



## DL FLYER



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[Insert your diocese or organisation logo or leave out]

**Connecting families to grow in faith, in love and to encourage one another on our life journey.**

To celebrate the World Meeting of Families  
[insert your organisation's name]  
will be hosting  
[insert details of your local event  
e.g. a Mass and picnic in the park]

Find out more and register:  
[insert weblink]

### WHO?

[insert who this event is for]

### WHEN?

[insert time and date]

### WHERE?

[insert location of the event]

### WHAT?

[Games, music, food, talks, fun]

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### WHAT IS THE WMOF?

The 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families (WMOF) – organised by the Vatican's Secretariat for the Laity, Family and Life along with the Diocese of Rome – is intended to highlight family love as a vocation and as a way of holiness, so as to understand and share the profound and salvific meaning of family relationships in daily life.

After being postponed for a year due to the pandemic, Pope Francis has asked dioceses around the world to make it possible for every family to participate in the WMOF.

While Rome will be the main venue for the event on **22-26 June 2022**, each diocese around the world will promote local events for its own families and communities based on the theme:

*"Family love:  
a vocation and a path to holiness."*

### LOCAL EVENTS

The WMOF is a great opportunity for Catholics on the local level to renew their commitment to family ministry in solidarity with diocesan communities from around the world and the Diocese of Rome.

There will be a number of local events, reflections and moments of prayer to coincide with the gathering in Rome.

Scan the QR Code (or visit the URL on the back) to find out what's happening locally.

### PRAYER FOR THE

#### 10<sup>th</sup> WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Heavenly Father,

We come before you to praise you and to thank you  
for the great gift of the family.

We pray to you for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May they rediscover each day the grace they have received,  
and as small domestic churches,  
may they know how to witness to your Presence and to the love  
with which Christ loves the Church.

We pray to you for all families faced with difficulty and suffering  
caused by illness or circumstances of which only you know.

Sustain them and make them aware  
of the path to holiness upon which you call them,  
so that they might experience your infinite mercy  
and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to you for children and young people:  
may they encounter you and respond joyfully  
to the vocation you have in mind for them;

We pray for parents and grandparents:  
may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God  
in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, you entrust to them.

Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness  
in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples,  
in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests,  
religious, and all vocations in the Church.

Bless the World Meeting of Families.

Amen.



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between a man and a  
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FR. MARKO IVAN RUPNIK SJ  
Theologian and artist of  
*This Mystery is Great*  
(WMOF official image)

### THE WMOF OFFICIAL IMAGE

*This Mystery is Great* is the official image  
of the WMOF produced by artist and  
theologian Fr. Marko Ivan Rupnik SJ.

The image portrays the Wedding Feast  
at Cana, with the bride and groom in  
the background on the left, covered by  
a veil. Jesus and Mary are seen united,  
at the moment when Mary tells her Son,  
"They have no more wine" (John 2:3). In  
the foreground is the steward, with the  
face of St. Paul as portrayed in classical  
iconography.

It is St. Paul who removes the veil with  
his hand, and referring to the wedding,  
exclaims, "This mystery is great; but I  
speak in reference to Christ and the  
Church" (Ephesians 5:32).

Fr. Marko explains the image's meaning:  
"Sacramental love between a man and a  
woman is a reflection of the indissoluble  
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### MEDITATION

*The Spirit which the Lord pours  
forth gives a new heart*  
Let us observe the image.  
What do I see? I observe the details.

St. Paul's hand removes the veil; now  
we understand that the love between  
the bride and the groom is a reflection  
of the infinite and indissoluble love that  
Jesus has for the Church, his Bride, and  
that God has for humanity.

The love that is lived within the  
family reveals an image, albeit veiled,  
of the infinite love of God, which is a  
"nuptial" love.



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on this image visit:  
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