

## You are Invited . . .

The Families of Nazareth Movement is a world-wide movement of lay people and religious seeking God's merciful love and responding to Pope St. John Paul II's call to the New Evangelization. Founded in 1985, FNM now has participants in countries on every continent.

**FNM is for everyone who hungers for God's unconditional love including singles, young adults, seniors, married people, parents, grandparents, children, and those without children in their lives including religious.**

We invite you to come along with us on the journey to holiness as we search for a deeper relationship with God, trusting that our Blessed Mother will guide us through our spiritual life.

## The Families of Nazareth Movement (FNM) Offers:

- one hour weekly faith-sharing group.
- formation days in the spirituality with Eucharist, Adoration and conferences.
- regional Advent and Lent retreats.
- national summer retreats / silent retreats.
- specifically planned activities for children and youth who participate at retreats and days of recollection.
- confession and spiritual direction with priests associated with the movement.
- a spirituality of God's merciful love.

## Books on this Spirituality

### *The Gift of Faith*

by Fr. Tadeusz Dajczer

### *In the Arms of Mary*

### *God Alone Suffices*

### *Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock*

### *Open Wide the Door to Christ*

### *The Two Pillars*

by S.C. Biela

### *The Way of Imperfection*

by André Daigneault

Books, *Reflections on Faith*, and other materials used by FNM are available to individuals and other groups through:

### **In the Arms of Mary Foundation**

[www.IntheArmsOfMary.org](http://www.IntheArmsOfMary.org)

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**Everyone is Welcome!**

***"Everything that you experience is linked to the love of God who loves you, and to His desire for your good."***

Fr. Tadeusz Dajczer

*The Gift of Faith, 7*



Communion  
of Life with **CHRIST**  
through Mary

Shared through the  
Families of Nazareth Movement

## A Spirituality for Our Time

Fr. Tadeusz Dajczer, founder of the **Families of Nazareth Movement**, says that the New Evangelization requires a radical and total abandonment to Christ. This surrender, Fr. Dajczer explains, is necessary because the world today, more than anything else, needs saints to rediscover the Gospel.

**This spirituality of Communion of Life with Christ through Mary, shows all of us, regardless of our vocation in life, a way to respond to the call to holiness.** It is deeply rooted in Catholic Church tradition, offering us unique insight for living in today's secular culture.

## Interior Conversion

Our Lord calls us first to conversion of the heart – interior conversion (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1430). Every way to holiness must be in imitation of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Gospel, we try to imitate Jesus, who lived thirty years of His earthly life being formed by His Mother and St. Joseph as part of the Holy Family in Nazareth (Luke 2:51).

***As Mary guided her Son and St. John the Apostle, we trust that she will guide us on the shortest path to holiness, and help us to fulfill the will of God in our lives.***

## I. Families of Nazareth Movement

- a. Emphasis on Spiritual Life
- b. Charism – By the grace of the Holy Spirit, through Our Blessed Mother, we aren't afraid to present to God our weaknesses and misery. In fact, we benefit from our weaknesses because they help us to more fully experience God's Redemptive Mercy, especially in and through the Eucharist and Confession. Surrendering to God's will through Mary, we entrust ourselves to her so that she will lead us to humility, trust, and total obedience to God. In her arms, we can become Eucharistic People in order to receive and spread His Mercy to others with childlike trust. We recognize that the graces received from spiritual direction and frequent participation in retreats assist us in this.
- c. Strong Emphasis on Sacraments
- d. Follow the Teachings of St. Juan Diego, St. John of the Cross, St. Thérèse of Lisieux
- e. Solid Formation for Leaders

## II. Structure

- a. Loyalty to Local Bishop
- b. Activities within Diocesan-Parish Structure
- c. Parish Presence with Permission of Pastor
- d. Lay Animators Under Direction of Priest
- e. Open to All Individuals and Families

## III. Methods of Formation

- a. Weekly Group Meetings
- b. Monthly Central Meetings
- c. Semi-Annual Retreats
- d. Frequent Reconciliation / Spiritual Help from Priests

## IV. Promote Vocations in Families and Parishes

- a. To the Priesthood
- b. To Consecrated Religious Life
- c. To Permanent Diaconate

## V. Promote Lay Service to the Church

- a. Support Holiness of Families
- b. Support Pastor
- c. Support Parish Communities
- d. Support Parish Ministries
- e. Support the Larger Body of Christ

## VI. Act of Consecration:

Entirely for Service to the Church.

## Listening to the Voice of God

Only with the gift of faith – that comes through a deep and abiding relationship with our Lord – can the graces of real joy, genuine peace, and true happiness be found.

As we travel this path, we learn to listen to the voice of God as He speaks to us in many ways – including through the Sacrament of Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our prayer life, spiritual reading, and daily meditation. In a very special way, we learn to listen to God's voice in the people and events of our everyday lives.

## Hope for Life's Problems

**By teaching us to see every situation through the eyes of faith, this spirituality offers us discernment for life's problems.** Along the way, we see that faith becomes a way of life, and that faith and life must go together, not be experienced as two conditions existing separately. We become aware that everything we encounter is connected to the love of God, and as we recognize this truth, we come to understand how much He loves each of us – not for what we do, but for who we are in His Loving Presence.

*“St. Peter connects the priesthood of the faithful with the duty of the apostolate and of evangelization: You are in the ‘royal priesthood,’ you should announce everywhere your love of Him, who called us out of the darkness into His wonderful light (cf. 1 Peter 2:9).”*