



John Paul II Centre for Family and Life
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Organisations and Programs that Support Marriage and Family

A Directory For Catholics

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*The John Paul Centre for Family and Life promotes the living
of the Christian vocation of marriage and family and respect
for the inherent dignity of all human life from conception
until death.*



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CATECHESIS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

To assist the involvement of adults and children in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood predominate. The mission is to support catechists, parents and others in the church and beyond, as they grow in their understanding of the religious potential of children. The adult's task is to prepare the sacred space for the children, called 'the atrium', so that they can respond to this holy relationship first proclaimed to them through Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

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CELEBRATE LOVE

Celebrate Love is a two-day seminar that is presented by married couples and explores physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of marital intimacy. Presentations are followed by self-directed questionnaires and discussion so that husband and wife can explore the topics together in complete privacy. Presented in the context of the Catholic faith, the programme helps couples to identify their individual intimacy needs, freeing them to trust more fully and so rekindle the passion and joy of being 'in love'.

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CENTACARE – CATHOLIC FAMILY and COMMUNITY SERVICES (CFCS)

Catholic Family and Community Services are a Directorate of Centacare in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. As a professional, non for profit organisation, they form part of a network of community services. Based on Catholic Social Teaching – CFCS' Mission is to provide professional community based services that enhance the lives, relationships and wellbeing of clients in all their diversity. They also aim to work with vulnerable families and children and reach out to those people who are most disadvantaged within the community.

Services Provided:

- Counselling
- Relationship Education including pre marriage and parenting programs
- Supporting children and families after separation
- Domestic and Family Violence Services
- Support for Care and Concern and Walking with love groups in Parishes
- Employee Assistance Program
- Family support Programs
- Family Relationship Service for Carers

Below are some examples of programs offered by CFCS to promote healthy families:

Pre-Marriage Programs:

FOCCUS is a pre-marriage education program

The couple and an accredited facilitator explore their relationship and affirm their decision to marry. Foccus consists of three one-hour private sessions over a period of three weeks. The program was developed to concentrate on the areas that a couple consider important for discussion and reflection prior to their marriage. The course must be completed a minimum of two months before the wedding.

PME Program - Pre Marriage Education

The aim of the group course is to present couples with the opportunity to explore their relationship and to grow in knowledge of themselves and their partners. Qualified relationship educators will present various topics significant to marriage.



REFOCCUS

An educational program for couples in a committed relationship (18 months plus). The goal is to understand and enrich the relationship through reflection and communication. Couples find the course to be a tool which enables them, with the help of a facilitator, to explore the experiences and issues that are important to them in their marriage.

Family Support Programs:

Centacare has a variety of programs to support families in transitional times. *Counselling* is offered to adults, families and children in order to assist with family functioning and to work through some of the difficulties life challenges people with. Our group work is varied with *homework groups* for new immigrants children are being supported by Centacare across the South side of Brisbane. These groups have Care & Concern volunteers working at assisting the children's learning. Additionally, Indigenous grandparents are supported through social outings to connect with each other and their children and through our *Family Relationships program for Carers* we provide a joint project for Indigenous carers to connect with one another. Our Family Relationships program for carers also provides free counselling for those who are caring for someone with a disability or chronic illness. We are also able to with a number of programs across the Diocese provide support to families experiencing domestic and family violence. Some programs focus on supporting women and children and other programs focus on encouraging men to embrace the changes needed to live a life without violence.

Employee Assistance

Centacare Consulting Services provide a Diocese wide counselling service to Catholic organisations who have entered into a contractual agreement to have their staff supported by offering free counselling sessions. These sessions are available at locations close to the clients and a 24 hour number ensures that all service needs can be met.

Pregnancy Support:

Walking with Love comes under Centacare's CARE AND CONCERN groups. Care and Concern are parish-based organised groups who volunteer to serve their local community by responding to the needs of people in a Christian, neighbourly practical way. *Walking with Love* offers pregnant women immediate and practical help and exists to provide support and love to women and their babies. Volunteers



provide friendship and co-ordinate needs such as transportation for medical care, food, material needs and baby needs in a non-judgemental environment.

Loss and Grief Programs:

Children First Program

Is an educative peer support group program that is designed to help children (5 – 12 years of age) come to a better understanding of the divorce or separation of their parents, and also to help them adjust and adapt to the significant changes in their family life. A concurrent parent's group is conducted to support the integration of adjustment for both children and their parents after separation.

Parenting after separation

An interactive series of workshops will be established in 2012 to assist those parents who have separated develop knowledge and skills in order to support children more effectively through family breakdown. These groups will enable participants to learn about the stages of grief and loss involved in separating, how to communicate more effectively with their ex partner and most importantly effective parenting strategies for all developmental age groups.

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CURSILLO

Cursillo can be seen as an opportunity to grow in faith and spirituality, gaining a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how you can serve him in the world. The purpose of the movement is to create small groups of Christians that will evangelize their environments with the gospel spirit. The goal of Cursillo is the goal of the Church: to bring all to Christ.

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COUPLES FOR CHRIST

The Couples for Christ, which originated in the Philippines, is a Christian Family Life Renewal Movement that invites married couples, and single men and women to attend a Christian Life Program. The CLP course leads the participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian couples. It runs for a total of 13 weeks. There are three modules: The Basic Truths About Christianity; The Authentic Christian Life; Living A Spirit-Filled Christian Life.

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DISABILITY SUPPORT

Disability Awareness and Inclusion Services are offered through the Ministry and Community Life Team. There is a community development tool, *Confidence and Capacity*, which provides resources for communities wishing to review their practices to enable them to become more welcoming and inclusive of people with disability. The Disability Support also provides a consulting and educational service as well as a range of resources to help faith communities explore and develop their disability connections.

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Embrace **EMBRACE**

Each engaged couple receives individual instruction by a trained 'Mentor' couple. There are six sessions of two hours duration plus additional self-directed activities. Topics include: communication, forgiveness & reconciliation, family of origin, sexuality, spirituality and sacrament. The mentoring couple bring a real-life witness by sharing their story, and demonstrate first hand the practical usefulness of the concepts contained in the programme.

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FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

The aims of the Family Groups are to build Christian Community through the development of extended families so that the members of the parish community get to know each other as friends and support each other, in so doing to build up the Christian community as in the early Church and to involve the children in their Christian sharing. The Family Groups may include single persons, young and old, couples with or without children - all parishioners are invited to belong, together with spouses who may not be Catholic. The vision is to promote the Kingdom of God where we are one family.

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FOCUS – Fellowship of Catholic United Singles

Focus was founded in 1999 as a social and spiritual group for Catholic Singles and to give singles a focus. It operates as a social group in Brisbane offering support for Catholic singles who may be feeling left out or alienated from main stream church activities. Members can be single for a number of reasons – divorce, death of a partner or just through life circumstances they have not found a partner. The group organises spiritual gatherings as well as dinners and other social functions throughout the year.

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The Marriage Encounter Movement was started in the early 1970's by a Catholic priest in Spain who wanted to nurture the married couples in his parish. Catholic ME weekends are open to couples of all faiths or even of no faith at all; couples may be newly married or married for many years. The presenting team consists of couples and priest who present short talks at live-in weekends. The talks centre on bringing closeness, intimacy, love and romance into our everyday lives. The weekends are broken up by plenty of private time for the couples. ME aims to make good marriages better as every marriage, no matter how good it may already be, can be improved.

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MEN ALIVE

Men Alive is a ministry seeking to encourage more men to take an active role in living their faith in a way that makes a difference in the marriage, family, workplace and the Church. It offers inspiration, encouragement, a chance to reflect and ponder, and to share in groups about 'the real issues of their lives'. Participants are motivated to take up the challenge and call 'to become a fully alive and active member of the Church'. If you can reach the man you will reach the marriage, if you can reach the marriage you will reach the family, if you can reach the family you will reach the Church and if you can reach the Church you will reach the nation. One man at a time.

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MERCY FAMILY SERVICES

To deliver quality, innovative services so that children, young people and families feel valued, connected, strengthened and have hope for the future.

We believe that all people have the right to be treated fairly and justly, regardless of gender, age, culture, ability and life situation, and we are committed to advocating for changes to policies and structures that deny any person these rights.

Accommodation – Providing safe, supported accommodation for young people.

Unaccompanied Humanitarian Refugee Minors – Supporting refugees in their new community.

Multicultural Community Worker Program - Participation, communication and increased access for Queensland's culturally diverse society.

Foster Care - Providing supportive family-based care.



[Counselling and Re-unification](#) – Connecting with children, young people and their families.

[Men's & Family Relationships](#) – Helping men to deal with personal, relationship, and parenting problems.

[St Vincent's Home – Former Residents](#) – From 1867 to 1985 St Vincent's was a home to over 11,000 children.

[Working On](#) – Jobs for young people in recovery from substance abuse.

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MINISTRY TO THE NEWLY MARRIED



This program is aimed at supporting couples in early marriage to develop strong, fulfilling relationships, as well as fostering Catholic community. It is an invitation to **couples in their first year of marriage** to join a mentoring program. Each newly married couple follows a gentle program of four meetings a year with an experienced married mentor couple, exploring marriage and sharing experiences. The program lasts five years with a new mentor couple each year, and covers a different topic each meeting, following the natural development of the marriage relationship.

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MOTHERS PRAYERS

Mothers Prayers was started in England in November 1995 and has spread rapidly throughout the world with contacts in over 90 Countries and has the approval, support and blessing of Christian leaders of all denominations. There are now thousands of groups around the world, supporting each other in prayer. "Mothers' Prayers" is intended for small groups, meeting in Church or at member's homes.

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MULTICULTURAL PASTORAL CARE

The Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care (CMPC) is an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane that provides coordination, direction and leadership to ensure that the multicultural guidelines are implemented in the Archdiocese in order to assist migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and people on the move.

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PRESENTATION SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

On the hill in Manly overlooking Moreton Bay, the Presentation Spirituality Centre is a sacred space providing opportunities for diverse spiritual experiences consistent with the Catholic ethos and Presentation charism.

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SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

Formerly known as the Cenacle, Santa Teresa is a quiet and beautiful retreat and spiritual formation centre at Ormiston overlooking Moreton Bay with views to nearby North Stradbroke Island. It provides a quiet haven to come away and spend time in prayer and reflection.

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SCHOENSTATT

THE SCHOENSTATT PILGRIM MOTHER - A Family Apostolate of the Schoenstatt Movement. The Schoenstatt Movement offers families the opportunity to receive and welcome the Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother into their homes. It is here that Our Lady wants to educate all members of the family and form them into genuine apostles for our world today. The picture of Mary and her Divine Son is a picture of Grace sent out from her Shrine at Schoenstatt to bring special graces and blessings to all she encounters.

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TEAMS FOR TIME TOGETHER

A Married Couples Movement that aims to enrich the spiritual life of married couples, enhance their relationship with each other and strengthen family life. A team consists of about five couples who gather monthly in each other's homes for a simple meal, prayer and discussion. While Teams is a Catholic movement it is open to others who share the same desire to grow in the Love of the Lord through the support of one's spouse and the team.

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YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sacramental preparation and catechesis – Parish, Family & State Schools. The Youth and Children's Ministry (TCM) team assists deaneries and parishes to nurture Christian spirituality in young people from sacramental initiation to early twenties. YCM provides support, resources and training to assist deaneries and parishes to respond to faith development needs of young people.

Benefits:

- Create faith development pathways across the deanery for young people of different ages.
- Prepare and catechise young people for sacraments.
- Train and supports religious education teachers.
- Provide faith development for young people in family and parish settings.
- Engage and sustain effective coordinators of ministry with young people.
- Assists in connecting the broader church experiences for young people across deanery and archdiocese, complementing local initiatives, for example, World Youth Day.

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- *A voice on family and life issues for the Archdiocese;*
- *Contributes to the development of policy on family and life issues within the Church and society;*
- *Central reference point for volunteer groups or movements working in the area of marriage, family and life issues;*
- *Seeks to identify what are the needs of families by way of support at the parish level;*
- *Supports initiatives at parish and deanery level that focus on supporting marriage and family;*
- *Identifies resources aimed at supporting families and collaborating in the development of new resources;*
- *Offers seminars on the theology and mission of family;*
- *Cultivates links with other organisations supporting marriage and family or working to support respect for human life.*