

Faith in Action: Family Program. Family Prayer Night.

Consider this program in your council by welcoming families in our parishes and communities. Catholics often struggle to raise children in the faith when their only exposure comes from their parents. Family Prayer Night is an opportunity for Catholic families within the parish and community to come together for prayer, dinner, and fellowship. It is a unique time to socialize and pray with other faith-filled folks and to live out the domestic church. The purpose is to have fun gathering regular people, living their faith in a casual setting. The goal is not to discuss high-level theology, but to simply enjoy family and faith.

A typical Family Prayer Night should ideally last between two and three hours, with guests leaving as needed. The schedule should include but not be limited to: Introductory period to meet the other families • Prayer in community • A fun activity such as a game • Meal and social time • Concluding prayer. Invite your parish priest, but do not pressure him to preside over the evening. Allow him the opportunity to enjoy the evening as a guest, in the relaxed family atmosphere. To fulfill the requirements of the program, Family Prayer Nights should occur at least quarterly, four times during the fraternal year. Hosting more prayer nights is better and monthly Family Prayer Nights are ideal! Remember this is a featured program of two credits. The Supreme supplies several prayer booklets, brochures, posters, and news releases. Supplies are available through Officers Online. For Family Prayer Night resources, visit www.kofc.org/prayernight.