



NEWSLETTER: CHILD FOCUS

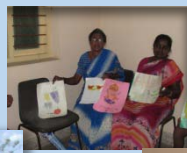
Dear Friends in India and Around the World,

Warm greetings to you from SERFAC in India.

This issue of our news letter brings to you a few thoughts on strengthening family ties and enhancing familial bonding. In his book, 'The Intentional Family' family scholar William Doherty says "family bonds are weakened by busy life styles, families can stay connected only by being intentional about spending time together, and maintaining important occasions, festivals and traditions."

The following article offers an invaluable tool for families to carry out their indispensable responsibilities to nurture children and foster their well being. As families foster a sense of togetherness, each family member is strengthened and the family as a whole grows in unity, stability and love.

We include in this introduction a few photographs of children whose talents in drawing and painting were nurtured by their parents. These photographs are from a project site where SERFAC is working with families. We hope to continue to nurture these talents by formal training. This model is being used to show case to other families in the village of Manimangalam in Chennai, India to help and encourage parents discover talents in their children. SERFAC will support them in their nurturing endeavours to help their children develop a sense of identity and perseverance which in turn will foster 'bonding and a sense of well being' among the members of the family and community.



Warm regards
Catherine Bernard.

Family

Family is creating Meaningful Family Traditions
Family strengths: Adaptive Ability
Family strengths: Caring and Appreciation
Family Strengths: Clear Roles and Responsibilities
Family Strengths: Commitment
Family Strengths: Communication
Family Strengths: Community and Family Ties
Family Strengths: Family Encouragement
Family Strengths: Identifying Your Family Strengths
Family Strengths: Time Together
Forgiveness in Families
Making Family Prayer Happen at Home
Making Wise Use of the Media at Home
Managing Family Finances
Making the Home a Sacred Centre for Family Life

Blessings of Family Work:

Family work is the everyday, ordinary labour required to build and sustain family life from one day to the next. It includes *feeding and clothing our families, sheltering them from* the literal and figurative storms of life, *nurturing them when they are sick, and cleaning and enhancing their surroundings to preserve their health and give them beauty to enjoy.* These daily tasks often are seen as unimportant and menial while, in fact, they bond family members together. *They are a gift from God—an invitation to love and serve one another.*

(source: Vjolica K.Martinson, Graduate Research Assistant, School of Family Life, Brigham Young University, USA.)

{This article in this news letter may be translated into local languages }



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INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP IN SERFAC

(Please fill in and return to SERFAC)

We at SERFAC seek your help in taking the message of family unity, family happiness, family togetherness and peace to more couples /families and larger social and institutional settings. To do this we invite you to become a member of SERFAC. There is a small fee to help us move forward in fulfilling this mission.

As a mark of our gratitude we wish to keep in touch by remembering you on your special days.

Your Name (s):

Names of your child /children

Address for communication:

Tel .Nos:

Email id.

Your Date(s) of Birth :

Date of your Marriage :

For priests & nuns : Date of your ordination /
religious profession or feast day:

- Tell us something about yourself / yourselves:
- Are there any names you wish to suggest to help connect for inviting them to become members of SERFAC.
- Is there any other way you wish us at SERFAC to keep in touch with you:

Your signature (s)

Date:

Form / fee details are overleaf:



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I /We hereby recognize that marriage and family are the basis for a healthy society. I /We believe that gender equality is the essence of stability, justice, peace and happiness in family, society and nation.

I/We subscribe to and support the values, vision, mission and work of SERFAC by becoming a member(s):

Date:

Signature:

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