

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

As Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries looks back on these two years since our founding in January of 2020, we are filled with a profound sense of gratitude and awe. We are grateful to God for the gift of his grace that has inspired and sustained us as we have forged a new path forward for families in the Church. We are also grateful for our generous benefactors who have believed in our mission and provided the means to help plant and grow a fruitful ministry. We are in awe of the quantity and quality of resources we have been able to create, resulting in an integrated and new approach to faith formation. We are also in awe of the stories of renewal, hope, and encounter that are returning from the parishes using our resources to journey with and form families. In 2021, our *Pathways* ministry reached close to 5,000 families in over 70 parishes and schools across the country.

This year we introduced many new resources aimed at meeting families where they are and accompanying them into a new practice of their faith. We used to be able to assume faith of those searching out the sacraments for their children. That is simply not the case for the vast majority of families today. We developed *Seek* to facilitate a personal encounter with Jesus and his Church through the proclamation of the Gospel. We developed *Root* to help deepen families relationships with the Trinity and the truths of our faith contained in the Creed.

We developed *Claim* to help change parents' first impressions of the Church when asking for Baptism for their child. We completed *Zeal* which has led many teens to embrace their unique giftedness and respond to God's call to follow him as a disciple. We created *Witness* to celebrate the lives of saints through simple recipes. We created *Mercy* to inspire a new look at the corporal and spiritual works of mercy lived at home and in the community. In addition to creating all of this, we walked side by side with courageous parish leaders seeking to minister to them as they ministered to their families.



Here is what one mother using our resources had to say:

"We have been incredibly grateful for the Mend & Nourish boxes. These two boxes have been EXTRAORDINARY! The lessons are so inclusive and user-friendly. Very relatable and really fun! We highly recommend these boxes to any family and parish. We are so thankful to you for making Faith Formation obtainable. You can tell you put such care and love in each box. Your staff has also been such a blessing to work with... amazing support throughout the whole process."



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As we look forward, we see much promise and opportunity. We see the promise of many diocese and parish leaders reaching out to us looking for

new ways to engage families. We see the promise of our current parish partners referring *Pathways* resources to others and asking how they can move to a more complete use of our model in the future. We see the promise of families encountering Christ, being formed in the faith, and being called to give back by walking with other families just starting on the path. We see the promise of magisterial documents casting a vision of moving from the traditional classroom model to an encounter based formation model, with its axis in family life.

We are now seeing opportunities beyond what our current team is able to sustain moving forward. We have created a unique formation suite that is both faithful to the vision of the Church and relevant to the needs of families today. This next year, we are desiring to expand our capacity to meet the needs of those who will look toward our resources as a way forward. We are seeking support to both sustain and expand our efforts as this approach takes root in parishes and dioceses across the United States.

We are seeking \$90,000 in grants for the following areas of growth:

- Pathways Program Director Salary - \$64,000
- Translation of Core Resources - \$10,000
- Accounting Contractor - \$6,000
- Wellspring Marriage Ministry Development - \$10,000

It is our plan to have our Pathways ministry be financially self-sustainable by the end of our third year through the sale of our resources. We are well on our way, but need your support to get there. We would like to invite you to consider making a gift to help us reach our goals for 2022. Please take a moment to visit our website to see all of our current resources. You can reach out to us anytime. We would love the opportunity to further share our vision, approach, and details of

our plans further with you.

We hope and pray to be able to expand our ministries beyond *Pathways* to further support and care for marriages and families. We are planning on developing a ministry called *Wellspring* to help couples better minister to their relationships and increase the overflow of love in their families. We also may have the opportunity to purchase a closed parish school in Laguna Beach and transform it into a retreat center that would accelerate our longterm vision immensely.

Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and a public association of the faithful in the diocese of Orange. Our mission remains to rebuild the Church one family at a time. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you at this pivotal moment in the life of the Church. Thank you for your continued support and for the good work you do in the Church. Be assured of our prayers for you and your family.

Resource Sales
\$253,349
Grants and Gifts
\$141,075
Other
\$18,697



Administrative
\$201,261
Cost of Goods
\$115,961
Business Expenses
\$77,710
Development
\$20,764

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