



## Why Attend a Family Gathering?

Families of Parishes evolved with the lay faithful in mind.

- Families of Parishes are for the benefit of lay faithful.
  - We are the Body of Christ.
  - We are meant to worship as community.
  - We need the Sacraments to sanctify and build up the Body of Christ and to give worship to God. CCC 1122
  - If there are not enough priests to minister to each individual parish, the grace of the sacraments will not be available to us.
  - We need to come together as one Body.
  - Come and meet the other parishes in your family, learn about their unique characteristics. Participate in discussions with other members of your family.
- Hear stories from lay persons in dioceses that have already participated in such a transition.
  - We learn through the experiences of others.
- Begin the chapter of journeying in faith with many other Catholics in your community.
  - You may see them every day but have never met.
- This is what being a joyful missionary disciple is about.
  - Be a witness to your faith
  - Having encounters with Christ, through encounter with others.
  - Grow on our journey of faith through new experiences, discovering and sharing our gifts and talents to accompany others on their journey of faith.
  - Bear witness to your faith. We can all share our lives of faith, love for others, kindness, kindness, compassionateness, and more.