

Tambuli

A PUBLICATION OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH
COMMUNITY (NJ USA)

Sword of the Spirit Visitation

**FOF unanimously recommended as full
member of the SOS**



April-June 2025

VISITATION WEEKEND

MAY 30-JUNE 1

Last May 30, the community was blessed to welcome the SOS visitation team led by David Williamson (Senior Coordinator of the Light of Christ Community in Grand Rapids and Head of the Community Building team in NAR). The team spent the weekend meeting with community leaders and members, listening and observing as to how we live our call as Disciples on Mission.

The members of the visitation team include - Jim DeSpelder (Coordinator, Works of Christ, Michigan), Mary Margaret Molnar (Senior Woman Leader, People of Hope New Jersey), Jeanne Smith (former presiding Woman Leader, Triumph of the Cross Maryland), and Jeff Smith (former Senior Coordinator, Triumph of the Cross Maryland and Regional President of the SOS North American Region).



The team strongly and unanimously, with heartfelt approval, recommended the Family of Faith to be a full member of the Sword of the Spirit.

VISITATION WEEKEND

MAY 30-JUNE 1

Inspiring words from the Visitation team

From Mary Margaret Molnar

Mary spoke about how she was welcomed and loved lavishly during this visitation. She complimented how the Women's Council wonderfully represented the community and the good working relationship between the Council of Coordinators and the WC. Her message to the community is - "The Lord is clearly saying He delights in you, you delight in one another, and you are His delight."

From Jim DeSpelder

Jim spoke about the overwhelming love he experienced during this weekend. He talked about the quality of our leadership and our success in bringing the younger generation both inside and outside of community. He continued on by saying how our leaders are servant leaders filled with humility, walking in the spirit, committed to love, mission minded and value the unity and diversity of thought. He was impressed by our approach to training young people, preparing them to take on the mantle of leadership in the future. His message to the community is - "I have poured out an abundance of my grace to the Family of Faith, as you receive, give. Continue to do what you do well, love other people as Jesus Christ."



VISITATION WEEKEND

MAY 30-JUNE 1

Inspiring words from the Visitation team

From Jeanne Smith

Jeanne talked about how each member of the community spoke about how much they are loved and how they experienced being served in many beautiful ways. Many of us left our home country, and in this community, we have found true brothers and sisters, helping each other lovingly in practical and spiritual ways. She spent a lot of time with the women and observed how the single women fully experience family life with the rest of the community. She had a vision for the community - seeing the love of Christ beaming down from heaven, lighting up everyone's faces, and the light of Christ being shone back to heaven and God saying these are My children and they are My pearls.

From David Williamson

David closed the visitation report by sharing a word he heard in prayer weeks before the visit, drawing us back to the beauty of the call of God. Life will be filled by challenges but if you are near Jesus every one of those failures become opportunities for Jesus to be revealed and glorified. Stay near Jesus, seek to be near Him and He can turn every pain into a story about His love and glory. He spoke about how life is just beginning for us, but we are now equipped because we have learned to love and listen to one another. He complimented how our children love community life and how we encourage them to follow the Lord's call no matter where it leads them. His message to the community is - Fix your eyes on Jesus, draw near to Him, when you are near to Him, your joys, mistakes, disappointments, failures are transformed into something for His glory and honor.



Women's Tea Time

APRIL 12, 2025



The Women's Tea Time event took place at the Cabangon's residence on April 12. It was a delightful morning, with Evelyn Wan guiding us in making Cucumber Kimchi and Soy-marinated eggs. Following the event, we also celebrated a milestone birthday for our sister, Agnes Margallo.



International Women Leaders Conference

APRIL 30 - MAY 4, 2025



FOF participants with Belen Gonzales

members of
ONE FAMILY

The International Women Leaders Conference was held in Costa Rica from April 30-May 4.

Hundreds of women traveled from around the globe to gather and worship the Lord and grow together as covenanted sisters and disciples on mission. Five women from our community participated (Tita Alday, Shiela Bugarin, Lyla Bugarin, Menchie Natural and Corinne Yorobe). All of them talked about what a blessing it was to pray together and listen to what God wanted to say. They all came back refreshed, inspired, hopeful and grateful for this way of life we share with the Sword of the Spirit around the world. Despite the cultural and language barriers, the shared call to community brought the sisters together as one body.

Community Conference with Dan Keating

JUNE 21, 2025



We were blessed to have Dr. Dan Keating speak to us during our Community Conference last June 21 at St Cecilia. We had two talks that day followed by group sharing and some Q&A with Dr Keating.

Talk#1 – Covenant in the Scripture

Covenants in the Bible are formal agreements, primarily initiated by God, to establish promises and relationships with His people. These covenants serve to restore what was lost and to affirm God's commitment to His plan and people. The talk explored key biblical covenants and their significance, connecting them to modern covenant communities

Talk#2 - Covenant and our Call

This talk explored the concept of covenant communities within the context of the Charismatic Renewal. It started by addressing the question of why these communities exist and the purpose of their covenants. The talk was structured around three main aspects of the call to covenant communities: foundation, relationship, and mission.

Foundation: Dan emphasized that God is the source of true stability and calls us to embrace a way of life that strengthens our instability.

Community Conference with Dan Keating

JUNE 21, 2025

Relationship: The core purpose of the covenant is to support family relationships within the body of Christ. Dan discussed the importance of strengthening both the nuclear family and the wider community around it

Mission: The mission of covenant communities is twofold: to help people find a life-giving encounter with God and to form them in Christ within a Christian community. The talk discussed the challenges and advantages of covenant communities in accomplishing these tasks, including their international and ecumenical aspects.

The talk concluded by discussing the testing of the covenant call, drawing on biblical examples to illustrate that covenants are tested by God to make us stronger and by the devil who seeks our ruin. Dan encouraged the community to remain steadfast and attached to Christ, trusting that God will bring fruit from their faith and love.



Kamayayn 2025



The JIREH core team hosted an evangelization event last June 14 at the Bugarin's residence. The guests had so much fun with Lord's day dinner with the food spread out on banana leaves and eaten with your hands. It was a festive way to enjoy food and builds camaraderie among the diners. Additionally, attendees participated in some volleyball and line dancing, adding to the fun.



WORD GIFTS

Prophetic Words from our Community Gatherings

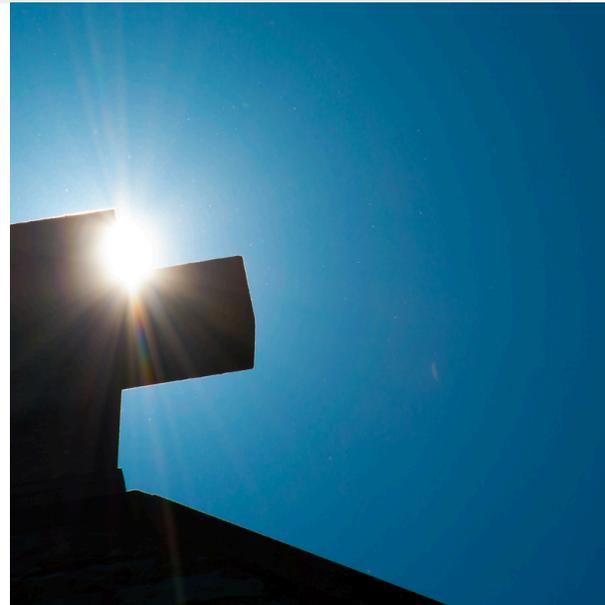


The Lord says, My Children, come up higher. Come up higher to where I dwell, majesty and glory. And the Lord says, Come drink from the water of life, Drink from my Holy Spirit, drink from the faith of your brothers and sisters. Come up higher, my sons, my daughters.

John 13:35

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. And He further says, my Family of Faith, I delight in the love you have for one another, the joy that you have being together. Keep shining for me. Make me known. Continue loving one another, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 17:5-10...Be rooted in your God, make more space in your heart for Me to be enthroned. Allow your hearts to make Me move in your lives so I can continue to move you to be the men and women that I have designed you to be.



Brothers and sisters, the Lord speaks. Family of Faith shine for Me. Be My lamp. Be My light in this darkened world. Continue loving one another as you love Me. I will lead you on from glory to glory.

LET'S CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS!

Tita Francine - 4/2

Riley A - 4/2

Amelia J - 4/4

Joseph W - 4/16

Issa S - 4/21

Enzo DR - 4/25

K Horence - 4/26

Mench - 4/28

Tet - 4/29

Ava A - 5/12

Gia G - 5/17

Shiela - 5/23

Arnold A - 5/24

Olivia D - 5/24

Angelica - 6/1

Danna - 6/12

Karen - 6/13

Portia - 6/15

Katerina B - 6/15

Phoebe P - 6/18



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Medel/Tet - 4/8

Emil/Rhea - 4/9

Noel/Karen - 4/14

Meeko/Angelica - 5/4

Arnold/Monette - 5/5

Vanni/Corinne - 6/9



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

David P - 4/20

Athena H - 5/3

Issa S - 5/10

Keena G - 5/13

Pam T - 5/14

Shelly B - 5/21

Kyra Y - 5/27

Athena H - 5/3

Issa S - 5/10

Keena G - 5/13

Pam T - 5/14

Shelly B - 5/21

Kyra Y - 5/27



About Us

The Family of Faith (FOF) is a Catholic Charismatic Community based in New Jersey, USA. We are a community of lay people (married couples, singles, youth and children) that seeks and actively participates in the Church's mission to the world.

We stand and work for: Conversion to Christ and Christian maturity, love and worship of God, Christian personal relationships and Community, daily life in Christian character, commitment to Evangelization, promotion of Christian unity, and defense of the Gospel.

Through a life of prayer, worship, service and mutual support, we seek to bring the light of Christ to the world.

FOF is a member community of Christ the King Association (Association of Catholic Communities) and Sword of the Spirit - swordofthespirit.net (Ecumenical Association of Christian Communities)

The Family of Faith is a registered 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. To know more about us and our various activities, visit our website: <http://fofnj.org>

Our Mission and Vision

OUR **MISSION** IS TO LIVE A LIFE OF PRAYER AND HOLINESS, TAKE ON THE WAYS OF GOD AND BECOME WITNESSES OF GOD'S LOVE TO OTHERS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER AND THE GREATER CHURCH.

OUR **VISION** IS TO BE A CATHOLIC COVENANT COMMUNITY WITH A COMMON WAY OF LIFE THAT EXPRESSES GOD'S TRUTH AND WORD IN ACTION.

OUR **LOGO** IS A PICTURE OF WHAT WE ARE AS COMMUNITY: A FAMILY EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE A LIGHT IN THE WORLD.

OUR **NAME** WAS INSPIRED BY ST. PAUL'S WORDS IN GALATIANS 6:10:

"SO THEN, WHILE WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD TO ALL, BUT ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF THE FAITH."

