



LOVE IS OUR MISSION: THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE



Possible Ideas for Your Parish:

1. Present the ten chapters in the *Love is Our Mission Catechism* in various ways. A parish discussion group could take one chapter per week over ten weeks or ten months. Or the chapters could also be organized into a five-week Advent study group.
2. After completing a parish study of the *Love is Our Mission Catechism*, consider an additional parish “one book” program. A comprehensive book list on marriage and family topics can be found on the USCCB “For Your Marriage” website under the Book of the Month Club: www.foryourmarriage.org/marriageresources/news-blogs/book-of-the-month/
3. Sponsor family game nights, family service projects, or family movie nights that bring families together in the parish context.
4. Create a “prayer rota” so that between now and September 2015, every family in your parish gets prayed for by the rest of your parish. For example, have two or three different families/households mentioned by name every day at daily Masses or in the parish bulletin.
5. Organize an event that celebrates the unique gifts of the families of your parish. Invite families to provide food or entertainment that represents their ethnic background or that showcases unique gifts or talents of your families.
6. Encourage teens and families to make and share on social media short, informal videos of times when they have experienced God in their family (i.e. times of forgiveness, family celebrations, putting another before self, prayer, times of sickness or loss, traditions around Advent/ Christmas, Lent/Easter, etc.)
7. Purchase the Our Sunday Visitor *Book of Prayers for Our Catholic Family* with a personalized message from Archbishop Kurtz and other local information/resources printed within the prayer book. See memo for price and ordering information; personalization is dependent upon the Archdiocese being able to order a minimum of 5,000 copies.
8. Encourage parishioners to make a 54 day Novena for Marriage and Family spanning the World Meeting of Families and the Synod on the Family (August 15 through October 7). Information regarding this national effort can be found at www.54days.org.
9. Utilize suggested bulletin blurbs and archdiocesan social media posts based upon the 10 themes in the *Love is Our Mission Catechism*. The blurbs and posts will be sent to parishes in July.