

THE “I BELIEVE OF THE FAMILY”

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Note:

Thoughts and ideas suitable for all Christian’s groups for

- ✓ *Sermons.*
- ✓ *Meditations.*
- ✓ *Group Discussions.*
- ✓ *Marriage encounters.*

Twenty Articles

1. I believe in a God who revealed himself as a family. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. I believe in the human person- man and woman- who has been created in the image of God.
3. I believe in the family, envisaged by God from all eternity, as the loving fusion and definitive union of two lives, a man and a woman.
4. I believe in the mutual unselfish and free gift of two human lives -husband and wife- which, in the fusion of their bodies, express their unconditional giving of their life-procreating love.
5. I believe that in their union, the spouses manifest their condition of Gods image, who is not aloneness but communion.
6. I believe that the tender mutual self-donation of the spouses is an image of Triune God as the origin of all life.
7. I believe that the children are the parents’ faithful love made flesh.
8. I believe that the family is not only the source of physical and biological life but also, of personal and immortal life.
9. I believe that the family is a fertile soil for the personal, emotional and spiritual growth of all its members in tenderness, acceptance and solidarity.
10. I believe that in the family, the body is the means and the best way to personal communion.
11. I believe that the sin of egoistic lust has damaged the innocence, the beauty and the sanctity of the family.
12. I believe that God values the family to the point of working our salvation through his Son born in the bosom of a human family.
13. I believe that Jesus Christ, giving us his Spirit made us both children of God and members of the human family.- The Church.
14. In and through that family of God’s son, we can call truly and confidently God “Our Father”.
15. I believe that God through the sacrament of matrimony gives himself to man and woman through their mutual and irrevocable gift of themselves.
16. I believe that, through God’s grace, the human family is not only a channel of material life, but even more of divine life making us God’s children.

17. I believe that Mary, who became the mother of Jesus through the Holy Spirit, and mother of the Church, is also the mother of all families whenever and wherever there is love.
18. I believe that the Christian Family enriched by God's infinite love is a sign and sacrament to the whole world of God's unconditional love.
19. I believe that the chaste and unselfish love of husband and wife is a sign and figure of the unconditional love Christ has for her Spouse - The Universal Church
20. I believe that the Christian family, true domestic church, will reach in heaven its plenitude and fulfillment, by building the whole of the human family, into Gods family.