



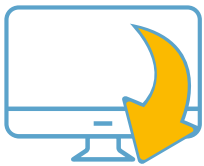
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Society of Missionary Children's Family Album



WHAT IS THIS INITIATIVE?

This is an initiative from the Society of Missionary Children (SMC), the Pope's official children's charity for overseas missions. The intention is to create an art exhibition on family life in Ireland. Families - both children and adults - are invited to create their own artwork. These are gathered for a parish exhibition. In conjunction with the SMC the artwork is digitally photographed and submitted for display at the World Meeting of Families in August 2018.



WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AND WHERE?

- Information about the Society of Missionary Children's Family Album is available online at www.wmi.ie and on the WMOF website.

WHY TAKE THIS INITIATIVE?

Pope Francis says that through beauty, artists make the world better. He also says that living together is an art; a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey. So, what better way to express the art of living together as family than through art? Art starts a dialogue and provides families with so much to talk about. As a family of families, parishes will benefit from great opportunities to bring families together to talk and learn about family through their artwork.





HOW DOES THIS WORK IN A PARISH?

The basic task is to encourage families in the parish to participate as creatively as possible in an art exhibition showcasing what family means to them.

- 1** A parish committee should be appointed to organise an exhibition of all the submissions.
- 2** The parish distributes promotional leaflets about the family album. This can be at weekend Masses, in parish newsletters, through community organisations, senior-cycle classes, house-to-house visitations and so on.
- 3** Artists can use any type of paper and their work may be drawn or painted using any materials. The size of artwork should not be smaller than A4 (29.7cm x 21.0cm) or larger than A2 (59.4cm x 42.0cm). All pieces should be submitted in flat format only, not rolled, folded or framed. The artist should put their name and age on the reverse side of their work.
- 4** The Society of Missionary Children will then seek the assistance of parishes to photograph all the submissions and forward them by email to missionarychildren@wmi.ie for display as a digital art exhibition during the World Meeting of Families in Dublin between 21 and 26 August 2018.
- 5** The Society of Missionary Children will be seeking submissions to the family album from 1 October 2017 until 31 July 2018.

