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POPE FRANCIS

**TOGETHER IN MISSION**

Evangelization & Family Life

Homily of the Holy Father/Family Day

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Its aim is to lead each human person to an encounter with Jesus Christ through whom salvation is offered. Evangelization brings about conversion, changes of heart, changes in thinking, changes in attitudes and actions throughout the whole of a person's life. So it follows that in each phase of life, there must be opportunities to grow in faith and into intimate union with the Lord.

Every person belongs to a family. Families are the foundation of the Catholic parish. In the midst of the family and the parish community, people encounter Christ and learn to be his disciples. Family and Parish are the primary environments in which evangelization takes place.

Together in Mission is a tool that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. It offers an organizing principle or framework for understanding how the ministries of parish life are related to one another and how they can support the real lives of Catholic families growing in faith.

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**WORKING WITH THIS TOOL, YOU CAN...**

**DESCRIBE** the phases of family life

**DISCUSS** the defining human experiences of each phase of family life

**DETERMINE** how the parish is already interacting with the family in each phase

**DESIGN** your ministry efforts to evangelize more effectively by taking into account both the family circumstances and the stage of evangelization

**DIVE INTO** the process of evangelization and define the four stages

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