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From Amoris Laetitia...

"Christian families, by the grace of the sacrament of matrimony, are the principal agents of the family apostolate, above all through "their joy-filled wit-

ness as domestic churches". (...) The Church wishes, with humility and compassion, to reach out to families and "to help each family to discover the best way to overcome any obstacles it encounters". Enabling families to take up their role as active agents of the family apostolate calls for "an effort at evangelization and catechesis inside the family". (AL 200).

"This effort calls for missionary conversion by everyone in the Church, that is, one that is not content to proclaim a merely theoretical message (...) Pastoral care for families "needs to



make it clear that the Gospel of the family responds to the deepest expectations of the human person: a response to each one's dignity and fulfilment in reciprocity, communion and fruit-fulness. This consists not merely in presenting a set of rules, but in proposing values that are clearly needed today, even in the most secularized of countries". (AL 201)

... and from the General Chapter

- ⇒ As Sa-Fa Family, we feel the call to walk with young people and families.
- ⇒ To keep in mind as a priority in our mission, the care and pastoral work with families.

...With the family

Nazareth urges us to a commitment to "care and work WITH families", who are the protagonists and the recipients of all evangelizing action. Every family situation is accepted in the spirit of Nazareth, in the style of the Holy Family in Nazareth.

Here are some of the many activities that are carried out WITH families. Although at the moment many of them cannot be done in person, we are WITH the family. We are the Family Sa-Fa.

In all the activities, the family-school alliance is indispensable. Parents and Directors work together.

Our Lady of Loreto



Blessing of the backpacks at the beginning of the year

Feast at the "Charles Foucauld, Lyon".

- ♦ Welcome. At the start of the school year, we take care of the welcome of the families: individual or group interviews, visits of the school premises...
- ♦ Feast. The end of some stages, Christmas, Brother Gabriel's feast... are some of the moments when the schools experience the joy of the festive encounter with very varied activities: festivals, collective games, sports, etc.
- ♦ Solidarity. With the aim of promoting solidarity and helping people or groups in need: Christmas market, meals such as "Cup of rice or semolina", collection of clothes or other goods.
- ♦ Sports and culture. Sometimes, these are improvised competitions with the participation of parents and pu-
- pils. "Book day", parents or grandparents reading stories to the little ones...

 Formation. Sometimes, in a more systematic "Parents' School", at other times, they are occasional talks on Christian formation, prevention, family guidance, etc.

♦ Pastoral care. In several centres, religious celebrations are held, or catechetical activities are offered. The work of parents in this field is very important. Meetings of groups of parents are also held during Lent or Advent. The community of Taggia welcomes every day some people who come to pray. Every month they have a



Our Lady of Hope



- ◆"Involving families in school life through formative meetings, festive and leisure activities, religious celebrations of the school are an important element for the educational community".
- ◆ "The integration of families in the organization, animation and direction of educational centres is done through the Parents' Associations or Commissions, in accordance with the Educational Project of the Centre and the rules of each place".
- ◆ "To promote the value of the Christian family as guarantor of the security of life and welcome to families in situations of fragility or that require special attention ". (*Pr. Ed. Sa-Fa Family*)



. Lady Assumption



Family Camp (Ambato) and Family Day (Burgos)

Parents' Community (Gavà)

- Family Day. In Burgos a tradition that comes from the 70's. Day of coexistence in the countryside between teachers, parents and children. In other places it is done with other formats. In Ambato, it has the character of a camp. In Palma, it is a beautiful activity on the day of the Sagrada Familia.
- Parents' Community. As well as the youth communities, in Madrid, Barcelona and Gavà, there are also the "less young" communities, adults and parents' Communities.
- Easter with the family. Parents and children have come together in different places to celebrate Easter: Valladolid, Begues, La Horra... A gift to be able to share and celebrate as a family. The children have catechesis with activities and
- games about the celebration of each day; the adults can live moments of personal reflection and adoration.

 Safamistad began in 1979. The members of the APA prepare it with great enthusiasm. We say goodbye to the school year with various activities: "Pequesafa" (workshops), sports, raffle, bingo and race for solidarity, Expo-Carumanda, Eucharist, some concerts, dance, motorbike route, family cinema, chess tournament, mus And for the conversations, the already famous "Bar Papito".

 Sports. Parents collaborate in sports. In Barcelona every year about 400 students usually participate and they all end
- up participating on Sports Day.
- Formation. It is not an easy task to bring parents together for educational moments. From the traditional "Parents' School" we have moved on to occasional conferences, workshops... The next is "Arco Iris", in Madrid, with a good attendance.

