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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

FAMILIAS Executive is delighted to announce that it will award three bursaries of £1000 to a family from each of its three regions (Northern, South East and South West) to support the cost of their attendance at *World Meeting of Families 2018* in Dublin from 22-26 August 2018.

Who Can Apply?

Applications will be accepted from FAMILIAS Full Members, Associate Members and Friends and from Catholic families resident in parishes in England and Wales who are not currently FAMILIAS Members but agree to take up membership as a condition of the award.

How to Apply

Applicants should read the Terms and Conditions statement before completing and signing the application form. The completed form and a signed letter of reference from the family's parish priest or head teacher should be submitted (either electronically or by post) to the family's local Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry Coordinator by 31 January 2018. Only applications submitted to the Coordinator and accompanied by the requisite letter of support will be considered by FAMILIAS. Each FAMILIAS region will sift its own applications and recommend one family to the FAMILIAS Executive for a final decision on 28 February 2018.

Terms and Conditions

Families in receipt of a Bursary from FAMILIAS who are not already members will agree to take up FAMILIAS Friend Membership, (at a cost of £10 per family) register

for attendance at *World Meeting of Families 2018* and book their accommodation in Dublin via the official website

<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration>. They will also agree to attend a briefing session with their local Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry Coordinator on receipt of the Bursary and share their experiences in Dublin via: a group Facebook page, a Video Diary or Twitter. On their return, and with the support of their local Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry Coordinator, each family will also agree to share the fruits of their experiences in Dublin at an information sharing session within their local community at either their parish church or school.



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What is FAMILIAS?

Founded in 2008 FAMILIAS is the Association for Catholic Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Ministry (England and Wales). Through the ministry of its members FAMILIAS aims to support, nourish and sustain families whatever their circumstances through its mission '*To serve the church and the world through Marriage & Family Life.*' FAMILIAS members recognise that marriage and family life have a specific God-given purpose in the lives of individuals, society and the Church and the Association aims to support, nourish and sustain all families whatever their circumstances. FAMILIAS seeks in particular to:

- Share good practice in Marriage & Family Life Ministry and make on-going training, formation and resources more widely available

- Connect and care for Diocesan Marriage & Family Ministry Coordinators through peer support
- Advocate for families and Marriage & Family Life Ministry

FAMILIAS offers its members a quarterly newsletter and organises an annual Friends' Event on a topic of widespread interest to its members. In recent years these have included: managing the work/life balance; the role of the family in priestly vocations; domestic abuse; teen suicide and, most recently, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' new document on marriage and family life which was published after the 2014 and 2015 Family Synods.

FAMILIAS has also awarded Bursaries in the past: in 2013 two Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Ministry Coordinators were given subsidies to attend an international colloquium on 'Lay Perspectives on Marriage and the Family' at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. In 2015 FAMILIAS partially funded the development of a spiritual memory resource for families living with dementia and in 2016 funded the production of a resource DVD for the parish-based Family Group Movement.

FAMILIAS Membership

There are three tiers of FAMILIAS membership: Full membership is for those who coordinate Marriage and Family life Ministry in their diocese; Associate membership is for those who work alongside a Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry Coordinator and Friend membership is for any organization, couple or individual who supports the vision and aims of FAMILIAS. For more information visit <http://www.catholicfamily.org.uk/diocesan-work/familias>



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

What is the World Meeting of Families?

World Meeting of Families was created by Pope John Paul II in 1994 as an opportunity for families from all over the world to meet every three years and celebrate marriage and family life. Meetings have been held in Brazil, the Philippines, Spain, Mexico and North America and in 2018, from 21 to 26 August, it will be held in Dublin, Ireland.

<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

What is the theme for 2018?

World Meeting of Families 2018 has the theme: The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World and is inspired by Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* or 'The Joy of Love'. Pope Francis intends *World Meeting of Families 2018* to be 'a great meeting of families.' 'The Joy of Love' is also the subject of *Amoris: Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family* a year long programme of catechetical preparation available to all families across the globe to help them prepare for Dublin 2018. There are lots of ways for families, parishes and schools to get involved and reflections, film clips, conversation guides, podcasts, animations and lots of downloadable resources are available online. Ask your parish priest or your Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Ministry Coordinator for more information or go online at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Resources/Amoris-Programme> to find out more.

What happens at World Meeting of Families?

The event is split into a three-day Theological-Pastoral Congress, from 22-24 August, with a programme of keynote speakers, workshops and discussions; followed on Saturday 25 August by the Festival of Families: a special concert-style event with music, prayer and

testimonies, and concluding on 26 August with a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration. Although it won't be confirmed until closer to the date, the Holy Father is expected to be in Dublin to preside over the celebrations on 25 and 26 August. Each day of the Congress will have a special theme related to specific chapters of 'The Joy of Love'. Day One will focus on Family and Faith; Day Two on Family and Love and Day 3 on Family and Hope. To find out more visit <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Programme>

Will there be anything for our children to do?

There are children and youth programmes running concurrently with the main Congress programme. For children aged 4 to 12 the programme will include songs, arts and crafts, dance, games and lots of fun! Parents can choose to leave their children with a professional vetted team or stay with them for the activities. Young people aged 13 and upwards will also be able to experience a dedicated programme which will include music, prayer experiences, workshops, speakers, activities and times for sharing, reflecting and celebrating. To find out more visit:

<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Programme/Children-Programme>

<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Programme/Youth-Programme>

How much will it cost?

A five day ticket covering attendance at the three day Congress, Festival of Families and Final Mass costs € 68 per person online and €78 per person on site. Children under 18 go free but must be registered with at least one adult. For more information on tickets and registration please visit: <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration>

Where will we stay?

The price of accommodation is not included in the registration fees and the organisers advise early booking as the city will be very busy. A large selection of accommodation options will be available throughout Dublin for families, groups and individuals.

Accommodation bookings are available online through the official *World Meeting of Families 2018* website and can be made at the time of registration using the same booking form. Accommodation options range from 3*, 4*, 5* hotels to self-catering apartments and university campus apartments, with rates to suit every budget and with convenient access

to the event venues. For more information visit

<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Ireland/Accommodation>

Is anyone else going from England and Wales?

Many families will be travelling to Dublin next summer and several Dioceses are organising pilgrimages or helping to put families that wish to go in touch with each other. There is also a national Marriage and Family Life Ministry team travelling to Dublin comprised of Bishops' Conference staff, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry Coordinators and FAMILIAS members. For more information about what is being planned in your area please contact your local Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry Coordinator.

<http://www.catholicfamily.org.uk/diocesan-work/find-a-diocesan-coordinator>



FAMILY BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

Please complete and sign the application form and return to your Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry Coordinator by 31 January 2018 either electronically at: margaretmfl@hotmail.co.uk Or by post to Margaret Hinton, C/O Bishops House, Sontley Road Wrexham. LL13 7EW

SECTION ONE

Family Name:	
Number of People in the Party:	
Number and Ages of any Children:	
Email Address:	
Mobile/Landline Number:	
Parish or School Name and Address:	
Diocese:	

SECTION TWO

Please write a short statement (300 words maximum) stating why you and your family want to go to *World Meeting of Families 2018* and how you hope to benefit from the experience

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SECTION THREE

If your application is successful your family will be expected to share your experiences in Dublin from 22-26 August 2018. Please confirm which of the following social media platforms you would like to use (please write 'yes' in at least one of the boxes below)

Group Facebook Page	
Video Diary	
Twitter	

SECTION FOUR

If your application is successful, with the support of your Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Ministry Coordinator, your family will be expected to share the fruits of

your experiences in Dublin, afterwards at an information sharing session in your local parish church or school. (Please write the name of your preferred parish church or school in the boxes below)

Name of Parish	
Name of School	

Please read the statement below and indicate your consent by signing and dating below

STATEMENT

If my family's application for a FAMILIAS Bursary to attend *World Meeting of Families 2018* is successful, I agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions (see page 1) of the fund.

Signature	
Date	

CHECK LIST

I have read and understood the Terms and Conditions of the Bursary award

I have completed Sections 1- 4 of the Application Form

I have signed and dated the Statement

I have attached a signed letter of reference from my parish priest/head teacher