



2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Making Christ A Home In Your Heart

100% of your gift supports 14 ministries like **Family Life**.

Young. Old. Single. Engaged. Married. Divorced. Widowed. Parent. Culturally Diverse. Special Needs. The entire life cycle can be summed up in one word: Family.

A story of Faith, Hope & Charity.

All ages and stages of families are enriched and served by Family Life Ministry—a voice for family in our Church and society.

Offering a litany of services from marriage prep to marriage problems; being single to becoming a stepfamily; emotional, physical and spiritual support services and everything in between; Family Life Ministry is an advocate for Catholic families in our Diocese.

Entire families across generations seek out its support.

Joe and Ashley are just beginning their lives together preparing for the sacrament of Marriage while Ashley's grandparents celebrated 40 years of marriage with a Wedding Anniversary Mass.

Keeping families together and connected to the Church is the mission, but it isn't easy to do. Divorce, loss of a loved one, and falling out of faith, are issues the ministry addresses with compassionate support provided by lay ministers whose #1 goal is to strengthen families through Christ.

Says Pope Francis, "If a family is centered in Christ, He will unify and illumine its entire life."

Your support will help continue the sacrament of family, transforming lives by fulfilling immediate and long-term needs. Family is a personal gift from Christ where God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

Your gift can be mailed to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; placed in your parish offertory; or made online at www.dioceseaj.org

