

FOUR "TASKS" OF THE FAMILY

Saint John Paul II's 1981 Apostolic Exhortation, "Familiaris Consortio" (On the Christian Family) identifies four "tasks" of the family. Healthy and joyful Christian family life flows from living of these four tasks. **Tech-Less Summer** is organized around them, and as you think about supplementing the ideas in the summer guide with your own, we encourage you to "round out" family life by pursuing a task or two which you feel may be particularly beneficial for your family

For these purposes, the four tasks may be summarized very simply as follows.

FORM A COMMUNITY OF PERSONS

Strengthening Relationships

Marriage and family life are built on authentic, loving relationships. The Christian home is a place where one knows that one is loved and where one has opportunities to grow as a person in community. Forming little communities of persons happens when we seek to better know, love, and serve God and one another.



SERVE LIFE

Fostering Faith & Virtue

Children are a great gift from God and parents are entrusted with the responsibility of educating their children in the ways of faith and morals. The family serves life by embracing and striving to better understand God's plan for each person.

PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY

Civic Awareness & Service

Acts of public service, charity, and civic engagement are also key aspects of family life. Each member ultimately has a role to play in the local community and the larger human family, in addition to their role in the household.

SHARE IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Prayer & Evangelization

The family is a "Church in miniature" and thus is referred to as "domestic church." In many ways, the Church depends on the family just as the family depends on the Church. Each member shares, in his or her own way, the Good News of Jesus Christ within and beyond the home.