.

The 2nd Collection for Property Upkeep was \$1,375.00.

Mass Attendance was 1,504.

**Memorials for the Week of July 19**

**Altar Bread**

Gemma Arguelles...Suzanne Murray

**Altar Wine**

Gemma Arguelles...Sevetz Family

**Altar Flowers**

Gemma Arguelles...Irene Murray

**The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church, Chapel, Convent and Rectory, Altar Candles, Altar Bread, & Altar Wine, as well as Altar Flowers are our weekly memorials. The donation for each Sanctuary Lamp and Altar Candles are \$10. The donation for Altar Bread or Altar Wine is \$15. The donation for Flowers on the Altar of the Blessed Virgin or Saint Joseph is \$45.**

**Please stop by the rectory to reserve any of the above.**

**Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick...**

Raymond & Mary Bresko, Alicia Cardona, Sister Marie Ciamillo, MPF, Anthony D'Agostino, Jennifer Caramucci DeJesus, Daniel DePaul, Bishop Thomas A. Donato, Janet Ferrugia, Toni Logiudice, Josephine Loricchio, Kenneth Matthews, Philip Napoli, Laurie Palumbo, Karen Sammartine, Kayla San Filippo, Richard Tyrpak - the entire sick list is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

**Please Pray for Those Who Have Died...**

Gabriele Dispoto, Maureen Hess, Mildred Catalfamo, Sr. Louise Del Carpine, MPF

Sacred Heart Church, Lyndhurst, NJ

Proudly Presents

**FAUSTINA: APOSTLE OF DIVINE MERCY**

(Polish w/English Subtitles)

AMC Clifton Commons 16

Tuesday, August 11, 8:00 PM

\$15 donation—tickets purchased at the Parish Office

Monday-Friday, 9:30-5:30 PM

No tickets will be sold at the theater

For more information: 201-438-1147

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME**

**Saturday, July 18**

8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 - MCC  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate # 2 & 3 - SJC  
 2nd Collection All Masses: Shared School Expenses

**Sunday, July 19**

2:00 PM Baptism Catechesis - Church  
 2:45 PM O.L. of Fatima Prayer Group - MCC

**Monday, July 20**

7:00 PM Novena - MCC

**Wednesday, July 22**

7:30 PM Bereavement - SA  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 - MSA  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #3 - SLR

**Thursday, July 23**

7:30 PM Bible Study - SJC

**Friday, July 24**

6:00 AM Men's Prayer Group - SJC

**Saturday, July 25**

1:00 PM Confession - Church  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate #1 - MCC  
 8:30 PM Neo-Catechumenate # 2 & 3 - SJC  
 2nd Collection All Masses: Church Roof Repair

**Sunday, July 26**

July 50/50 drawing  
 All Afternoon: Charismatic Renewal Event - All buildings

**KEY**

**MCC** Mother Cabrini Chapel  
**MSA** Maria SS. Addolorata Room - Parish Center  
**SA** St. Anthony Room - Parish Center  
**SJC** St. Joseph Center  
**SLR** San Luiz Room - Parish Center



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50  
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17  
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23  
 Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

***From the Desk of Sr. Eileen...***

2016 Calendar Information has not yet been received from the following groups:

- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Choir
- Fatima Prayer Group
- Holy Name
- Adult Italian Class
- Children's Italian Class
- Youth Group Meetings / Activities
- Need to use the Church vestibule for sales.



I am trying to make this as easy as possible; please submit your dates no later than Monday, July 20. Your prompt attention is appreciated.

To Teach as  
 Jesus Did

**TEACHING THE GOOD NEWS  
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD)  
 973-667-6018**



**Sunday:** Grades K-5, 8:30 AM-9:45 AM  
**Tuesday:** Grades 1-6, 3:30-4:45 PM ~ Classes for Spring Garden, Lincoln and Yanticaw Schools  
**Wednesday Evening:** (all schools) Grades 7 & 8, 7:00-8:30 PM

**Thursday:** Grades 1-6; 3:30-4:45 PM ~ Classes for Belleville #5, Washington & Radcliff Schools

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**



The Miraculous Medal Novena is every Monday at 7:00 PM, in the Mother Cabrini Chapel. Novena consists of devotional prayers to the Miraculous Medal and St. Jude, and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. On national holidays, Novena prayers are offered at 8:45 AM, just prior to the 9:00 AM Mass.

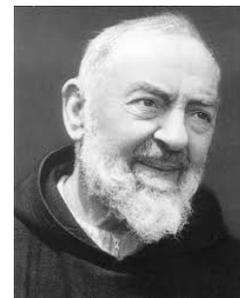


Black rosary beads were found in the Church parking lot on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please call the rectory to claim them.

**GOD WITHIN**

God dwells in a secret and hidden way in all souls, in their very substance, for if God did not, they could not exist at all.

- St. John of the Cross



**PILGRIMAGE IN HONOR OF  
 SAN PADRE PIO  
 Blue Army Shrine  
 Washington Township, NJ  
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015  
 Donation: \$29.00**

**Depart Holy Family Church at 8:15 AM  
 Depart Blue Army Shrine at 4:45 PM**

**A procession with the Blessed Mother  
 will be held prior to scheduled Mass time.**

For more information, contact:  
 Antonio Vacca 973-237-1564  
 Michele Tarantino 201-935-1844

Summary Report  
Response  
Lineamenta for the XIV Ordinary Synod of Bishops  
Archdiocese of Newark  
April 15, 2015

Marriage and the family have been much on the Church's mind in recent times. In the first of two sessions, the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops gathered this past October, 2014 to treat the topic: *The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization*. This will be followed by the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops treating the topic: *The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World*, in October 2015.

The *Relatio Synodi*, which is sent as the *Lineamenta*, concludes in the following words: "These proposed reflections, the fruit of the synodal work that took place in great freedom and with a spirit of reciprocal listening, are intended to raise questions and indicate points of view that will later be developed and clarified through reflection in the local Churches in the intervening year leading to the XIV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops: (*Relatio Synodi*, n. 62)

In our desire to honor the statement cited above, the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Newark attempted to synthesize the questions in order to facilitate and summarize a discussion within the Archdiocese. Our model for presentation of the questions for discussion began with identifying appropriate respondents for the forty six questions presented in the *Lineamenta*. The Office identified five categories of respondent and corresponding questions. The following is a summary report of that information gathered, with an emphasis on those questions identified as appropriate to the individual faithful, the tribunal and marriage preparation teams. The remaining categories were Archdiocesan Staff and Priest/Deacon, who were not specifically engaged.

The Archdiocese established seven English-speaking and four Spanish-speaking opportunities, which we identified as "Listening Sessions," during which questions for discussion were presented. Four statements and five questions for each statement were directed toward the laity and brought together from the original *Lineamenta*. To further facilitate the discussion within the time allowed, the Office presented two statements and corresponding questions in each of two counties within the Archdiocese. Statements 1 and 3 along with questions were presented in Union and Hudson Counties, while Statements 2 and 4 along with questions were presented in Bergen and Essex Counties.

Bergen County saw the largest participation followed by Essex, Union and Hudson counties.

What follows is not a question by question response to the forty six questions presented, but rather a summary of thoughts and concerns as expressed by the faithful in response to questions provided for in our "Listening Sessions."

**Statement One**

***It is essential that families understand and believe that no one is beyond the mercy of God. This is particularly critical when families are faced with life-altering circumstances, such as the illness of a child, parent or elderly family member. Likewise, some families are wounded and fragile, while others are on the periphery, in extreme circumstances, far from the mainstream of life. In addition to the outreach of the Church, various social, civil, state and national resources and initiatives exist to benefit the family in all its forms.***

***The statement above and the following summary are a response to the following questions from the Lineamenta, 20, 20.1, 1.5, 3.2, 26, 27.1, 27.2, 6, 6.2***

The belief in the mercy of God – a core dimension for a healthy family life – is an essential belief in His love for humanity. God's loving mercy is known and experienced in and through each family member. Those families that walk in God's mercy and model God's mercy feel the love, hope and protection of God, knowing we all belong to Him. Although we stray, we must know unconditionally that we can return at any time to a loving and forgiving Father, even though this might not have been the case in our families of origin. The truth of God's mercy has to condition family life as the foundation for members' psychological and relational health: the family then is a context of love and respect, implying inclusiveness and showing that forgiveness has to work, even in hard and difficult situations. God's mercy is a call to repentance, transformation and ultimately healing. Jesus 'called a sin a sin' and said many things that were difficult to hear, but He did so with love and then He forgave. Doctrine does not have to be diminished to offer pastoral love.

As Church, individuals and collective families need to give testimony, joyfully and truthfully, about God acting mercifully in their lives. In so doing, we can also help our clergy, often steeped in administrative duties, to reach the people of God. There are many ways to reach out: personal witness, appropriate social media, post-abortive programs, March for Life, parish pilgrimages, making annulments more obtainable, and encouraging the laity to use Catholic media for their information and education, among others. There was some expression of the Church being perceived as cold or disinterested and that what services it does offer need to be better marketed to parishes and the faithful.

We must reach out to *all*, not only to those individuals and families who are active members of the Church. The Church and its parishes need to be places of welcome, truth and joy. We must also turn our attention specifically to families in need. Visible outreach is essential. Parishes and dioceses must publicize their existing services, and gathering spaces within parishes must be welcoming so that in their time of need, families will want to approach in hope. Practical outreach can include resources for food services, housing options, medical and mental health services and pastoral assistance. Local churches can collaborate with local government and social agencies – without jeopardizing our Christian values - to bring relief to individuals and families in crisis as well. Over and above Christian example, we live in an age of technology that can convey messages through visual means and the written word. All that is needed is a creative mind and the inspiration of God to speak the truth!

(Over)

Our Church contains many who are marginalized and on the periphery of life. These can include those with abuse problems of any kind, those in same-sex unions, those not aligned with the Church, those who are divorced and remarried outside the Church, those who have stopped coming to Church, those with fragmented families, and those not formed in the Faith, to name but a few. The Church might be better served if she understood what it is that makes people feel “marginalized or on the periphery”

We can strive to meet the temporal needs of these individuals and families through practical outreach, but if we do not reach out in truth, the *fullness* of all their needs will never be met. The laity must be well formed in the truths of the Church and we need to knock on the doors of the hearts of the marginalized to announce the Good News. Priests, bishops and the formed laity should not preach a *‘false mercy’*\* to those on the periphery. We need to follow the example of the apostles and meet these individuals and families in the reality of their lives while still reaching out in beauty and *truth*.

*(“false mercy” is not a term or concept clearly defined in the discussions but was a term frequently used by those in attendance)*

### **Statement Two**

***The theme for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in October 2015 is Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive. The Christian family is a community of faith that has the missionary task of focusing love both within the family and toward the world. The family is the ‘first church’ in the lives of its members and has unique opportunities to not only form those members, but to experience joy, love and God’s grace in its midst.***

***The statement above and the following summary are a response to the following questions from the Lineamenta, 5, 13, 14, 15.1, 15.2, 18, 23.2, 24.1***

The “joys of family life” were described in manifold ways: the joy of time together in both social and religious contexts: growing together in sacrifice, forgiveness and respect for one another, learning to trust one another, watching children and grandchildren grow, seeing the family bond as unique from other relationships and extending the family into the parish community. Challenges to and concern for the “joy of family life” include financial pressures, real or imagined, diverting primary focus from families to finances; technology changing the interpersonal family relationships; busy lives, scheduled activities and sports which have stunted if not replaced the spontaneity of family life relationships.

Of concern was the ability of the family to experience God’s grace and a desire to formalize these opportunities with retreats, ministerial work and continual catechesis. However, a lived experience of grace was seen in the patience, forgiveness, daily acts of kindness and sacrifice of family members for each other.

Great concern was expressed for the spiritual well-being of the “next generation” along with hope that they can connect aspects of life and faith “beyond the pew”. Families experience ministry through a variety of volunteer efforts, mission trips etc. The role of the Church/parish in enhancing the experience of God could be strengthened with retreats and the active role of the priests through good homilies and a welcoming spirit. Family catechesis and promoting a sense of ownership/responsibility for the faith and local parish as a family activity would strengthen the experience of God. There is some openness to the expression of priesthood in the female person and in married life while also appreciating the celibate priesthood.

The experience of God should transition into the missionary spirit which can happen if one has good role models of the mission spirit, first in the parents and secondly by others, primarily the priest. Unfortunately the missionary spirit is confronted by various, and often negative influences in our society and culture. These things are responded to with strong family, strong community, strong faith community doing life giving things together, as well as increased experiences of love and acceptance. Of importance is the visible response and witness, first from parents and then the Church, priest or religious. The role of the community was seen as significant in responding to the culture as the Church loses her voice as a guide or authority.

### **Statement Three**

***Divine blessings, through the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony, accompany and sustain every true marriage. It is imperative that the value of this bonded, indissoluble union is understood, particularly by those preparing for marriage in the Church, those mentoring them, and by those in the initial years of their marriage. Likewise, it is essential that parents, or prospective parents, view the role of parent as a vocation. This vocation carries with it the responsibility to transmit the faith to their children, to help them become more mature in their faith, and to encourage them to live out their faith in the world.***

***The statement above and the following summary are a response to the following questions from the Lineamenta, 11.1, 11.2,m 17, 28.1, 28.2, 3.4, 30.3, 31.2, 42.1, 42.2, 42.5, 43.1, 43.3, 45.1, 45.2, 45.3, 46.***

Marriage as defined and understood by the faithful varies. The variety of understandings may be a result of the culture, but responsibility rests also with the marriage preparation experience. Those who spoke most positively about their marriage preparation were those who experienced a meaningful PreCana program which presented the “why” behind the “what” of the Church’s teaching on relationships and particularly the marital relationship. However the good Pre Cana experience is not followed with much “early” married life support in the parish community. Sacramental preparation for children assists the family, but there is little in the way of “newly wed” support.

As families grow with the arrival of children, the priority of faith formation in parental responsibility appears to be decreasing, although those present most certainly see parenthood as a vocation. However, those present identified others as having little sense of or understanding of the parental role as a vocation which brings with it the responsibility of forming the children in faith. Perhaps a generational lack of faith formation has removed the ability to or desire of some to see parenting as the fulfilment of a vocation, a call from God. As serious as these concerns are, there is also hope in the possibilities of the impact well-done and creative programs for parents could have. The role of priestly formation was also cited as a contributing factor for the spiritual maturity of the Church as a whole and parents in particular. Currently the primary support for families in raising children occurs in the faith formation programs of the local parish. Youth groups, choirs, Theology of the Body programs were seen as appreciated by parents in their efforts to form children in the faith. There was concern about the witness of those in ministry both lay and clerical who publicly profess or live lifestyles outside the expectations of the faith.

**(The Summary Report will conclude next Sunday.)**

**INFORMATION SHEET**

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