

Family: A Sign of the Trinity

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2205) states that the Christian family is a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. The phrases below are adapted from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and reflect how the family is a sign of the Trinity.

<p><i>The members of a family are persons equal in dignity. (CCC 2203)</i></p>	<p><i>The Christian family is a communion of persons... (CCC 2205)</i></p>
<p><i>The family is the original cell of social life. (CCC 2207)</i></p>	<p><i>The Christian family has an evangelizing and missionary task. (CCC 2205)</i></p>
<p><i>The family is a privileged community called to achieve a "sharing of thought and common deliberation by the spouses as well as their eager cooperation as parents in the children's upbringing." (CCC 2206)</i></p>	<p><i>In the procreation and education of children, the Christian family reflects the Father's work of creation. (CCC 2205)</i></p>

Families Are...

(These principles are based upon the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2202-#2208.)

All members of every family are equally lovable.

This makes them like the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit who are equally one God.

Families are better when the members show their love for each other.

The Father, the Son, and the Spirit always show their love for each other.

Strong families make strong communities.

The strength of God's love keeps the world from being overrun by evil.

Family members are supposed to teach others outside of their family how to love.

Jesus came from the Father to show us the love of God. The Holy Spirit comes from the Father and the Son to keep reminding us of what Jesus showed us.

Parents must work to agree on the most important things in life and work together to teach those things to their children.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are of one mind, and they teach us the important things in life through the life of Jesus.

Families are creative.

Parents cooperate with God to create children, and parents and children together create a community of love. God is the creator of every good thing. The Father creates through the Son and in the Spirit.