

The family is central to our world, and our Faith...

“As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the world in which we live.”

— Pope John Paul II

“The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a “domestic church.”

— Familiaris Consortio, 21

“The Christian Family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit.”

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2205



Directions to the Diocese of Austin

Pastoral Center:

Heading north on I-35, take Exit 238A before Capital Plaza. Stay on the access road until you reach Hwy 290, and then turn right on the Hwy 290 access road and proceed for about 1/4 mile. The Pastoral Center is a 2-story brown brick building on the right.

Coming from the north, head south on I-35 and take Exit 238 A-B, which is the Airport/2222/Houston exit. Stay on the access road and turn left at the intersection of Hwy 290 & the I-35 access road. Follow the Hwy 290 access road for about 1/4 mile. The Pastoral Center is on the right.



**Saturday, February 27, 2010
10:00 am—3:00 p.m.**

For more information, or to register:
Family Counseling and Family Life Office
Diocese of Austin
6225 E. Highway 290, Austin, TX 78723

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Family Ministry Basics:

Parish Ministry to the Domestic Church



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How can we minister more effectively with families?



The family is the domestic church and the basic cell of society. What does it mean to minister to families? How can parishes ensure they are reaching out to families in a comprehensive and effective manner? Join us for a day-long workshop

in which we explore practical and effective ways to minister to families in the parish. We'll discuss the life cycle of the family and how it relates to ministry at various ages and stages, the diversity of family compositions and family issues we encounter at the parish level, and practical and effective techniques for involving families in parish life. We will also look at resources available for ministering to families in crisis.

This workshop will be led by Dr. Joseph White, Psychologist and Director of Family Counseling and Family Life for the Diocese of Austin. It is offered to assist anyone currently working in family ministry, including deacons, priests, directors and coordinators of religious education, parish social ministers, pastoral care volunteers, youth ministers, and family ministry coordinators.

Join us for an informative day that is sure to enhance your ministry with families.

**Saturday, February 27th, 2010
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Schedule of the Day**

- 9:45-10:00 am Check in and welcome
- 10:00 am Opening prayer
- 10:10-11:30 Human Development and the Family Life Cycle
- 11:30-12:00 The Unique Needs of Families Today
- 12-12:45 Lunch (included in registration cost)
- 12:45-1:10 Marriage Ministry in the Parish
- 1:10-2:00 Family Evangelization Moments in Parish Life
- 2:00-2:50 Meeting the Needs of Families in Crisis
- 2:50-3:00 Additional Resources, Closing Prayer



Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Parish _____

Position _____

E-mail _____

Cost is \$20 and includes workshop materials and lunch.

Registration Deadline: February 15, 2010

Workshop will be held at the Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center at 6225 Hwy 290 East, Austin, TX 78723. Phone: 512-949-2495.

Please enclose a check or money order for \$20, payable to the Diocese of Austin. Mail the completed form, **post-marked by February 15, 2010** to: Family Counseling and Family Life Office, Diocese of Austin, 6255 E. Highway 290, Austin, TX 78723.

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